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# newsletter

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.



## ... at a glance

### Fare-well-movers:

- Liz Sanders & Joe Dawson  
Jonathan Harrison

### Matches

- Sarah & Justin McCombie

### Dispatches

- Mozelle Evie Carson Abernathy

- Margaret Hearne Cooper

- Milton Fields

- Roy Hatley

- Margaret Maxine Riggsbee Whitaker

### Newbies

- Gabbi & Elizabeth Holdridge &  
Carol Carson

- Jack Morgan

- Sandy Peterson

- Kandyce Jones & Jimmy Wood

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## APRIL

- 23 BFP Round Circle **Acoustic Pickin'**
- 23 Bynum Community Garden Plant Sale 9am-12pm
- 23 Bynum **BridgeFest** - [bephilanthropy.com](http://bephilanthropy.com)

## MAY

- 6 🎵 **Too Much Fun** - [tmfband.com](http://tmfband.com)
- 7 **Haw River Festival in Saxapahaw** 4pm-8p m
- 10 Bynum **Ruritan Meeting** 7pm
- 13 🎵 **The Outliers** - [theoutliersband.com](http://theoutliersband.com)
- 14 BFP Round Circle **Acoustic Pickin'**
- 20 🎵 **Milagro Saints** - [milagrosaints.com](http://milagrosaints.com)
- 22 Bynum **Community Garden Potluck** 5pm
- 27 🎵 **Martha Basset Trio** - [marthabassett.com](http://marthabassett.com)
- 28 BFP Round Circle **Acoustic Pickin'**

## JUNE

- 3 🎵 **Nashvilifiers** - [facebook.com/nashvilifiers/](http://facebook.com/nashvilifiers/)
- 10 🎵 **The Paper Crowns** - [thepapercrowns.com](http://thepapercrowns.com)
- 24 🎵 **The Gospel Jubilators**
- 25 BFP Round Circle **Acoustic Pickin'**

## JULY

- 1 🎵 **Matt Phillips Trio** - [ilikemattphillips.com](http://ilikemattphillips.com)
- 8 🎵 **Chocolate Suede** - [chocolatesuede.com](http://chocolatesuede.com)
- 9 BFP Round Circle **Acoustic Pickin'**
- 15 🎵 **Rebekah Todd & The Odyssey** - [rebekahtodd.com](http://rebekahtodd.com)
- 22 🎵 **City Folk** - [cityfolkmusic.com](http://cityfolkmusic.com)
- 23 BFP Round Circle **Acoustic Pickin'**
- 29 🎵 **Gray Matter** - [graymatternc.com](http://graymatternc.com)

## AUGUST

- 5 🎵 **Onyx Club Boys** ([facebook.com/onyxclubboysnc](http://facebook.com/onyxclubboysnc))
- 12 🎵 **Durham Ukulele Orchestra** ([durhamukuleleorchestra.com](http://durhamukuleleorchestra.com))

## SEPTEMBER

- 10 BFP Round Circle **Acoustic Pickin'**
- 24 **ClydeFest** 9am-12pm
- 24 BFP Round Circle **Acoustic Pickin'**

🎵 **Friday Night Music Series, 7-9pm**  
**BFP Round Circle Acoustic Pickin' 10am-1pm**

## Happy 10th Anniversary Bynum Front Porch!

10 years ago a group of volunteers gathered to form Bynum Front Porch. See what has been accomplished since then.

**200+** music performances

**\$14,500** awarded as grants to **15** Chatham County college-bound students

**10** regular community groups meet at the store

**4** community-wide gatherings hosted annually – Family Fun Day – Pumpkin Carving – Kids' Holiday Party, Winter Open House

**6** surrounding counties bring people to our music, bingo, parties, fun-days

**4** nonprofits partnered with, including Chatham Literacy Council, FACES, Chatham Arts

**1930's** Historic Mill Store saved, maintained, improved and available for community use

**18** newsletters reaching **200** local households

**What's even more impressive is that volunteers accomplished all of this!** From booking the bands, to repairing the floor and roof, to maintaining the stage and gardens, to graphic design, to managing the grants application and evaluation process, to marketing, to stocking drinks in the fridge, and everything in between. Bynum Front Porch is organized by a Board (see list of past and present members below) and a dedicated crew of additional volunteers, some of whom have committed their time for the past 10 years or longer! We are celebrating our accomplishments, and planning for the next 10 years and beyond! **Please consider contributing in any way, to ensure the next decade of music, fun, and community here at the Bynum Front Porch!**

