



# BYNUM front porch



# newsletter

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## Our Mission:

The Bynum Front Porch organization creates family-friendly events and programs that celebrate the community's rich history and bright future.

## About us

They say "once you get that Bynum mud between your toes, you'll always come back" and that is exactly what has kept the town going since the 1800's.



## BYNUM GIRL SCOUT Brownie Troop 1006

**B**ack in the fall, the Bynum Girl Scout Brownie Troop 1006 welcomed three new members: Revy Godehn, Logan Minshall, and Mia Collins. The Brownies continue with activities that build on their leadership skills. Each Brownie began her year-long project by working on her individual legacy badges while working collaboratively on troop badges.

With the fall departure, the troop welcomed the winter by preparing for the Pittsboro Christmas parade. Under the artistic guidance of neighbor Jan Berger of the Papperhand Puppet Intervention, the Brownies worked diligently and collaboratively to create a Peace Dove to carry during the parade. Weather did not cooperate though –so look for the dove at next year's parade. The girls also celebrated the holidays by joining two other Chatham County troops and sang Christmas carols to the residents at Galloway Ridge.

The Brownies then geared up for the Girl Scout Cookie sale to start the new year. The troop exceeded its goal and sold over 2,055 boxes individually and collectively at cookie booths as well as in local neighborhoods. Despite the cold weather, they cheerfully worked in teams of two to four to manage the cookie booths at Walmart, Lowes, and Fearington Village as well as to sell wagons of full cookies door-to-door.

Troop 1006 sprang into the warm weather and celebrated "Girl Scout Week" (March 9th to 15th) by participating in the Haw River Clean-Up on March 15th as part of their annual community service. The

Brownies were geared up and ready to work! The Brownies want to say a big THANK YOU to their troop leaders, Dawn Porter and Angela Fowler as well as Maureen Maurer, the troop's cookie mom, for their hard work, leadership, and time.

## BYNUM at a glance

### Newbies

Michael Hayes

Paulette & Dale Bryant  
(Ms. Luvenia's House)

### Matches

Diane Swan & Scotty Young

### Hatches

Niko May Burger Skurnick  
April 12, 2014 to Jan Burger  
and Emma Skurnick

### Dispatches

Katherine "Shag" Carter Ellis

Julia Stockton

Thomas Vickers

Carolyn White

William "Billy" York

### Transplants

River Dukes and Diana Garside



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are always welcome:*

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## BYNUM: an artist community.

**W**hy did I come to Bynum? Well, for many reasons really. I had always loved Bynum. In fact I insisted on driving through it on my way to Pittsboro, not exactly a short cut, once we had de-toured up round the hill and past the bridge. I fell in love with it, and the many artists that made it home. Now that I live here, I am still in awe of the thriving and ever growing number of artist who choose to make Bynum and its surroundings home. It inspires me daily and now that I have children I know it inspires them too. Martha D. has painted gourds with the Brownies, Jan B. helped them build a giant dove puppet. They get to try instruments at the front porch pickin music on a Saturday and listen to music all summer long. They have grown gourds in the community garden and been inspired by stories from local tellers. Clyde treats them all like his kids and never disappoints them if they love a critter. **ART, this is WHY I live in Bynum!** *Marchellina, a secret artist of Bynum.*

## Winter on the Haw, by Matt Zigler



## BYNUM Community Garden

**T**he Bynum Community Garden is ready for another growing season! We have added 4 new families this year – Sheldon Bae's family, Hunter Blanton's family, Janet Cakir's family and Jim and Leela Ellis. We had a very productive first workday and just about all the beds have their spring seeds sprouting up. We added 4 blueberry bushes to the edible wall this year, if they look happy there we will add some more berry bushes to the mix for the neighborhood!

At last count, there are now 10 children gardening with us and one on the way (Rachel Lawrence :) I am thrilled to see so many little hands digging in the dirt. As the saying goes, "Give a child a vegetable and he eats for one day, teach a child to garden and he eats for a lifetime".....that's my version anyway! :) Yours Truly, *Barclay Spatz*

## FREE mulch for grabs

**T**he mulch in front of the old C.E. Durham store (that's near the corner of Bynum Road & Durham Eubanks Rd.) should be ready for your yards & gardens. Most of it has aged for a year now. Please feel free to come and take a load or several loads for FREE.

## BYNUM United Methodist Church Greetings Bynum Neighbors!

**Y**ou survived the winter! Hopefully, it is behind us and spring has finally sprung! It was trying to make itself welcome among us even as the ice fell on the lovely daffodils our friend and neighbor, Julia, planted all around Bynum.

Vacation Bible School, Workshop of Wonders will be held July 22-24. Watch your Bynum email for more information on this as the details are worked out. We hope your children will want to be a part of these action-packed three evenings as we grow in our faith and have a blast while doing so.

As always, Bynum United Methodist Church invites you to join us for worship on Sundays at 11 a.m.

