

MAXINE PATTERSON BIO

Maxine Patterson is a lifelong resident of Savannah, Ga. Maxine started dancing when she was five years old and has never stopped. At age nine, Maxine decided that “when she grew up” she would teach others to love dance as much as she did.

Mrs. Patterson began teaching students by word of mouth in 1969 at the West Broad YMCA, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Asbury United Methodist Church, and the Greek Commercial Building, prior to moving to her midtown studio on Lincoln and 39th streets in 1985. In addition to her studio, she has taught at Gadsden Elementary, Heard Elementary, Jacob G. Smith Elementary, the Jewish Educational Alliance, Maggie’s Morning School, and the Pooler Recreation Center. Presently, Max Patterson takes pride knowing that she has been teaching dance to children and adults in our community for 50 years. She operates dance classes at her studio and at the Pooler Recreation Center, with an annual recital at the Savannah Civic Center. One of Maxine’s greatest pleasures is becoming very close with many of her students, taking some on trips, and staying in touch with them long after they have finished their childhood dancing and gone on in life. She enjoys being called a “Second Mom” by many of her older students, and listens to all of her students talk about travel, friends, or just about their day.

As Maxine’s studio moves towards a huge milestone, Mrs. Patterson takes pride knowing that she has been teaching dance to children and adults in our community for 50 years. She’s excited to celebrate this milestone and encouraged about the future of Maxine Patterson School of Dance. Maxine and her instructors are not only committed to teaching dance, but also to instilling high self-esteem, self pride, and confidence in every dancer.