*The Founding Board members were Bonnie Barrow, Luke Barrow, Dan Blanchette, Martha Collins, Clarence Durham, Tommy Edwards, Cynthia Hermans, Molly Matlock, Carrie Overgaard, Dawn & Matt Porter, Debbie & Ken Tunnell, Marchellina Waugh, John Ulrich, John Winecker, Ruth Winecker, and Matt Zigler.*

*Since then the Board has included Gary Angus, Pat Bell, River Dukes, Maggie Franz, Jamie Hager, Greg Jones, Beth Kalb, Erik Kristiansen, Sharon LaPalme, Todd Lawrence, Steve McDowell, Tim McKee, Jill Reemsnyder, Joe Riggsbee, Zen Shoemaker, Nina Siegler, Martha Slattery, Ian Spatz, Liz Tedesco & Betsy Wilkins.*

**Send an email to [BynumFrontPorch@gmail.com](mailto:BynumFrontPorch@gmail.com) if you are interested in serving on the volunteer Board of Directors.**

## 10-4, Good Buddy!

*Announcing the Bynum Front Porch 2016 Campaign to keep the music playing and the doors open as we celebrate our 10th anniversary*

Our goal is to raising \$10,000 to help ensure that we are able to keep the General Store open as a community space and the music playing for another 10yrs! Here are 3 ways you can help us make it happen:

### BFP Donor Dance Floor Pavers Now Available!

*Love the Bynum General Store as a community space? Dig the summer music series? Then help pave the way to a future where both will thrive and cement your place in Bynum history by purchasing a personalized paver in the BFP Donor Dance Floor! Show your community commitment, or honor someone who loved this extraordinary place. These will create a permanent dance floor in front of our stage. Two paver sizes are available: 8" x 8" or 4" x 8"*

Pricing and engraving information to follow on [www.BynumFrontPorch.org](http://www.BynumFrontPorch.org) and the litserv – or email us at [bynumfrontporch@gmail.com](mailto:bynumfrontporch@gmail.com) to pre-order!

### Donations of any size made easier!

*We appreciate any and all donations – every dollar helps! Just imagine if all the 200+ Bynum households participated. Not to mention any corporate matching – ask if your workplace offers this option to double your gift. We welcome new businesses to become part of the BFP family. If you own or know of a company that would like to support us, we can provide details of all our giving levels and benefits.*

*And speaking of benefits... in addition to the biggest benefit of keeping the BFP open as a community resource – donors of **\$20** or more will receive a special thank you gift – donors of **\$300** or more will also be publically recognized in a variety of ways, at events, on our web site, or signage at the General Store.*

In addition to in-person or mailed **cash or checks**, we have **credit and debit cards** donations capabilities at events and on [www.bynumfrontporch.com](http://www.bynumfrontporch.com)

### Shop on-line

*You can also support the Bynum Front Porch as you shop online with AmazonSmile! AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support BFP every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that **Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to the BFP!***

Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select Bynum Front Porch as your charitable organization!

## Bynum Street NameSakes (part 2)

Ever wonder about the street names here in Bynum? Sure, some of them are obvious—Bynum Church, Bynum Beach, and such. But some streets are named for past and present residents of Bynum village. Here's a stroll down memory lane to enjoy as you drive or walk along the roads of Bynum.

### ROY HATLEY ROAD



Roy, Rita & Ron Hatley

## Bynum Speak

Have you ever wondered what a Bynum-centric saying meant?

*What did that Bynumite say?*

*What's Speed Rock?*

*What about the river level?*

The Speed Rock was the major indication of the water level of the river; when water crested at/over the Speed Rock it meant that water could no longer be discharged from the mill turbines back into the river. The river water level was too high and the production of electricity was stopped. It also meant they had to close the gates to the race to avoid erosion of the race. At that time it was a manual process and Robert Hatley was the person responsible for closing the gates every evening when the mill closed. It was a constant process repairing the race due to erosion.

## Great News! BYNUM!!!



It's almost here, a Bynum PO Box waits for those of you who want a Bynum Address ~ it will soon be possible!!

The new Pittsboro Postmaster is able to open the PO boxes at the ball field that had been closed in previous years. It will be a few weeks before this can be achieved. The locks on the boxes may have to be changed and there may be a 1-time fee of \$25 for your Bynum PO Box Address. This will allow us to keep our Bynum identity and zip code, well worth the wait.

