



### **PATTI WALKER (2019)**

Patti began her dance career as is typical of the ladies - as a child with tap and ballet lessons. This began a lifelong pursuit of moving to the music, initially as a majorette and dancer in the styles of the 60's. She then excelled in Ballroom and by the late 70's was an instructor of Ballroom while dabbling in Disco styling. During this time her ballroom competitive activities took her to major East Coast events, placing in Waltz and Jive categories and she was a founder of the Williamsburg Chapter of USA Dance, teaching Ballroom at William & Mary for several years.

But then in 2001, she responded to an ad by VSHOF members Cindy and Larry Black for Shag lessons, and she jumped on the train. Immediately, she became a founding member of the Colonial Shag Club (CSC) in 2001. In due course, she was elected to the CSC Board, served as Vice President in 2006 and President in 2007. Her natural talents as a dancer and instructor carried perfectly into the shag lifestyle, and she was instrumental in working with York County to establish "Shaggin' on the Riverwalk" with lessons from the Colonial Shag Club and an assortment of live bands. She has served selflessly on every committee, supported junior shaggers, and represented the club at ACSC meetings. And there is even time left for her to be a sought-after dance partner wherever she goes. Ballroom's loss is Carolina Shag's gain!