

## 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

### JULY

#### MUSIC Series

*Continues every Friday night  
through July and ends  
August 27th*

### AUG

#### BUY TICKETS

#### for CASINO NIGHT

*www.bynumfrontporch.org*

### SEP

#### CASINO NIGHT

*Saturday Sept 25th*

*Chatham Mills, Pittsboro*

#### FALL POT LUCK

*Bynum Community Garden Event*

*Date to be defined - look out for into at  
the garden site.*

*BFP is a non-profit organization, your  
tax deductible donations are always  
welcome.*

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## 2nd Annual Scholarship award winners were presented with their checks on May 8th 2010.

**B**ynum, N.C. -May 5, 2010 -Bynum Front Porch, a non-profit community organization, presented its second annual art scholarship to Kate Absher and its second annual Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) scholarship to Brandi Hooker on Friday, May 7th during the Friday Night Music Series concert featuring the Apple Chill Cloggers and The Hushpuppies.

Absher is a senior at Northwood High School in Pittsboro where she serves as the president of the National Art Honors Society. She plans on attending the Savannah College of Art and Design. For her entry, she submitted a sculpture mural called "Soda Cans and Bottle Caps" aptly made out of garbage can lids, wire, paint can lids, badges, soda cans, bottle caps and mosaic glue. The mural is a truly recyclable piece of art. In her application essay, Absher explained what giving back to the community means to her. "I think that people should use their individual talents and gifts to give the community something it lacks, or renew culture by bringing something abundant in one part of the community into another part that needs it," said Absher. Her mural was a collaboration with local artist Lou Horton who served as mentor and the students from the Special Education Class at Northwood.

Hooker, a senior at Chatham Central High

School in Bear Creek, is a student in the AVID program. AVID is an in-school academic support program for grades 9-12 that prepares students for college eligibility and success. The program teaches organizational and time management skills, etc. Hooker has participated in the science, Spanish and Students Against Drunk Driving clubs at her school in addition to being a member of the St. Luke United Church of Christ's youth choir. Hooker plans to attend Winston Salem State University to major in nursing with a minor in African American Studies. In her essay, Hooker said, "To me, giving back to the community means repaying a debt to the place that made you who you are. The community that I am from, played a major role in me being who I am today. They have shaped and molded me since I was a little girl. It is that type of conditioning that motivates me to progress forward with my education and become financially stable enough to give back to the people that watched me grow into the young woman that I am now."

Throughout the past year, the Bynum Front Porch organization has held multiple fundraisers to raise money for the Bynum Front Porch Scholarship program. Each student will receive \$1000 towards their education. The program began in 2009 by providing scholarships for two Chatham County graduating high school seniors. *Written by Amy Barefoot (7.9.10)*



## HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?



With the loving care of it's neighbors!

Our community garden project has exceeded all our expectations.

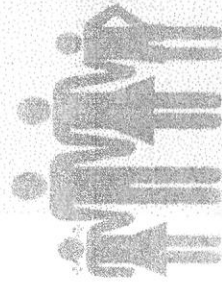
People have been harvesting fresh veggies, and cut flowers from their summer gardens constantly for some weeks now. The exchange of tomatoes for zucchini and peppers for daisies goes hand in hand with the roots of Bynum, where you can still get a fresh wholesome meal at any table in the village.

Plus, so far this season we have already dropped of 10 parcels of fresh crops from the garden to local food banks (St Barts Episcopal Church, Evergreen Methodist Church and CORA), somewhere in the region of 60lbs of food to help others know the sweet taste of home grown life.

There is a second water catchment system in the planning to keep up us self sustainable. Clyde has also decorated our water barrels and donated two large swan critters to keep the garden in the Bynum theme.

We are planning a *Harvest Moon* pot luck and fund raising event for this fall – dates will be posted soon.