Anyone who now has door-to-door delivery and wants a Kiosk box, the Post Master requests that you use only 1 address for your Postal Mail. It is a reasonable request and would be a win-win situation for both parties. There are presently about 20 boxes that should be available. Let's fill them up!!!!!! **Contact Martha Collins at 919-357-5830 for more information.**

### DURHAM EUBANKS ROAD



Roy & Beulah Plus Roy, Angela & Beulah



Roy Lee (Wesie) Jr & Beulah (Skin) Eubanks married in 1935 and both worked at the mill. Roy worked the 2nd shift as the Winding Room Supervisor. He worked for 50+ years until the mill closed. Beulah worked the 1st shift in the Winding Room for 50+ years and then went to UNC hospitals as a seamstress. She was nicknamed Skin for her slight build. They worked opposite shifts so one of them could watch the children. Beulah was a twin sister to Eulah. Roy and Beulah had two children – Roy III and Carolyn. Roy III married Cathy Campbell and their daughter Angela Flower is pictured with Roy Lee (Wesie) & Beulah (Skin) Eubanks.

*Roy Jr's aunt was Flossie Durham. She married Manly Durham and lived across the street from each other.*



Roy Hatley moved to Bynum a short 86 years ago from just down the way on HWY 64; he was two when his parents, Walt and Nora Hatley moved to Bynum.

Roy and his father cut wood off their property on Hwy 64 and pulled it by wagon and mules up the river road to sell the wood as firewood to the folks in Bynum. They also had a small farm in Bynum at the time and Roy sold milk and buttermilk to neighbors on the hill for two cents and five cents a bottle in the mornings before school. He also was the one who took a drag (a wooden sled-like apparatus) and a snaking mule to clear the roads of snow in Bynum during the winter (again, before going to school).... back when it snowed!

The State approached Roy about paving the road and naming it after him; their intent was to pave the road and make it a two lane road. Roy said that was a bit of overkill for just three houses; everyone could just wait on the first person on the road. That was a standard on the bridge back when cars would wait at either end of the bridge for the first car to enter the bridge. Two cars could pass, and did pass, but it was courteous and the normal practice just to wait it out and wave at the driver as the first car on the bridge exited. Two cars could pass, but it was a slower time then. Ron, (Roy & Rita's son) shared the bridge with a 16-wheeler when he was driving the school bus for Bynum. They each had to pull in the mirrors in order to pass.

The original Bynum road ran just in front of Roy's property; the current road came later. It was THE road before the bypass and the new bridge. You can still see the last remnants of the 'sidewalk' on the property known as the Warren Durham house.



## Bear Cub Scouts Pack 951

The Webelos 1 Cub Scouts, Pack 951 held a very successful spaghetti fundraising dinner in February at the Bynum Ruritan Club. These scouts have been wanting to go on a ski trip for several years together so they decided to raise some funds to make it happen! The Scouts sold tickets, baked desserts, served up the delicious food, and worked the crowd! We had a wonderful turnout on that winter evening. It's so fun to see all the Bynum residents come out to support these scouts! We raised enough dollars to pay for each scout to have a full day of skiing at Winterplace in WV on March 6. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a success and I believe the boys have started to learn how to work to earn their way!

*Barclay Spatz, Webelos I Den Leader*

## Girl Scout Troop 1006

Girl Scout Junior Troop 1006 has had an exciting 2016 already. January kicked off our annual cookie season. Thank you all who supported us and helped our 16 scouts exceed our goal of selling 3000 boxes. We will use the money to fund our overnight trip to the North Carolina Zoo to sleep with the animals at the end of the school year. In addition, the girls are saving their cookie money for a big trip as yet to be determined, but ideas including a trip to Washington DC, New York City, Florida, and Africa are on the girls' minds! We truly have an ambitious troop!

This Spring will kick off our community service and take action projects, all part of the girls' work toward their Bronze Awards. The Bronze Award is designed for Girl Scout Juniors to get their first taste of community action. The girls will identify a problem facing their community, design a sustainable project to address the issue and implement their ideas. The girls love brainstorming ideas together as to how they can help and as one scout said, "Does it matter how big the idea is?" Troop 1006 is reaching for the stars!

