



## CORKEY'S CORNER

### (or Long, Involved, Not Very Interesting Remembrances)

Some of you are new to Bynum, some have lived in or near it for a while, some have been here for a long time. You be the judge. As for me, I have lived in Bynum or one of its suburbs for all my life (so far). I consider myself very lucky for having been able to do that.

My folks, Frank & Louise Harris, along with my maternal grandfather, Frank Farrell, opened Harris & Farrell store in 1946. That is the building that is now the community center of Bynum. Doo & Lou, as they became known later to the locals, ran the store for 46 yrs. Not a bad deal as they got to spend most of their life together, day & night. They were sweethearts in high school. Frank had a motorcycle & was considered good-looking by many of the young ladies of the time. He once told me that when he was young, they told him he was "good-looking". He said as he got older, the same ones told him that he was "looking-good". While spending their time together had definite advantages, the hours were long. The store was opened early so that the kids could catch the school bus, people on the way to work in Chapel Hill could stop & get gas, or the people who worked at the mill could get a coke & a BC powder to bolster them for a hard day at the mill. The closing time was around nine at night during the week, but ten or eleven on Fridays & Saturdays. Or as Lou used to say "as soon as we can run the loafers off". It was one of the community centers even back then. The last twenty years or so, they operated a contract post office after the postal service threatened to close Bynum's official post office when Ora Abernathy retired. More on the businesses & other Bynum folks will follow.

But First, a short tale about Doo & Lou. This is a story about them that few people know. It may reveal a little about their relationship & their individual characters.

First of all, Lou loved to drive. People used to tease Doo that Lou always did the driving so that she could go where she wanted, when she wanted, implying insightfully, that she wanted to be in control. He replied that he didn't mind, he had a chauffeur! If she wanted to drive, go ahead. He enjoyed being able to sit

### 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

### Hatches

**Allison Jean Traves** –

born Jan 20 to proud parents Amy & Dave Traves

**Penelope Faye Protzman** –

born June 8 to proud parents Alex and Alys Protzman

## Dispatches

**Mrs. Margie Hearne**  
(Hearne Road)

**Mr. Leon Glosson**  
(formerly of Bynum & Chatham Disposal)

**Mrs. Hazel Ellis Bland**  
(former Bynum Resident)

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back, look at the scenery, nap, eat, read, etc., as he pleased. And he wasn't tired when they arrived at their destination. Driving can tire one. Everyone who had a long trip knows that. Being tired can make one irritable. Irritability can lead to irrational thinking & action. Hence:

WE, Doo, Lou, my brother Dan (who is 10 yrs. younger than me) and me took a trip one summer to the Outer Banks. We left my grandfather & grandmother (Pa & Granny) to run the store. While they were fully capable of doing this, Lou was concerned about being gone too long & thereby imposing on them, so the trip was to be 3 days of travel. We left one evening around 5 o'clock, headed to Manteo. Now mind you, back in those days, there were no by-passes, no 4-lane highways, and as you got close to the coast, no bridges. Instead there were ferries.

We spent the first night in a small motel on the way, got up, had breakfast, drove through Manteo, looked around a bit, and took off down NC 12 for Ocracoke. We knew about it, having read a book by Mr. Carl Goerch about this isolated 12 mile long barrier island with a small town, similar to Bynum, located at the southern end of the island. Again, no bridges. In place of bridges, there were 2 ferries to get you & your car over to Ocracoke. We made it just fine. The scenery was similar to what it is today. Dunes & glimpses of the ocean on the left; sand, marshes & sky on the right. Did I mention that the car was a 1956 Ford 4-door station wagon with no air-conditioning? Do you know what the temperature is like in late July in North Carolina?

We arrived in the late afternoon in the little village that surrounded Silver Lake. The plan was that we would book passage on the ferry leaving Ocracoke the next morning for Cedar Island & then set up "camp". Dan & I would sleep in the pup-tent & Doo & Lou would fold the seats down in the station wagon and sleep in it. Here is where character gets revealed. As noted, after long drives, people can be tired. In choosing the site to park, Doo said to Lou that she needed to pull the car a little farther ahead to be sure that it was off the pavement and out

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# CHATHAM COUNTY ARTS

## COUNCIL Keep Chatham Artsy this Fall

The good people at the Chatham County Arts Council are working hard on awesome programs highlighting the local arts scene, including Bynum's own ClydeFEST in the Spring, but there is also lots going on in our neck of the beautiful Chatham woods this Fall.

