



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 1800s.

Volunteer Corner

where we highlight those volunteers who have given so much for us to thrive.

Welcome to the very first Volunteer Corner – where we highlight one of our special volunteers who help make Bynum Front Porch happen. For this inaugural column, we highlight one of our earliest volunteers and workhorses – Marchellina Waugh. Marchellina, one of our founding members, has given so much to the organization including serving hours on our board, creating BFP brand and logos including that locally famous rocking chair, producing our newsletter since its inception, and countless hours volunteering at the music series, fundraisers and general happenings. Thank you so much for your service Marchellina – and as you like to say – it takes a village!

Enjoy this interview with Marchellina.

When did you move to Bynum?

14 years ago we moved into Bynum on the day Ava Grace Hatcher was born – A big pink ribbon donned the mail box, and a bunch of old guys sat chuckling on the bench in front of the store as we heaved our belongings inside 967 Bynum Road for the first time.

What is your favourite part of Bynum Front Porch?

Being a founding member and being able to help get the non-profit off the ground is something unique to Bynum that I doubt I will find anywhere else. The community spirit is more like an extended family than a group of strangers with a common cause. Everyone cares and shows it. The breadth of events from Bingo to Board Game Night or Friday Music to Family Birthdays, shows the ability of the store to morph itself for any gathering. "Come Stop a While" takes on a new meaning when you can choose your stop. The venue is the glue that keeps people coming back, and the organization facilitates that.

Why do you like to volunteer?

Not volunteering was not an option. Living right across the road from the store made it easy to be an extra set of hands, or key keeper, in the early days. It also opened us up to other volunteer opportunities, such as the Community Garden or ClydeFest. The more you volunteer the more volunteer work there is to do – but it's all good because it helps you see the world through others' eyes.

A little bit about yourself

I was born in Scotland – in a very low income bracket, yet have traveled the world with my work as a magazine art director for a large software company. Being part of an international organization I made lots of friends across the globe – which in one instance allowed me to walk through the jungle in Venezuela to see the highest waterfall in the world (Angel Falls).

I am passionate about gardening (the flower kind), and love to paint (oils). I started running with my co-workers a couple of years ago and within a year did my first half-marathon. Two years later I ran my first full marathon at age 50. Yes, I have a bucket list and I am working



Marchellina Waugh

my way through it! A few years ago my daughter took up tap dancing and I always wanted to do it, so I did. What's next? Lots more if I am blessed.

What brought you to Bynum?

I moved from Scotland to Germany, and then to the US in a space of 25 years. Guess I sought out Bynum to live in as it reminded me of home. It had a sense of community! And when I got here there were two other expats living in the village – imagine that! I must have found home at last. I also had a small secret that I wanted to be on the Chatham Arts Tour one day – one day may still come! My husband John and I both have successful careers in large corporations and yet we sought out the low key life of "the Village" as I like to call it. We brought two amazing kids (Flora & Oakes) into the world – our little "Bynumites" born and bred. For 14 years we have raised them to embrace the diversity of the village – the artists, the elders with tall tales, and long stories, the environmentalist, and the musicians. Sounds idyllic, doesn't it? Well, it was!

Hobbies?

Right now my new hobby is to go to the beach every weekend. My focus is my family and I want them to lead the most diverse life possible. To explore and try new experiences before real life and work kicks in.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Volunteer, of course. We recently moved out of our beautiful farm house in Bynum – but have only gone three miles down the road and know we will be regulars at the music in the summer volunteering where we are needed and now with our new move we hope to open up our circle for other ideas or ways of giving back.



Bynum Artist Spotlight

Sarah and Austin McCombie

We're Sarah and Austin McCombie and we're your neighbors, the ones with the lovable Walker hound, the folks that live in the purple house, and we call ourselves Chatham Rabbits. We play old-time, folk, and whatever feels good to us. We write our own material and also pay respect to classics in the old-time and bluegrass canon. While we're both native North Carolinians (Austin is from Wilmington and I'm from Graham), we weren't fortunate enough until 2015 to call Bynum home. Just mere weeks out of college, Austin and I walked into Mozelle Riddle's old home, beautifully restored by Julie Cummins. We immediately knew we were home. It was the perfect spot to make our music.