Great thanks to the Bynum community and Bynum Front Porch for supporting the scouts. If you have service ideas that you think the scouts may help with, please contact Dawn Porter or Angela Fowler. (Dawninbynum@gmail.com).



## Give Me Some Space!

Need a place to do your thing? The Bynum General Store is open!

Planning a private party or function? Looking for a place to hold that yoga class or crafting circle? The ole Bynum General Store & Post Office is available for community use for events such as meetings, birthdays, anniversaries, or other parties, etc. If you 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 you can reserve the store for free. Nearby Chatham County neighbors or the wider community can reserve the store for a \$50 fee to cover related costs of operation and to help support Bynum Front Porch's educational grants. For more information, a copy of the Building Use Agreement, and to check dates for availability, contact bynumfrontporch@gmail.com



gmail.com and include your contact information, description of event, date, time and potential number of guests. Someone from the Bynum Front Porch Programming Committee will reply. Bynum is special in so many ways. **Bynum Front Porch looks forward to sharing the space with you!**

*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 cleaning up after your event and for any damage that may occur.
- A Building Use Agreement Form will be supplied with the further details/instructions.



## Bynum Ruritan Club

Our Easter Sunday Breakfast on March 27 was a delight. Thanks for joining us. The Ruritan Club is available for rental for parties, meetings, workshops, etc. Contact [martha.bynum1@gmail.com](mailto:martha.bynum1@gmail.com) or 919-357-5830 for more information. The Ruritan Club is a community organization focused on helping those in need. We will be offering a \$500 Grant again this year to a deserving high school student already accepted into college. If you have an interest in joining the Ruritan Club, please join us at our next meeting on the **2nd Tuesday in May.**

## Celebrate NC State Parks Centennial:

Throughout 2016 North Carolina's State Parks system will celebrate its centennial. One of the nation's first state parks was created 100 years ago at the summit of Mount Mitchell, and since then, the system has grown to nearly a quarter-million acres set aside for conservation, recreation and education. The occasion offers North Carolinians an opportunity to celebrate this achievement and to rededicate themselves to the stewardship of this stunning landscape. Every state park will hold a special event to mark the centennial. Please visit our website (<http://www.ncparks.gov/100/celebrate-our-centennial>) and you'll find details about those events as well as the 100-mile hiking challenge, a park passport program and more (upcoming in 2016). Celebrate with us and rediscover North Carolina's state parks as places to learn about our environment, to relax with family and reconnect with nature. As part of our Centennial Jordan Lake SRA will be having its annual Heritage Day Festival October 1, 2016. Also, if interested in interpretation programs for the summer, please contact the Park Office at 919-362-0586.



Jordan Lake State Recreation Area is now accepting applications for 2016 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.

## Haw River Assembly

The big Haw River Clean-Up-A-Thon came on Saturday March 19. Thanks to our Bynum neighbors who took part in the river clean-up in and around Bynum – including along Bynum Creek. The Haw River Festival will be held on May 7 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 at Saxapahaw! We are doing monthly guided hikes and paddles along the Lower Haw River State Natural Area this year – check out our website to see what is coming up. 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](http://www.hawriver.org) under "Projects" or email us at [info@hawriver.org](mailto:info@hawriver.org). Or drop by the office to chat with us – we're at **199 Bynum Hill**.

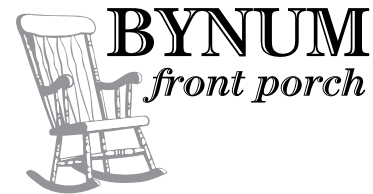


## Bynum Artist Highlight

*Aja Dematerra*

This piece is titled Emergence and it is an acrylic painting. I am a Visionary Artist, Storyteller and Creativity Inspirer. My work is inspired by a magical inner realm of visions that I express and share through my Seven Jewels Paintings, Stories, Poems and Processes. The painting shown here, Emergence, was painted as I connected with a vision of a sacred cave in the heart of a mountain. In my vision, Emergence was a particular place in one of my stories, where a dancing tree of seven jewels emerges from a jeweled spring. This fiery tree bursts through the mountain, emerging, to grow on the top of the mountain. Emergence was also created with my own passionately felt sense of emerging from a deep, dark place, into light and space.

You can see my current work at [www.ajadematerra.com](http://www.ajadematerra.com). I am in the process of having my art and stories with their inspiring messages for all occasions made into animated e-cards. AJA Seven Jewels animated e-cards, Step into the Magical Seven Jewels Realm, will be available soon at a new site! I am very excited about sharing creative inspiration and believe everyone has a creative vision to share, not necessarily on canvas, but in whatever form their heart chooses to express and share what inspires them. I am honored to be able to share here.