Don't miss the monthly Sustainable Cinema Series in the Fearington Barn, showcasing local and relevant independent films. Last year's lineup included comedy, documentary, drama and action films, and even show-bation Oscar-nominee. The films will be screened on the fourth Wednesday of each month, so upcoming dates are September 26th, October 24th and November 28th.

Also mark your calendar for the 41st annual Bluegrass Concert featuring local legend Tommy Edwards and his fast pickin' band. This year's concert will be on Friday, November 16th at the Fearington Barn. Doors open at 7:00, with the music starting at 8:00. George Holt will be the guest MC. Make sure to buy tickets early since this show is sure to be a sellout!

Also check out the upcoming Fall class schedule. We're bringing arts to the entire county with improv, fine art and more.

More information and tickets for all events and programs is always available at [www.chathamarts.org](http://www.chathamarts.org). Check out one of our events or programs and help us keep Chatham Artsy this fall!

✍️ *Written by Guendolen Gray*  
(08.20.12)

# CHATHAM COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

The following is a list of upcoming events, registrations, and classes happening at Chatham County Parks and Recreation (though none of the events will be held at the Bynum ballfield).

## EVENTS

*Family Fun Night at Northeast District Park: Friday, September 28, 2012*

We will have games, inflatables, fishing, and a movie. The movie starts at 8:30 pm and is TBD. Concessions will be sold on site, no coolers please. Northeast District Park is located at 5408 Big Woods Road in Chapel Hill. 6:30pm-8:30pm.

*Chatham Parks Foundation 11th Annual Golf Tournament: Monday, October 8, 2012*

The tournament will be held at The Preserve at Jordan Lake in Chapel Hill. There will also be a silent auction, contests/prizes, goodie bags and much more! Deadline for registration is Monday, October 1, 2012. Space is limited to the first 36 teams, so register now. For more information, please contact Don Lein at 919-542-4790. Check-in 8:00am; tee off 9:00am (shotgun start)

*Trunk or Treat at Southwest District Park: Friday, October 26, 2012*

We will have games, trick-or-treating, inflatables, and a movie. The movie will be Halloween Town and starts at 8:00pm. Southwest District Park is located at 15124 NC Highway 902 in Bear Creek, next to Chatham Central High School.

*Cookies and Milk with Santa at Northwest District Park Dining Hall: Friday, November 30, 2012*

We will have arts and crafts as well as pictures with Santa. Northwest District Park is located at 2413 Woody Store Road in Siler City. 6:00pm-8:00pm.

*Parents Night Out: Friday, December 7, 2012*

We will have arts and crafts, games, a movie and more. Northwest District Park is located at 2413 Woody Store Road in Siler City. 6:00pm-10:00pm.

*Reindeer Run: Saturday, December 8, 2012*

## REGISTRATIONS

*Tennis Lessons, Wrestling and Youth Basketball*  
Chatham County Parks and Recreation

will be accepting registration for Youth and Adult Tennis Lessons July 16th – September 17th and for Wrestling and Youth Basketball October 1st- October 31st. For more information, please call (919) 545-8555 or visit [www.chathamnc.org/parksandrecreation](http://www.chathamnc.org/parksandrecreation).

## CLASSES

*Whimsy Paint*

Whimsy Paint classes are a great place to meet others, have fun painting, and enjoy a great cup of coffee. All supplies are provided and no experience is necessary. The classes are held on Saturdays at the Parks and Recreation office located on 90 East Street in Pittsboro, next to Hardee's, from 10:30am-12:30pm. Classes are for adults ages 16 and older and the cost is \$25.00. Below is a schedule and themes for each course:

September 15, 2012 Peacock  
October 20, 2012 Witch-tini  
November 10, 2012 Shot Gun House

If you have any questions, please contact the instructor, **Kimberly Tyson, at 919-777-4326**. Pre-registration is held at the Parks and Recreation office at least one week prior to class date. ✍️ *Written by Courtney Goldston (08.20.12)*