On a more personal note: It has been my pleasure to serve Bynum UMC and the Bynum Community for nearly four years while working towards my M.Div. at Duke. I will graduate in May and leave Bynum for my next appointment near the end of June. Charles, Spencer, and I will always remember our time here fondly. This is a most unique and magical place. Please give a warm Bynum welcome to the new student pastor. And if you have a few minutes on June 24, stop by the parsonage and help the pastor unload the truck and introduce yourself. *Pastor Gina*



## NC STATE PARKS *NATURAL AREA*

**2014** is the Year of the Lepidoptera in North Carolina's state parks. North Carolina State Parks will be bursting with activities in 2014.

The tradition continues as North Carolina State Parks celebrates its 4th annual theme, "The Year of the Lepidoptera." Many of our State Parks will offer a variety of butterfly- and moth-related programs, walks and family events throughout the year.

Did you know that there are over 3,000 Moth species and over 170 Butterfly species? Do you know the differences between Butterflies and Moths? Do you know that life span for a Butterfly is an only a few weeks? To learn interesting information about Butterflies and Moths, please visit our NC State Parks webpage at <http://ncparks.gov/Education/emergeandfly.php>. While visiting our Butterfly and Moth webpage; you can find fun indoor and outside activities, games, and field guides and much more! If you are interested in attending a Butterfly program at Jordan Lake State Recreation Area, please contact the park office at 919-362-0586.

Have a safe and wonderful naturally experience,  
Park Ranger Brock Martin, Jordan Lake SRA

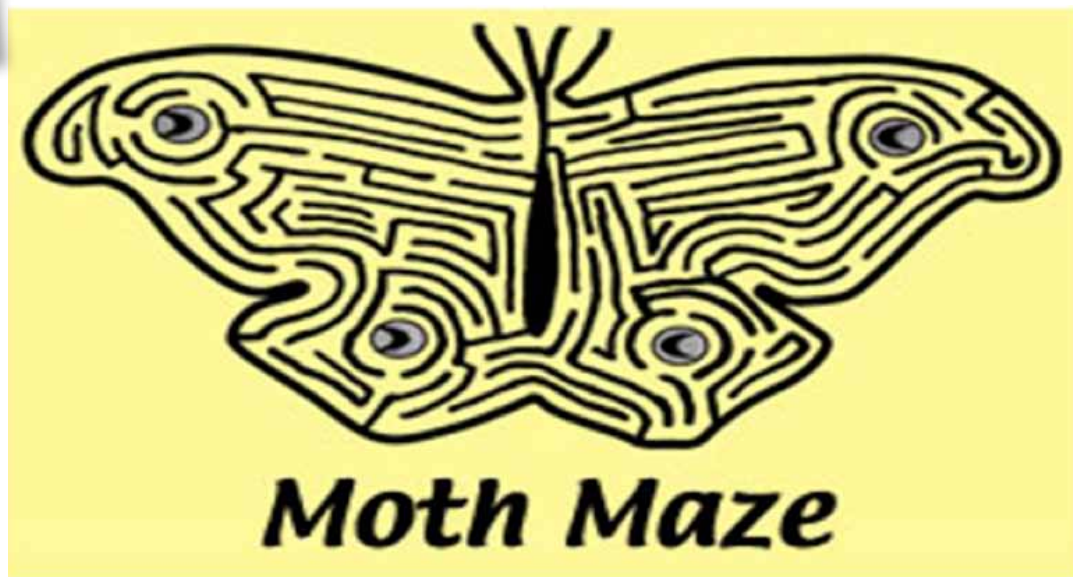
Final thought! Jordan Lake State Recreation Area is now accepting applications for 2014 Summer Positions. Jordan Lake SRA park team offers positions for General Utility Workers and Park Attendants. For more information please visit <http://ncparks.gov/Jobs/main.php> or stop by the Jordan Lake SRA park office.



### CHATHAM COUNTY *Arts Council*

The Chatham County Arts Council would like to thank the Bynum community for once again being incredibly friendly hosts to **ClydeFEST**. Your generosity has made this years festival a memorable one and the best to date!

*"Without your support ClydeFEST would not be possible and for that we are forever grateful."*



### *THE HAW RIVER Canoe & Kayak Co*

We are still looking for someone to run our Bynum Outpost. The job entails greeting people at the Hwy 15-501 parking lot by the Haw River, and informing them of our rental and guided services, that include canoe, kayak, stand up paddleboard, and summer camp. The job also includes helping our guests to get on the river and in some cases, guiding. The work is primarily on weekends and will begin in April. For more information, contact Joe Jacob at 336/260-6465 or send an inquiry to [admin@hawrivercanoe.com](mailto:admin@hawrivercanoe.com).