Visit our blog <http://bynumcommunity-garden.blogspot.com/> to keep up on what is going on and see more pictures of the garden's progress. ✨ *Written by Marchellina Waugh (7.9.10)*



## NEIGHBORS

*Do you have a recurring event that you would like to host at the store? Is there something you want to share with the community?*

**BOOKING THE STORE:** Birthday Parties, Book Club, Knitting Circle, Womens Group – you bring the idea we will help you make it real. (There is no Fee for Bynum residents to book the store for an event. If you live outside the community you can still reserve the store with a charge of \$50 that goes towards utilities)

**CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEWSLETTER:** Yard Sale, Pot Luck, Plant Swap, Community event – send us the info and we will share it with the community in print.

How to contact us: [bynumfrontporch@gmail.com](mailto:bynumfrontporch@gmail.com), or talk to any board member for more information.

## BYNUM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday General Worship 11am

**Hi! My name is Gina Head Barrow and I am the new pastor at Bynum UMC.**

I have been married for 26 years to Charles Barrow and we have three so Dusty, Tyler, and Spencer.

I graduated summa cum laude from Mount Olive College in August 2009 with a B.S. in Religion. I will be attending Duke Divinity School this fall to begin work on a Master of Divinity degree. I am the proud and grateful recipient of a Rural Ministry Fellowship which is a full, merit-based scholarship sponsored by the Duke Endowment.

Charles is a commissioned Home Missioner for our conference of the UMC and he is an employee of NC State University at the Cunningham Research Station in Kinston. He works with the horticultural research crops. Charles is also a commissioned Stephen Minister and a certified lay speaker. He has been on several mission trips to Zimbabwe through our conference's ZOE Ministry. Charles also does some work with Stop Hunger Now out of the Sn Hill, NC operation.

I am in my ninth year of pastoral ministry and Bynum is the third church that I have served. I love storytelling and I do a lot of creative ministry including character and mime ministry. Character monologues and skits are part of my ministry and I delight in leading Bible studies and spiritual formation groups.

I am looking forward to getting to know all the people in Bynum and hoping that if you do not currently attend worship services anywhere, that you will join us for worship at Bynum UMC any Sunday. Each Sunday morning, there is a Communion service at 9:15, Sunday school at 10, and a Worship service at 11. A nursery is provided for the 11 a.m. service.

**Come as you are. All are welcome.**

Visit us on the web at <http://sites.google.com/site/bynumumc/about-us>

✨ *Written by Gina Head Barrow (7.28.10)*

*"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may have eternal life."*

– 1 John 5:13

## HAW RIVER ASSEMBLY:

**The Haw River Learning Celebration begins September 18** with its first week in

Bynum! There are still opportunities for you to volunteer for this great program. To find out more information please visit our website, [www.hawriver.org](http://www.hawriver.org) or contact Donna Myers at [donna@hawriver.org](mailto:donna@hawriver.org).

✨ *Content by Germane James, HRA member (7.9.10)*

*The Haw River Assembly is a 501(c)(3) non-profit citizens' group founded in 1982 to restore and protect the Haw River and Jordan Lake, and to build a watershed community that shares this vision.*

*Our work is made possible by the efforts and support of our members and volunteers! Please join us today! [www.hawriver.org](http://www.hawriver.org) and be sure to find us on Facebook!*

## CHATHAM MEMORIES

You were asking about Chatham Theatre: The movies were open every night. Mr. Rogers (not that one, he had not started on TV yet) owned and operated the theatre. The popcorn machine was outside so that you could buy popcorn with out having to go in. It would be pushed out of the vestibule to be under the marquee and beside the ticket booth. The vestibule had a candy counter in it so that we could sugar up. The seating arrangement inside had 4 seats per row on each side of the two aisles and about 8 or 10 seats in the center section. There were 40 to 50 rows front to back and the floor was elevated so that you could see over other peoples heads. When the theatre was closed and gutted in the early Sixties, one of the 6 foot by 8 foot speakers behind the screen was taken to Jack Parker's house by his oldest son Marshall, who placed it on the roof of his "radio shack" where he would play it so that it could be heard down at the pond by all who went up there to swim on Sundays. That house sits at the end of Alley Oop road, across from Lois Lane off Parker Herndon road now. The Chatham was located next to the Texaco station operated by Roland Eubanks (the one from Pittsboro, not the one from Bynum). One can occasionally see pictures of it in old photos of the courthouse.