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of the way of passing traffic, if there should be any. She countered by saying that the car would get stuck in the sand if she went any further. He, in uncharacteristic manner, said that there was plenty of grass there & she would not get stuck. They continued this discussion for several minutes while Dan & I sat in the middle seat and watched this play out like a TV sit-com. It ended with Lou starting the car, putting it in Drive, & pushing the accelerator. The Ford just sat there. It did not move an inch, although she revved the engine quite a bit. At that point, she had had enough. She exclaimed, "I told you it would get stuck in the sand. You get it unstuck". She turned off the ignition, flung open the door & stormed off for parts unknown. Dan & I sat there very quietly as we realized this was a pretty tense scene & a rare interaction between our usually calm & collected parents. Doo looked around at us, managed a half smile after providing a show for his boys, and slid across the seat under the steering wheel. He started the engine, put the car in reverse; then did a most startling & revealingly yet very very simple thing. **HE RELEASED THE PARKING BRAKE!!!!** He beamed a very satisfied smile as he backed the wagon off of the grassy spot & over to a place where we would spend the night. The fact that it poured rain all night did not dampen the spirits of my brother nor me that night. And since Dan was only around five years of age, he enjoyed the next several years of coaching Lou, "Don't get stuck in the sand" any time she parked the car. ✍️ *Written by Walter 'Corky' Harris (08.20.12)*

# BYNUM FIND A WORD

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## AUCTION THANKS

Bynum Front Porch is grateful to the following businesses and individuals for making the June 16th Fundraising Auction, Estate Sale and Silent Auction a great success. There are many who supported behind the scenes, provided items, or gave of their services, time and experiences to make it a great day.

Bynum Front Porch is You - because you are one of the many people who attend the Summer Friday Night Music Series, use the old Bynum Post Office & General store building, live nearby, serve on a committee or support Bynum Front Porch in other ways. And that's part of the reason this little non-profit started - so you could be included. As a result of the successful auction - we can all celebrate continuing the Chatham County High School grant program and many of the other fun happenings at the old general store for another year.

So, we're now circling up for a virtual job well done! Give a hoop and a holler, hip hip hooray for all those listed and unlisted (apologies, we probably have missed a few) - y'all make it possible for the ole Bynum General Store doors to keep swinging open to everyone. Thank you, thank you!

**Like us on Facebook!**





# BYNUM RURITAN CLUB

*The Ruritan Club is always seeking new members with fresh ideas & a strong constitution*

September 22, 4-7pm  
*Chicken 'n Dumplings'*

October 20, 4-7pm  
*BBQ*

November 17, 4pm-7pm  
*Chicken 'n Dumplings; (in case you missed it!!)*

*Cost for dinners is \$8 per adult, \$4 for children under 12. Each dinner includes drink & dessert.*

**W**e invite any and all to join us for our monthly meetings held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Bynum Ruritan Club. Come and learn about all the activities the Ruritan Club is involved with, its commitment to the Bynum Community, and how you can be a part of this growing organization.

The Ruritan Club is also available for rent for activities & private functions. For more info, contact: Martha Collins at [martha.bynum1@gmail.com](mailto:martha.bynum1@gmail.com) or