### Our Mission:

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

### Corporate Sponsors:

*Bynum Front Porch gratefully acknowledges the following sponsors for their support!*

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### Ways you can help

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

### Wish List

- \*\* Licensed Electrician – the building and stages could use some donated skills from a licensed electrician.
- \*\* Solar Powered Lights
- \*\* Roofer needed – There are some leak areas that need attention

## Bynum Community Garden

**Hi Neighbors!** After the fantastic New Year's event at the garden (see related article), we are looking forward to an equally exciting growing season in 2016. We welcome several new gardeners and their input on garden issues.

The garden had a very successful work day on February 20th, at which unwanted brush was cleared out, and an improved watering system was in part installed, making our watering system more user-friendly. This has been a priority for several years, and it is gratifying to know we continue to move in that direction. We also purchased 2 new picnic tables to replace the 2 older ones and a new lawn mower.

We will have our **annual plant sale on Saturday, April 23 from 9 to noon**. This year it will coincide with the Bynum Bridge art event, so please come out and buy some great plants and support our garden. We will have herbs, pollinator plants and vegetables as well as some shrubs. Our annual spring **community potluck will be Sunday, May 22 at 5 pm**. Come on out and meet your neighbors.

Our gates are closed but not locked so if you are out walking, come on in and see what's growing and sit for a spell.



## Critters, Tushkins & Water Tanks, oh my!

### What do all those have in common?

The 2016 New Year's Eve Critter & Tushkin Drop & the Bynum Water Tank! It's a celebration and commitment.

**Babette the Tushkin** – Reminiscent of the laughter of Bynum  
**Clark the Clyde Jones Critter** – Reflecting the light & love of Bynum  
**Goldie the Clyde Jones Critter** – Resembling the lavish value of Bynum

Bynum did it! The soggy conditions only made the slide into 2016 more akin to doing things Bynum style! Babette, Clark & Goldie were there to help us focus on the laughter, light, love and lavish value of Bynum. And Bynum raised enough money to start work on our goal of painting the water tower! The plan is to start painting the base, and as funds become available, work up to the top. It may take several years but it has taken more than several for it to need such help. Thank you to all who made the evening a success and contributed monies for the paint. Bynum will get the word out when painters will be needed. Thank you everyone!



Striving to make a difference in communities around the world, bePhilARThropy will be hosting the **first annual Bynum Bridge Fest and Studio Tour in April 2016**.



## Spring Has Sprung

We are looking for another wonderful season on the Haw River. Just a reminder, we teach canoeing, kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding, guide both day-time and night-time river trips and rent canoes and kayaks on over 40 miles of the Haw River in Alamance, Chatham, Guilford and Orange Counties. We also conduct 9 week-long half-day Paddle Camps and full-day Adventures Camps for ages 11 to 15. We also sell used and new canoes, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards.

We are currently "staffing up" for our Bynum Outpost, so if you would like more information on the positions we have available, please call **336-260-6465**, send us an e-mail message to [admin@hawrivercanoe.com](mailto:admin@hawrivercanoe.com) or go to our website at [www.hawrivercanoe.com](http://www.hawrivercanoe.com). The Bynum Outpost will be in full operation from April 1 through October 31. **See you on the Haw!**

## Tush

A tale that gives us a big smile, cheek to cheek. Tushkins. Just talking to neighbors in Bynum, you may hear about the 1983 trademarked Tushkin, the scented squeezable greeting card. They were warehoused inside the Bynum mill and when the flames of the 2001 fire took down most of the mill, some Tushkins escaped. The boxes that kept them locked for transport were raised up into ashes. The boxes said "Tushkins, the Squeezable Greeting Card – with a special message on the back: "Sign it and say it from the bottom of your heart."



