Diane Underhill:

Does life sometimes seem too routine or full of crises? Being able to find joy in dancing, in feeling the music, and in making new friends offers wonderful alternatives. Diane says that the dance floor is her "happy place." Stress is gone and nothing matters but the freedom to enjoy the music and move your feet.

After having taught high school English for three decades, teaching writing at Tidewater Community College, and training teachers for six years through Old Dominion University, she has not lost her love for teaching. Diane has been teaching beginner shag for several years, and she teaches both lead and follow steps. When the intermediate instructors need a fill-in partner, she is happy to help. Diane maintains that she finds great satisfaction when she can see the results of helping beginner shaggers especially when they find enjoyment in taking the dance to the social floor. "I can watch them improve their skills, and I don't have to mark one essay." Diane has served on the VBSC Board since 2010 when she was elected as Secretary. She then served as Publicity Chair for five years, as Dance Chairperson for two years and is again serving on the Executive Board.