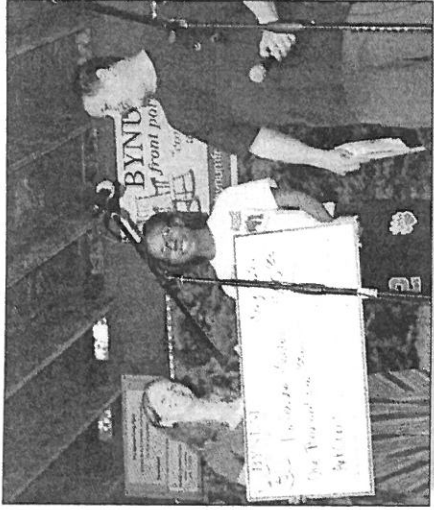
call 919-542-7399

*Written by Martha Collins (08.20.12)*



# BYNUM FRONT PORCH GRANT AWARDS

LaTeesha Mordecai & Julia Sloane



## AVID GRANT

The winner of this years 2012 Bynum Front Porch AVID Grant is LaTeesha Mordecai, a senior at Chatham Central High School, is the Bynum Front Porch AVID grant winner. In addition to her involvement with numerous clubs and volunteer activities, LaTeesha maintained outstanding grades throughout high school and has achieved honor roll every year. Not only is she an exemplary student, she is also an amazing athlete, participating in Varsity Women's Track and Cheerleading, Amateur Athletic Union Women's Basketball, Junior Varsity Women's Basketball and she was Co-Captain of the Dance Team.

LaTeesha will be attending North Carolina State University this fall and hopes to major in psychology.

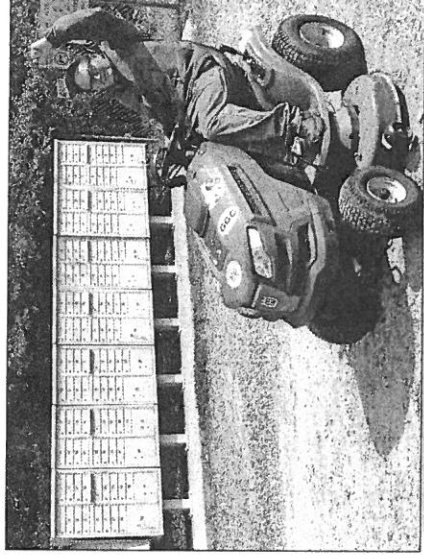


## ARTS GRANT

The winner of this years 2012 Bynum Front Porch Arts Grant is Julia Sloane. Julia graduated from Northwood High School this year and will be attending Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle Washington where she will study dance starting this fall.

Having danced for 11 years, she has explored ballet, modern dance, jazz, and hip hop. She has performed in various dance programs and has successfully choreographed group and solo performances, which included being responsible for costumes and lighting.

Julia has also been actively involved as a member and leader in a number of civic and volunteer organizations, and is a member of two honor societies.



POST OFFICE  
BOXES  
*at the Ballfield*

Dear Bynum Neighbors – Please Remember that the **Bynum Zip Code, 27228**, is tied to the PO Boxes at the ballfield. By keeping your PO boxes current and in use, we can prevent the Bynum zip code from being lost forever. Or, consider allowing one of your Bynum neighbors who may need a PO box to use your number.

*BFP gratefully acknowledges the support of the following local business sponsors.*

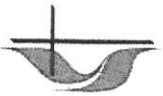
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NC (919) 542-0964

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58 East Cotton Road, Pittsboro, NC  
(919) 542-1975

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## BYNUM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### Greetings Bynum!

Fall is almost here which means those lazy summer days are coming to an end. The new school year has begun and the church calendar is getting busy again too. Bynum UMC would like to extend a special invitation to the village for our Homecoming Worship Service and Covered Dish Lunch. Please join us on Sunday, Sept. 23rd at 10:30am, as we enjoy a time of worship including special music. Our guest preacher is none other than Bynum's own, the Reverend Bill Gattis. Come spend some time with us and visit with Bill and Irene. We'll enjoy dinner on the grounds following the service. All are welcome!

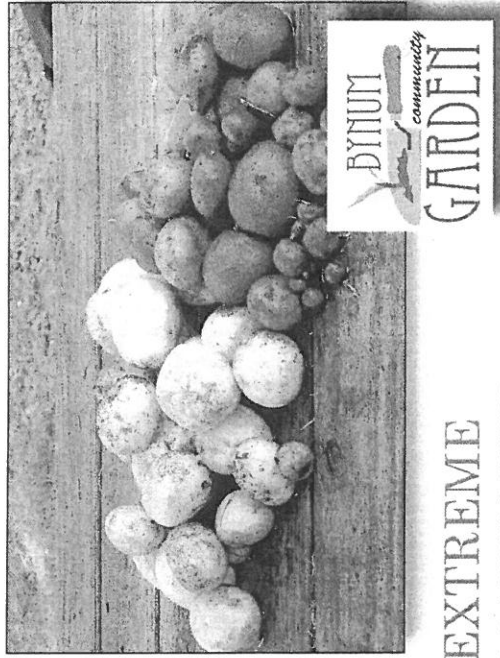
September also signals the time when our G.L.O.W. Kids and Mission Possible Kids start meeting again. Any child ages 3 yrs. through the 5th grade can participate in these mission-minded children's ministries. Call the parsonage