Some of the greetings were:

*"No buts about it, we're best friends."*

*"I love you from the bottom of my heart."*

*"Thanks for being 100% behind me."*

*"We'll always be cheek to cheek."*

*"Thanks for making sure I was well-reared."*

*"Happy New Year and Bottoms Up!"*

Former Bynum resident and Tushkinologist Molly Matlock wrote "Dark brick columns and ash surrounded the burnt out ruins of a once solid pillar of a once vibrant community. We were to learn later that it required five tries for a mysterious arsonist to reduce the mill to this unseemly state." During the fire Tushkins took refuge behind some of the walls and pillars of the mill. The colony of Tushkins had various ethnic features, both male and female genders were represented. Their names were Foxy, Sweets, Hunk, Cool, Gent, QT, Sigh, & Teardrop. Before the mill area was transformed into its current state, Tushkins could still be found on occasion as a delightful reminder of days passed and the sad reality of fire. At one point Molly said, "There were zillions of them lying there. All these smiling, happy little – well, you can imagine. I picked one up. "Look," I said. "They're jolly little bottoms with feet." Some lost their identifiable box, their straw hats and many even suffered bodily loss. Yet, they were carried into Bynum homes and displayed with love.

Jerry Partin the last Bynum Post Master and Bynum General Store operator is quoted to say, "Well, the mill started out as a textile mill. Most of our families worked there back when Bynum was bustling with its own movie theatre, five stores, a school, restaurant, game room; it was full of life then. When we were kids, we'd eat at each other's house. If we got in trouble there, our parents would know about it before we reached home, and we'd get another spanking. In the later years, they began to make those large ceramic desk lamps you see in motels. Then, they stored models of the Roman Coliseum or something like that. And then came the Tushkins. I don't really know where they were made, but they definitely were stored in Bynum."

Fast forward to New Years Eve, 2016. Babette the Tushkin was lowered from the Bynum water tower – she joined the other Tushkins in the hearts of Bynumites – to give us stories to share, laughter to bind us, and to enhance the sweet smell of Bynum. Like another Babette said, from Babette's Feast, "Throughout the world sounds one long cry from the heart of the artist: Give me the chance to do my very best." Bynum is the very best of the finest artist. What do you think is our Babette's greeting? Maybe it's, "Bynum does not leave anyone behind".

## Chatham Arts Council



## Greetings, all of you ClydeFEST Friends!

ClydeFEST 2016, a festive event designed especially for young children, is taking a leap into the fall this year. Yes, it's true. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 24, 2016 at the Bynum Ballfield**. We truly hope to see you all there. We are aiming for the same wonderful event, same typical format, but with a few tweaks this year just to keep it interesting and sustainable.

Why the move to fall? Over the years, and with all of your help and support, Chatham Arts Council's ClydeFEST has grown into a huge event. We are thrilled with the festival's popularity and are committed to keeping such an important community event thriving at the highest level of excellence that Clyde and all of our little friends deserve. However, Chatham Arts Council is a very small (but mighty!) organization and we realized last year that the only way we can sustain the success of this event is to give it more time and to significantly increase our volunteer team. Planning the event takes many hours, which is a manageable labor of love for a few dedicated people, but actually putting the event on the field and being ready to greet and take care of 1,500 people over just 5 hours takes an army over a 3 day period. This past year we found that our army was way too small to be effective and unfair to those wonderful folks who did help out. SO, this year must be different and we'll need your help.



Over the next few months we will be putting together a really strong volunteer team. We will need lots of folks to lend us a hand, both over the course of the actual weekend of ClydeFEST and in advance. We ask you to think of groups you know who have willing and eager hands (civic groups, Scouts, sports teams, student art groups, pep clubs, church groups, corporate volunteer opportunities, etc.) and help us

make contact with them. We hope that the fall date will have fewer schedule conflicts than spring, so more groups will be available. We will also need to ask all of our non-profit participants to lend us a few volunteers from their ranks as well. (We will have more specifics on that in the future.) Once we have all of the smiling faces (and muscles) in place to pull it off, together we'll make ClydeFEST magic!

So please go ahead and mark your calendars, let me know that you will be there and start spreading the word that ClydeFEST is coming. And please also give some serious thought to helping us put together the BEST and MOST FUN volunteer crew in Chatham County history!

Chatham Arts Council is so very grateful for your support. I look forward to hearing from all of you soon. Please e-mail me at [Gilda@fearrington.com](mailto:Gilda@fearrington.com).

Here's an article about last year's ClydeFEST: <http://www.chathampost.com/#!14th-Annual-ClydeFEST-The-Kids'-Carnival-of-Folk-Art-Fun/cjds/5509764c0cf292acc4a81784>

Here's a blog about Clyde Jones: <http://www.chathamartscouncil.org/meet-this-artist-cuttin-up-with-clyde-jones/>