



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 at a glance

Mathces

Craig Greiner & Amanda Cox tie the knot on May 30, 2015

Newbies

Aja Dematerra

Donald Shields - BUMC Pastor

Karlen Pinnix & Matt Smolecki

Mark Holliday & Mari Takahashi

Dispatches

Mrs. Ivy Marie "Teet" Cooper

Mrs. Christine Herndon

Patricia "Patty" Jackson

Betty Jean Richardson Tripp

Jayden Wilkins - Devon & Luke Barrow's son

Kennie Dwayne Ellis



Bynum Artist

Martha Danek

I grew up in Pittsboro, and had a childhood that was a wonderful balance of barefoot freedom at home, formal older relatives nearby, and a lot of encouragement to learn and to create art. My mother's side of the family is from Bynum, and my husband, children, and I now live in the house that was my great-grandparents'. I love the history in this town, as well as the new energy it receives from all of the people moving here.

I began working on gourds in the early 90's when I was an art student at Meredith College, and my fascination with gourds is still going strong. Gourds provide beautiful, pre-sculpted forms on which to paint, and I find them naturally endearing. We grow our own gourds here in Bynum, and that process adds to the attachment I feel toward the final pieces. After growing, drying, washing, opening, and emptying the gourds, I use watercolors and India ink to paint them. I often add found objects such as sticks, rocks, or shells to the gourds to add interest to the form, or to enhance a message in the piece. After the design work is complete, I use wax to seal the paint and to add luster to the finished gourd. I wouldn't have expected to grow up to be a gourd artist, but I love it!

I participate in the Chatham Studio Tour during the first weekend of December, and would love to have you stop by and see my work. I'll also be having a show of barn wood paintings and wall sculptures at the Carolina Brewery during the months of April and May. The opening reception will be on Sunday, May 3rd at 4:30 - I hope you can come!

A BIG 
Thank You!

...to Lowe's Home Improvement for donating materials to improve our outdoor stage. In the next few weeks we will have enclosed the rear of the stage and have a shelf!!! Thank you very much. Shop Lowe's for all your home improvements & gardening supplies!!

More Fun & Prizes *at this years Music Series.*

Be There or Be Square!! This year BFP will be offering raffle tickets for prizes donated by *Carolina Brewery, Bella Donna Restaurant, The Preserve @ Jordan Lake* and *some Local Artists*. Drawings will be held the last Friday of each month. You do not have to be present to win, but it would be advisable so you can pick your prize! We will also be offering raffle tickets all summer long for a *Clyde Critter* - with the drawing for the winner at our end of season Fundraiser on September 4th.

If you don't buy a ticket you can't win. Get them while they last!

ClydeFest 2015

Chatham County Arts Council: *Hello again, Bynum neighbors!*

The 14th annual **ClydeFEST**, (May 2nd) kids' festival of folk art fun couldn't happen without the generous welcome we get every year from the Bynum community.

We're so very grateful that you all are part of the Chatham Arts Council community – and we've got a ballfield full of happy, creative kids and parents that agree.

Do peek in on what we're doing the rest of the year at www.chathamartscouncil.org to nurture creative thinkers in Chatham County. We're working hard to make Bynum and the rest of Chatham proud.

Warmly, The Chatham Arts Council Staff and Board



Haw River Assembly

Thanks to all the folks who helped with the river clean-up in Bynum in March. It sure looks nice to see that trash removed!

The Haw River Festival will be held on May 2nd from 4-8 pm in Saxapahaw. As always, there will be live music, great food trucks, the farmer's market, plus our kayak raffle, silent art auction, stream monitoring demos, guided canoe rides on the river for kids, and lots more. Come upriver to visit our "sister" mill town on the Haw!

Want to get involved in our stream monitoring project or volunteer for next fall's Learning Celebration program for schools? Find out more on our website www.hawriver.org under "Projects" or email us at info@hawriver.org. Or drop by the office to chat with us – we're at 199 Bynum Hill – just around the corner.



Bynum Ruritan NEWS

On May 2 the Bynum Ruritan will be offering BBQ sandwiches at Clydefest. We will be looking forward to seeing you there and again in June for our BBQ supper. The Ruritan is a community based organization that is dedicated to helping those in need in our community. If you know of anyone who is in need of a helping hand, please let us know. We are proud to have connected with a local Daycare that is now using the Ruritan Building for an After School Program and all-day care during the summer vacation, so if you see extra kids in the neighborhood, please give them a warm welcome.