Additionally, we have partnered with The Pittsboro Roadhouse to offer Paddle Dinners/ Wine Maker's Style and Paddle Brunches. These guided trips feature the fine food and drink provided by the Roadhouse. In addition, as we have done for many years, we are partnering with the Haw River Assembly to offer guided trips as a way to support this vital organization working to protect the Haw River watershed.

Paddle More

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### *Bynum* RURITAN CLUB

The Bynum Ruritan Club meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm. **We would like to invite you to join us for a dinner meeting and learn what the Ruritan Club activities** are and how we help members of our community. We recently had a Fried Chicken 'n dumplin' dinner and want to thank everyone who came out to support us. We were also at Clydefest on April 5. Hope to see you soon!

### *Bynum* P.O. BOXES

Please remember that our Bynum P.O. Box kiosk is in continual danger of being closed and the **Bynum Zip Code lost forever**. If you are considering discontinuing the use of your P.O. Box, please pass the key to someone else to use your box number. The more active P.O. Boxes that are maintained, the less likely Bynum will lose the zip code, and other neighbors can keep their addresses, so that rural delivery mail boxes at residences will not have to be installed.  
**More info: Martha Collins, 919-542-7399.**

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR



## MAY

- 2 **Steph Stewart and the Boyfriends** [www.stephstewart.net](http://www.stephstewart.net) 7-9pm
- 9 **Bluegrass Battleship** [www.bluegrassbattleship.com](http://www.bluegrassbattleship.com) 7-9pm
- 10 **BFP Acoustic round circle Pickin'** 10am-1pm
- 10 **BFP BINGO** doors open 6:30pm
- 16 **City Folk** [www.cityfolkmusic.com](http://www.cityfolkmusic.com) 7-9pm
- 17 **Ruritan Supper** 4pm-7pm
- 23 **Rootzie** [www.reverbnation.com/therootzieband](http://www.reverbnation.com/therootzieband) 7-9pm
- 24 **BFP Pickin' Acoustic round circle** 10am-1pm
- 30 **Bobby Gales and New Direction** [www.facebook.com/newdirectionbluegrass](http://www.facebook.com/newdirectionbluegrass) 7-9pm

## JUNE

- 6 **Boys from Carolina** [www.boysfromcarolina.com](http://www.boysfromcarolina.com) 7-9pm
- 13 **Durham Ukulele Orchestra** [www.durhamukuleleorchestra.com](http://www.durhamukuleleorchestra.com) 7-9pm
- 14 **BFP BINGO** doors open at 6:30pm
- 14 **BFP Pickin' Acoustic round circle** 10am-1pm
- 20 **Too Much Fun** [www.tmfband.com](http://www.tmfband.com) 7-9pm
- 21 **Ruritan Supper** 4pm-7pm
- 27 **Rebekah Todd and the Odyssey** [www.rebekahtodd.com](http://www.rebekahtodd.com) 7-9pm
- 28 **BFP Pickin' Acoustic round circle** 10am-1pm

## JULY

- 4 (no music) - Enjoy the Holiday!
- 11 **Bluegrass Experience** [www.facebook.com/bluegrass.experience](http://www.facebook.com/bluegrass.experience) 7-9pm
- 12 **BFP Pickin' Acoustic round circle** 10am-1pm
- 12 **BFP BINGO** doors open at 6:30pm
- 18 **Southern Blend** [www.reverbnation.com/southernblendband](http://www.reverbnation.com/southernblendband) 7-9pm
- 19 **BFP Grounds & Building Summer Work Day** 10am
- 25 **Khalat Africa** [www.facebook.com/events/502990173087756/](http://www.facebook.com/events/502990173087756/) 7-9pm
- 26 **BFP Pickin' Acoustic round circle** 10am-1pm

## AUGUST

- 1 **Franklin St. Traditional Jazz Band** <http://franklinstreettraditionaljazzband.com/franklinstreettraditionaljazzband.com/Welcome.html> 7-9pm
- 8 **John Howie Jr. and the Rosewood Bluff** [www.reverbnation.com/rosewoodbluff](http://www.reverbnation.com/rosewoodbluff) 7-9pm
- 9 **BFP Pickin' Acoustic round circle** 10am-1pm
- 9 **BFP BINGO** doors open at 6:30pm
- 15 **Squier Red and the Blues Band** [www.squierred.com/](http://www.squierred.com/) 7-9pm
- 22 **Blue Star Travelers** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dNMFZeh16M> 7-9pm
- 23 **BFP Pickin' Acoustic round circle** 10am-1pm
- 29 **Zambamboogie** [www.zambamboogie.com](http://www.zambamboogie.com) 7-9pm

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Chatham County Arts Council

## Ways you can help

- \* Volunteer on one of the BFP Committees
- \* Donate Items from the BFP Wish List
- \* Join as a Corporate Sponsor

## Wish List

- \* Landscape Timbers
- \* Licensed Electrician – the building and stages could use some donated skills from a licensed electrician
- \* Solar Powered Lights



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*front porch*

*come rock with us*