Mr. Cary Durham, whose nickname was Jaybird, ran the C.E.Durham store in Bynum. It was one of eight businesses located along the road from Williams Pond road down to the river. His storefront is the part where the rockface is today. In the late 40's, Mr. Cary built the Star Theatre where you can see it today. His sons, Cary Jr. and Warren ran the projectors upstairs and his father, Mr. Manley, took up tickets. Movies were shown on weekends, but not Sundays, and usually consisted of a serial (so that the audience would come back next week to see what had happened when the truck ran off the cliff, the damsel was tied to the railroad track, or the skeleton was about to enter the room. ( I still have nightmares about that one even though at age six I knew it was just a man dressed up in a suit but it was scary anyway.) Popcorn and candy were available. Seating was similar to the theatre in Pittsboro but there were fewer seats. He had a narrow stage built in front of the screen so that other presentations could be done as well. A "womanless wedding" was held where all the participants, mostly men, were dressed as women, and the few women involved were dressed as men. Usually the largest man would be the bride and the smallest woman would be the groom. Since everyone knew everyone involved, it was quite a show and participants would be teased for a long time about how they had looked in the "play".

While these two theaters filled a community need, it was a short ride to Chapel Hill to the Carolina theater, which was huge then, or the Varsity across the street, which was only one theater then. It was also not considered too far a trip to go to the Carolina theatre or the Center in Durham. The Center had curved rows so that each seat was the same distance from the screen and each "faced" the screen. There was also a grand organ that would be played between showings, shades of Radio City Music Hall. Reflecting the times, theaters were segregated with people of color required to sit in the balcony, if one was available. The Center in Durham actually had two balconies with the uppermost occupied by people of color. The Carolina in Chapel Hill did not have a balcony. There was at the same time a movie theater at the junction of Chapel Hill and Carboro that was for people of color only. The integration of the theater houses took place on a piecemeal basis as at first only students with a student ID were allowed in the Carolina. After a short time, that changed and anyone could enter for the price of admission. That occurred around 1960.

Sorry to rattle on but thought that you might be interested. Corkey

✉ Written by *Walter Harris* (7.9.10)

## bynum front porch MUSIC SERIES

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Friday Nights • 7pm – 9pm

Family friendly event: Pass the

Hat for the band,

Food vendor: No Alcohol or pets please.

July 2 – Holiday, No Band

**July 9 – Hell Camino**

Hard driving and rock solid Motown mingled with the energy of Stax

**July 16 – Great Big Gone**

Porch picking, finger licking, roots rocking, western swinging

**July 23 – Nikki meets the**

**Hibachi With Indigo Girl**  
influences and heartfelt symmetry

**July 30 – The Bluegrass**

**Experience** A vital force in bluegrass for over 30 years!

**August 6 – Down the Road**

Traditional bluegrass focusing on strong harmonies and good picking

**August 13 – Straight 8's**

Gas up for this combustible blend of high-octane rock-a-billy!

**August 20 – Gravy Boys**

High energy shows feature heartfelt vocal harmonies

**August 27 – Saludos Compay**

Bienvenidos a Bynum as we

salute summer with the areas best

Caribbean flair and Latin rhythms

✉ Content by *Jamie Hager,*

BFP music coordinator (3.23.10)

This schedule was correct at time of going to print. For current information and any changes, we suggest you check our online calendar of events

[bynumfrontporch.com](http://bynumfrontporch.com)

BYNUM  
front porch

• presents

# Casino Night 2010

Blackjack • Craps • Roulette • Poker  
Dinner by General Store Cafe & Cash Bar  
\$200 worth of Chips • Fabulous Raffle Prizes

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September 25th  
at Chatham Mills, Parkboro  
doors open 6:00pm

Tickets available on-line and at selected local merchants: \$30

For more information visit [www.bynumfrontporch.org](http://www.bynumfrontporch.org)

Proceeds benefit Bynum Front Porch Scholarship Fund.

*Sponsorship Opportunities:* there is still time to buy a table and promote your business. For more details contact: **Luke Barrow 919 815 0215.**