919-542-4715 or "like" Bynum United Methodist Church's facebook page to keep up on the latest dates, events, ministries, and services. You can also find information there on a youth ministry, which is open to all students in the 6th - 12th grades. This is a joint ministry of Bynum, Chatham, Mt. Pleasant, and Evergreen UMCs.

Other upcoming events include our annual Trunk a' Treat on Halloween night at 6 p.m., Christmas Caroling on Dec. 8 at 4 p.m., and our Candlelight Christmas Eve Communion Service at 7 p.m. Keep watching your Bynum email and our church facebook for other events as they are added to our calendar.

Grace and peace, Pastor Gina

✉ *Written by Gina Barrow (04.13.12)*



## EXTREME MAKEOVER

### *Bynum Community Garden Edition!*

If you have driven up Bynum Hill Road lately, you have seen the new roof on the brick building in our garden. Larry Crum and Barclay Spotz spent many hours securing a NC Grant for \$3,000, resulting in the new enameled metal roof. The roof was installed by MDH Construction and is spectacular. With new rafters and a weather tight covering, we now have a dry, secure space to store all the garden supplies.

Also new to the garden this year is a bed dedicated to and planted by the Bynum Daisies. These are young girls whose next step would be Brownie Scouts.

We have had a bumper year at the garden, with almost 125 lbs. (and counting) of food donated to the CORA food bank alone! This spring, we hosted a community potluck and held a successful plant sale, while this summer we sold fresh salsa straight from the garden at the Friday night music.

We are currently selling the fabulous Bynum license plates, which are back in a limited run. You can get yours for just \$15 by contacting **Barclay Spotz** at [bpspotz@gmail.com](mailto:bpspotz@gmail.com).

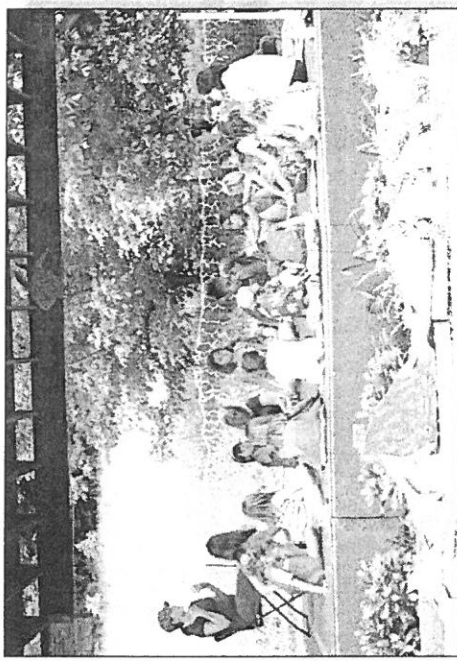
Watch for communication about our upcoming fall harvest potluck. In the meantime, please stop by and visit when you see us in the garden. ✉ *Written by Maggie Frantz (08.20.12)*

## *Bynum-based Girl Scout* DAISY TROOP #1006

We ended a very successful inaugural year in June. Thanks to Bynum Front Porch, Bynum Methodist Church and the Bynum Community Garden as well as all the parents and Bynum community members for supporting us over the past year. Bynum Front Porch donated the use of the store for troop meetings, ceremonies and special events; the community garden donated plot space and the church and community supported us greatly during our cookie sale. The troop would also like to thank Molly Eddins for her support throughout the year.

Highlights of our year included a very successful cookie campaign, a field trip to the North Carolina History Museum, garden classes and plantings and a guest visit by Mia Hamm. We also celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts in the United States this March. The twelve girls began to learn the importance of community, leadership and services.

