

## Teaching Tips

At a meeting on January 9, 2012, Rose Marie Floyd, chairmen of the Continuing Education Committee, shared her thoughts on how to raise the standards of our students. Discussions during the meeting included:

- \* Teach students the meaning of self-discipline and how to develop it.
- \* Find new ways to make learning more interesting. Saying things and teaching dance in different ways is effective.
- \* Repetition is very important if danced correctly.
- \* Find various ways to motivate the student.
- \* Attend workshops and seminars, and read books on alignment of the body. Keep learning from the related subjects, such as art, music, anatomy, notation and history.
- \* Teach the student to become a quick thinker.
- \* Teach the student to accept constructive criticism as helpful and not as being picked on. Keep in mind that a student will progress with encouragement.
- \* Emphasize the values of correct alignment.
- \* Let the student experience the feelings and emotions created from color.
- \* Allow the student to experience and feel different qualities, such as the feel of chiffon, satin, velvet, or burlap.
- \* Pay special attention to details, remembering that the details make the difference between mediocrity and excellence.
- \* Teach the joy of movement, as the student is learning the alignment and artistry of dance.

The purpose of this committee is to gather teaching tips for our members. We welcome your teaching tips to share with our members. Please email Kathy Cooke at [kjacooke@aol.com](mailto:kjacooke@aol.com) to be included in our next article.