Dining for Dollars at the Carolina Brewery



You like Bynum Front Porch. You like good food. Join them together on Thursday May 21st. And 10% of your meal will be donated to Bynum Front Porch! Just tell your server that you are there to support Bynum Front Porch and enjoy a delicious meal at the Carolina Brewery May 21st!



Need space! Bynum General Store is open, and free to Bynum residents.

Planning a private party or function? Looking for a place to hold that yoga class or crafting circle? Ye ole Bynum General Store & Post Office is available for community use (meetings, birthdays, anniversaries or other parties, etc), Bynum Front Porch makes the store available free to use for Bynum residents, including, those who live or own a house in the village south of the pedestrian bridge on Bynum Rd, Bynum Beach Rd or Hearne Rd or north of the pedestrian bridge along Bynum Rd to Hwy 15-501 – and those on Bynum Ridge Road to the creek. Nearby neighbors or the wider community wishing to use the store will be asked to make a \$50 donation fee to cover related costs of operation and to help support BFP education grants.

Please keep the following in mind as you request use of the store:

- Alcohol is not allowed in the store or on the property.
- Events should not begin before 9am and must be finished by 9pm.
- You are responsible for post-event clean up and any resulting damage.

For more information, a copy of the *Building Use Agreement* and to check date availability, contact bynumfrontporch@gmail.com – include your contact information, description of event, date, time and potential number of guests. A Bynum Front Porch Programming Committee member will reply. Bynum is special in so many ways. Bynum Front Porch looks forward to sharing the space with you.



Cary Durham store in Bynum, 1952. People gathered to watch one of the first television sets in the community. Photograph by Roland Giduz, North Carolina Collection, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Library.

Piccolo Rodeo

Bynum Front Porch is very excited to welcome Piccolo Rodeo to the General Store. This music class for young children meets at the store every Thursday from 10:00 – 10:30am. Families can sing songs, play instruments, and get down with some crazy dancing in a laid-back, participatory music class for toddlers and preschoolers. Each week offers a blend of old favorites and new material, with an emphasis on traditional songs and musical games. Piccolo Rodeo is led by Carrie and Will Boone, who are delighted to help families discover the joys of making music together in such a friendly and fitting location. Interested in joining the class?

Contact us: piccolorodeo@gmail.com



How Do You Spell Fun(d)?

B-I-N-G-O!

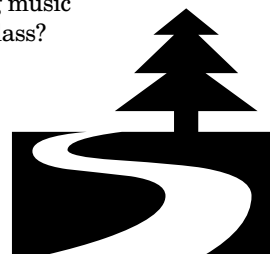
Best Game in Town Just Got Better

That's right, Bynum BINGO is baaaaaacccccckkkkkk – and it's been revamped and re-amped to crank up the fun – and these funds raised while at Bingo are for the **Bynum Front Porch educational grants**. To maximize excitement and participation, we have switched from a monthly to a quarterly schedule, and each event will be themed and produced in partnership with another local non-profit. We'll be decorating and dressing for each game's theme – and you are encouraged to do the same. So get ready to mark those cards, laugh, win prizes, and maybe even dance a little...all while supporting local good causes! Watch the Bynum list serve, BynumFrontPorch.org and this newsletter for more details on future games.

2015 BYNUM BINGO SCHEDULE
April 24, 7-9pm – **Prom Night BINGO Cinderella's Closet**
(prom dress and shoe donations welcome!)

August – **Bollywood BINGO** with
the Chatham Literacy Council

October – **Halloween BINGO**



*Haw River Canoe
& Kayak Company*

Katie Lee Scherer, is our new coordinator for The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Co.'s Bynum Outpost. Kat will be renting canoes, double kayaks, single recreational kayaks and standup paddleboards upriver of the dam in Bynum and teaching standup paddleboard yoga.

Check out our calendar of events for dates at www.hawrivercanoe.com or call (336)260-6465 with questions.

We will be offering at least one week of **Adventure/ Paddle Camps** this coming summer for kids 10 to 15 years of age. Camps will be offered in partnership with Chatham County Parks & Recreation.

It was a tough February for just about everyone, and the Bynum Community Garden (BCG) is no exception. Because we had to cancel our March workday due to wet weather, there is still a lot of cleaning up to do. The goal for the April 18 work/planting day was to get everything into the ground and in shape. Thanks to those who came help out on that day, as we spruced up the grounds and planted our beds and the "edible wall" that provides so much good produce to the local food pantries. Garden members and neighbors participated together. THANK YOU to everyone for lending a hand/helping!