It's been about music from the get go. Austin and I crossed paths in 2013 when he spotted me onstage at the Cat's Cradle while opening for Mandolin Orange. At the time, I was touring full-time with the old-time band The South Carolina Broadcasters. While I was singing rowdy old-time numbers, Austin was playing synthesizer and guitar in his electronic band, DASH. He didn't know much about old-time music and I didn't know much about him, but we figured it out. Music isn't just the reason we met. It's our past time and our gift we give to others. Together we've played smokey bars, lively festivals (here's looking at you, ClydeFest!), busked on the streets of Nashville 'til our voices wore out, put a tune to the love at our best friends' wedding in Bynum by the Haw this past summer, and led churches in old-time hymns way past it was time for Sunday lunch. We love what we do, and we love that we've found a community that supports our passion.

Austin and I are currently in the studio recording our first album together. With the help of our producer Jerry Brown (Doc Watson, Steep Canyon Rangers, Mandolin Orange, Carolina Chocolate Drops), Andrew Marlin (Mandolin Orange), Libby Rodenbough (Mipso), and the inimitable Robbie Link, we've crafted a collection of songs that we're truly proud of. The songs on the record have been played and practiced on the front steps of our home in Bynum, and we'd like to think there's a little bit of Bynum magic gracing the melodies of each track.

If you'd like to learn more about our music, how we got our name (hint: it has to do with Bynum!), and see where we'll be playing this summer, check out www.chathamrabbits.com.



Bynum Community Garden

The Bynum Community Garden is up and running, having had a successful contract signing day on Saturday, February 24. We have some new Gardeners as well as some "old" ones back. We are looking forward to having our community potlucks start up again this year — the dates are May 6 and October 21. Mark your calendars and come on over.

Please use the garden if you would like to eat your lunch outside or just set a spell. The gate is always closed but not locked.

Hope to see you this spring!

– Bynum Community Garden Committee



Boy Scout Pack 951

Scout Pack 951 will have the Graduation Camp Out at Jordan Lake May 18-20. If anyone is interested in Scouting contact the leaders the through www.ncscoutpack951.org



News and Events from the Haw River Assembly

Winter snow blankets the new HRA offices at 143 Bynum Church Rd (formerly the Betty Lou & James Ellis House).

The Haw River Assembly has been working since 1982 to protect and restore the Haw River and Jordan Lake – all 1700 square miles of watershed in eight counties. Our office is happily located here in Bynum at 143 Bynum Church Rd. Come by and see us, and enjoy the view of the river from our front porch! We want to thank all of you who took part in our big river clean-up on March 17 – the river is a healthier and prettier place due to your efforts. Trash is the visible part of pollution in the river, but we are very concerned with the issue of industrial contaminants in the Haw, coming from upriver factories in Greensboro, Reidsville and Burlington. We are currently working with several scientists in NC to investigate exactly what's in the water, and where the chemicals originate. Our citizen science projects for stream monitoring and construction erosion and sediment (Muddy Water Watch) continue to give us important data to fight pollution, led by our new Haw Riverkeeper, Emily Sutton (emily@hawriver.org).

Our annual Haw River Festival will be held on Saturday May 5 from 4 - 8 pm in Saxapahaw – join us upriver for live music, river fun, a

puppet parade, stream monitoring and a farmer's market. And... it's not too early to think about volunteering for our annual Haw River Learning Celebration – our three-week environmental education program will be held at sites along the river in Bynum, Saxapahaw and Guilford Co. from Sept. 22 - Oct 12. Volunteers lead 4th graders through exploration of the riverside – and the wonders of the life of the forest and waters. Hands-on activities include nature art, stream ecology, river monitoring, and wildlife – there's also a puppet show and concert! Volunteers can come for a day, or camp out with us for a week! Erin Jobe, our coordinator can be reached at erin@hawriver.org.

Find out more about volunteering for all our projects and staying up to date on river issues at our website: www.hawriver.org. or call 919-542-5790.

*See you by the river,
Elaine Chiosso, Executive Director*

Friends of the Lower Haw River State Natural Area

Lower Haw Trails Master Plan Nearing Completion

Work is nearing completion on creating the Lower Haw Trails Master Plan. Friends of Lower Haw River State Natural Area received a grant from Triangle Community Foundation's Support for Places Awareness Program to create a trails master plan in collaboration with State Parks, other stakeholders, and the public. Friends of Lower Haw hired Recreation Resources Service (RRS) at NC State University to develop the plan. Stakeholder and public meetings were held last fall for input in developing a draft plan, and another round of input on the draft will be held this spring. The final plan will be completed by this June. The trails master plan will provide a structured process for planning future sustainable development of official land and paddle trails, balancing conservation with recreational use. Once completed, implementation of the Lower Haw Trails Master Plan will need community support, partnerships, and funding. Visit www.lowerhaw.org/master-plan for updates on the planning process.