We are looking forward to the coming year and welcome community ideas or partnerships in helping our troop explore our community and world. If you have ideas you would like to share, please email Dawn Porter at [Dawn.Porter@earthlink.net](mailto:Dawn.Porter@earthlink.net). ✉ *Written by Dawn Porter (08.20.12)*



*Mia Hamm visits Bynum to talk to the Daisy Troop.*



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR of events



### SEPTEMBER

- 18 *Bynum Front Porch Pickin'* – 10am-1pm
- 22 *Bynum Front Porch Pickin'* – 10am-1pm
- 22 *Bynum Ruritan Chicken 'n Dumplings* – 4-7pm
- 23-28 *Haw River Assembly Learning Celebration in Bynum*
- 23 *Bynum United Methodist Church* – 10:30am Homecoming  
Worship Service and Covered Dish Lunch

### OCTOBER

- 6 *Bynum Front Porch Bingo* – Doors Open 6:30pm
- 13 *Bynum Front Porch Pickin'* – 10am-1pm
- 20 *Bynum Ruritan BBQ* – 4-7pm
- 27 *Bynum Front Porch Pickin'* – 10am-1pm
- 31 *Pumpkin Carving*
- 31 *Bynum United Methodist Church Trunk a' Treat*  
on Halloween night – 6pm

### NOVEMBER

- 3 *Bynum Front Porch Bingo* – Doors Open 6:30pm
- 10 *Bynum Front Porch Pickin'* – 10am-1pm
- 17 *Bynum Ruritan Chicken 'n Dumplings* 4-7pm
- 25 *Bynum Front Porch Pickin'* – 10am-1pm

### DECEMBER

- 1 *Christmas Tree Sale & Open House*
- 1 *Bynum Front Porch Bingo* – Doors Open 6:30pm
- 8 *Bynum Front Porch Pickin'* – 10am-1pm
- 8 *Bynum United Methodist Church Christmas Caroling* at 4pm
- 22 *Bynum Front Porch Pickin'* – 10am-1pm
- 24 *Bynum United Methodist Church Candlelight Christmas Eve*  
Communion Service – 7pm

# VOLUNTEER!

What do these fine folk have in common: Gary Angus, Devon Brooks, Rhys Carpenter, Roy Eubanks, Maggie Frantz, Greg Jones, Dale Minge, Matt Porter, Ken & Debbie Tunnell, John Ulrich, John Winecker, Tom Wagner? Well, each has played a part in keeping the Bynum Front Porch's Building and Grounds in shape. They jumped into some pretty large shoes and started filling them with skill, sweat, and song. That's right – these folks whistle while they work, and even sing too! Some mow, some tend to the flower beds, while others paint, apply bug repellent, place girders under the old floor of the store (so we can all dance and not feel like we're on a trampoline), add to both stages some mighty fine lighting for better illumination, and other things, as the needs arise. So, a big Bynum "SA-LUTE" to these dedicated volunteers that keep it looking neat and in fine working order!

There would be no Bynum Front Porch (BFP) without the hard work, commitment and dedication of numerous volunteers. Dozens of people give their time to organize and support BFP activities throughout the year. Whether acting as a member of a committee, a volunteer for an event or program, a volunteer on the Board of Directors, volunteering to work during an activity or donating items needed to make an event a success, we wouldn't be able to support the BFP community without the effort of many.

Here are the Bynum Front Porch Volunteer Committees: Board Of Directors; Board Development Committee; Building and Grounds Committee; Community Relations; Educational Grant Committee; Fundraising Committee; History Committee; Music Committee; Newsletter Committee; Programming Committee; Marketing/PR Committee; Volunteer Committee.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact us. Thank you to all of our past and future volunteers, Bynum Front Porch truly can't do it without you! 🍷 *Written by Matt Porter & Ken Tunnell (08.20.12)*

## BYNUM FRONT PORCH Porch Christmas Tree, Wreath, and Garland Sale & Open House

Once again, we are offering first-rate mountain-grown Christmas Trees at the General Store. Order your Trees, Wreaths, and Garland starting in early November on the website [www.BynumFrontPorch.org](http://www.BynumFrontPorch.org). Then join us on Saturday, December 1st to pick up your purchase, while enjoying free sweets, warm beverages, and cracker stew with your neighbors. 10:00am to 2:00pm. 🍷 *Written by River Dukes (08.20.12)*