We had a very good turnout for the seed swap in February, which was held at the General Store (Thanks!) because of the inclement weather. Many rental agreements were signed and seeds given away or traded. All the beds are now rented, so ask to be put on a waiting list if you want to garden with us next year. We enjoyed meeting on that cold day and talking about gardening, and Rachel's sweet rolls and coffee were just the right touch for a warm gathering on a very cold day. The seed swap is becoming a nice annual end-of-winter event.

The BCG plant sale will be held May 2nd during ClydeFest. Plan on stopping by for some great plants, including our fabulous thornless blackberries, at great prices.

Thanks for supporting your community garden!

NC State Parks

In 2015 the tradition continues as North Carolina State Parks celebrates its 5th annual theme, "The Year of the Amphibian, Dance in the Rain." Many of our State Parks will offer a variety of amphibian programs, walks and family events throughout the year.

Did you know that Amphibians can live in land and water? Do you know the largest and smallest Frogs? Do you know the life span of a Salamander? Do you know how Frogs and Toads survive the winter? To learn interesting information about Amphibians, please visit our NC State Parks webpage at <http://ncparks.gov/Education/dance-in-the-rain.php>. While visiting our Amphibian webpage, you can find fun indoor and outdoor activities, games, and field guides and much more! If you are interested in attending an Amphibian program at Jordan Lake State Recreation Area, please contact the park office at 919-362-0586.

Have a safe and wonderfully natural experience, Park Ranger Brock Martin, Jordan Lake SRA

Final thought! Jordan Lake State Recreation Area is now accepting applications for 2015 Summer Positions. Jordan Lake SRA park team offers positions for General Utility Workers, Assistant Park Rangers, and Park Attendants. For more information please visit <http://ncparks.gov/Jobs/main.php> or stop by the Jordan Lake SRA park office.

don't forget your
FREE MULCH

Front of the old C.E. Durham store (corner of Bynum Road & Durham Eubanks Rd.). Most of it has aged for a year now.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL

- 24 Prom Night **BINGO** Cinderella's Closet 7-9pm
25 Bynum Front Porch **Workday** - volunteer today!

MAY

- 1 *Music Series: Mary Johnson Rockers* 7pm-9pm
2 **ClydeFest** & Bynum Community Garden Plant Sale, Ruritan BBQ & more!
2 **Haw River Festival** in Saxapahaw 4-6pm
8 *Music Series: Durham Ukelele Orchestra* 7pm-9pm
9 **BFP Pickers** Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm
15 *Music Series: Holland Brothers* 7pm-9pm
21 **Dining for Dollars** at Carolina Brewery Pittsboro
22 *Music Series: Rootzie* 7pm-9pm
23 **BFP Pickers** Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm
29 *Music Series: The Tan and Sober Gentlemen* 7pm-9pm

JUNE

- 5 *Music Series: Tim Stambaugh* 7pm-9pm
12 *Music Series: Too Much Fun* 7pm-9pm
13 **BFP Pickers** Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm
19 *Music Series: Southern Blend Band* 7pm-9pm
20 Ruritan BBQ Supper 4-7pm
26 *Music Series: Rooster Logic* 7pm-9pm
27 **BFP Pickers** Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm

JULY

- 3 *Music Series: The Outliers* 7pm-9pm
10 *Music Series: The Paper Crowns* 7pm-9pm
11 **BFP Pickers** Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm
17 *Music Series: Nikki Talley* 7pm-9pm
24 *Music Series: City Folk* 7pm-9pm
25 **BFP Pickers** Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm
31 *Music Series: Grits and Soul* 7pm-9pm

AUGUST

- 7 *Music Series: Milagro Saints* 7pm-9pm
14 *Music Series: Zambamboogie* 7pm-9pm
15 **BFP Pickers** Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm
21 *Music Series: Matt Phillips* 7pm-9pm
28 *Music Series: Blue Grass Experience* 7pm-9pm
28 **BFP Pickers** Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm

SEPTEMBER

- 4 **Education Grant Fundraiser with the Bynum Front Porch Pickers**



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-  VOLUNTEER on a BFP Committees
-  DONATE Items on our *Wish List*
-  Become a CORPORATE SPONSOR
-  BUY your Christmas Tree, Wreath & Garland from us in November.

Wish List

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