Bynum Girl Scout Troop 1006 Happenings

By Revy Godehn and Maddie Sparrow

Girl Scout Troop 1006 has been meeting at the Bynum General Store for seven years and counting! These Cadettes have worked on multiple community projects such as completing their public service Bronze Award, along with assisting in the Haw River Assembly's Cleanup. They've not just done work for the Bynum community – but the Girl Scout community as well. They recently hosted the 2018 Annual Girl Scout North Carolina Coastal Pines Cookie Rally at Woods Charter School. It was a huge success, and the scouts are proud of the work they did and the great party they planned. The cookie rally is an annual event designed to get Girl Scouts excited and informed about the upcoming cookie season. Over one hundred girls came and had a blast engaging in the numerous adventures, including team building activities, Girl Scout trivia, dancing, and making memories. The Troop also collected donations for the CORA Food Bank included in the admission with over 140 lbs of food donated.

Motivated by their success, the troop is not only planning their Silver Award, but a celebratory trip to Washington D.C. The Silver Award is an award similar to the Bronze and Gold awards; bestowed only upon those who make a positive change in their community. For their Bronze award, this troop collected crockpots for victims of Hurricane Matthew in Lumberton, North Carolina, because even eight months after tragedy struck, many people were still living in hotels and unable to cook homemade dinners to have even a slight taste of home. The Scouts are still in the process of planning, and they are getting closer everyday, thanks to your support. Troop 1006 would like to thank the community of Bynum for their support and donations. We hope you'll join us on our journey and continue to help change the world.



Our Bynum Outpost offers a wonderful opportunity to get local folks out onto the Haw River to experience it in a unique way. Sure, you can see things from Bynum Bridge, driving 55 miles an hour over the Hwy. 15-501 bridge or hiking along the currently "unofficial" land trail from Bynum to Hwy. 64, but there is nothing like floating the river and being a part of the pace of Nature. It is very easy to do a self-guided trip upriver from the dam. Just give us a call at 336/260-6465 or go online at www.hawrivercanoe.com to reserve a single kayak, double kayak or canoe for a 3-4 hour or 4-5 hour leisurely paddle. If you have never been in a canoe or kayak, we will give you instruction in safety and technique so that your experience is enjoyable. By the way, we

only offer flat-water trips upriver from Hwy. 15-501 on weekends from May through September. For groups of 4 or more, we may be able to accommodate your paddling needs in April and October.

If you are looking for a more adventurous paddling experience or need to purchase paddling gear and/or new or used canoes and kayaks, you may want to come visit us in Saxapahaw. While you are here you can visit our River Shop, eat food that is not only good but good for you and enjoy wonderful, live music like you experience at Bynum Back Porch.



Remember to shop at Smile.Amazon.com and let Amazon and your shopping donate to Bynum Front Porch.

Give Me Some Space! Need a place to do your thing?

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. The store is free to use for Bynum residents. Nearby Chatham County 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 help support educational grants sponsored through Bynum Front Porch.

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

- 1 Alcohol is not allowed in the store or on the property.
- 2 Events should not begin before 9am and must be finished by 9pm.
- 3 You are responsible for cleaning up after your event and for any damage that may occur.
- 4 A Building Use Agreement Form will be supplied with the further details/ instructions.

Contact bynumfrontporch@gmail.com for more information, a copy of the Building Use Agreement, and to check dates for availability. 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.



Bynum Front Porch BlueGrass Pickin' Highlight

This spring the Bluegrass Jam Circle celebrated 9 years of meeting to make music. You can join the fun every 2nd and 4th Saturday throughout the year, right here at 950 Bynum Rd. The circle forms around 10am until 12ish. This is a circle type jam open to all skill levels and ages. If you pick, bring your instrument. If you sing, bring your voice. Come enjoy great music at the historic Bynum General Store. Pickers are asked to bring Acoustic Instruments Only. As always, the Circle Jam is Free and open to the public! Here's to 9 great years of Pickin' Magic.



Bynum Ruritan Club

The Bynum Ruritan Club has resumed its' regular meeting schedule on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Feel free to join us for a potluck supper at 6:30pm and hear all the good things the Ruritans are planning for the rest of the year. And we always are accepting new members to help us serve our community. Some of the things the Ruritans have done since the last newsletter are: Donated \$100 to CORA, \$100 to the Perry Harrison



Mariner 5K Run, \$200 to the BUMC Cemetery fund in memory of one of our outstanding members (P.A. Mitchell) and we are on track to give another \$500 Grant to a graduating Northwood High Senior that will be continuing their education. Come join us and find out what one the oldest Bynum Organizations is doing. We were established in 1952 and are still in operation!!!!

Bynum Community Day Last Fall



Thanks to all who came out to the Bynum Fun Day at the store – we had more than 50 friends and neighbors who came out! A special thanks to Gary and Todd for the chicken and ribs and to Corkey for sharing the stories! And Big Bynum love to all the neighbors who shared a dish! And lastly to our esteemed dessert judges – Jeff, Rebekkah, Ryder and Liam.

Dessert Contest Results:

1st place - German Chocolate Pie (Brenda Rogers)

Tie for second place and just one point behind 1st! Lemon Bundt Cake (Olivia Driefuss) and Strawberry Cream Pie (Tricia Jones).

And of course – People’s favorite – Ron Hatley’s Banana Pudding

Brenda’s recipe for her German Chocolate Pie:

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| 2 cups of sugar | ½ cup of melted butter |
| 6 tablespoons cocoa | pinch of salt |
| 3 eggs | 2 cups of flaked coconut |
| 1 teaspoon vanilla | 1 cup of chopped nuts |
| 13 oz. can of evaporated milk (large size) | |

Mix all dry ingredients, EXCEPT nuts and coconut.

Add eggs.

Blend well.

Add butter and milk. Add nuts and coconut. Pour into two deep dish pie shells. Bake 50 minutes at 350 degrees or until done.



Our Mission:

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

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- Volunteer on one of the BFP Committees
- Donate Items from the BFP Wish List
- Join the team as a Corporate Sponsor
- Be a volunteer at one of the BFP events

Wish List

- Licensed Electrician - The building and stages could use some donated skills.
- Solar Powered Lights
- Carpentry repairs



... at a glance

Moved In:

- Amy Akins & Jim Prewitt
- Adrienne Drum
- Linda & Bob Jackson
- Rachel Morrison
- Jack & Lily Ratcliffe
- Krista Rowe, daughter Mo, son Kiernan
- Elton & Gail Wheeler

Moved Out:

- Rebecca Bierhoff & Drew
- Eli Schilling
- Zen Shoemaker
- Marchellina Waugh, John Ulrich, Oakes & Flora
- Mark Smith

Matches:

- Betsy Wilkins & Neil Davis
- Jimmy & Kandyce Wood

New Borns:

- Holden Chase Jent born September 16, 2017 to parents Katie & Chase Jent
- Savanna Rae Greiner born October 2, 2017 to parents Craig & Amanda Greiner

Deaths:

- P.A. Mitchell
- Ralph Suttles



Bynum Post Office Boxes

Keep the BYNUM zip code and keep Bynum on the map!

If you have wanted a Bynum mailing address, good news – there still is time to get one. The postmaster at the Pittsboro Post Office has opened some of the boxes at the kiosk near the ballfield on Bynum Hill Rd that had previously been closed. What does this mean? If you want a kiosk box, just ask to see Peter or Solita at the Pittsboro Post Office and request a box in Bynum. There will be a one-time charge of \$25 (for the new lock). When the boxes are all gone, the postmaster will consider opening more if there is interest. Let's get them all filled up so we can maintain the 27228 zip code and keep Bynum on the map!!!

For more information, you can contact Martha Collins at 919-357-5830 or martha.bynum1@gmail.com

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If you are interested in serving the community on the BFP Board of Directors, just talk with one of the folks listed.

2018 community calendar

MAY

- 4 - BFP Friday Night Music Series - Boys from Carolina - 7-9pm
- 5 - Haw River Festival in Saxapahaw (HawRiver.org)
- 6 - Bynum Community Garden Potluck & BonFire 5pm
- 8 - Bynum Ruritan Meeting 7pm
- 11 - BFP Friday Night Music Series - String Peddlers - 7-9pm
- 12 - BFP Acoustic Round Circle Pickin' 10am-1pm
- 12 - BFP Storytelling 6:30- 9pm
- 18 - BFP Friday Night Music Series - Bynum Front Porch Pickers - 7-9pm
- 18 - Scout Pack 951 Graduation Camp Out at Jordan Lake
- 25 - BFP Friday Night Music Series - The Paper Crowns - 7-9pm
- 26 - BFP Acoustic Round Circle Pickin' 10am-1pm

JUNE

- 1 - BFP Friday Night Music Series - Swift Creek - 7-9pm
- 8 - BFP Friday Night Music Series - Three Jack Jenny - 7-9pm
- 9 - BFP Acoustic Round Circle Pickin' 10am-1pm
- 12 - Bynum Ruritan Meeting 7pm
- 15 - BFP Friday Night Music Series - Tracy Lynn and Dave Smith - 7-9pm
- 22 - BFP Friday Night Music Series - Shiloh Hill - 7-9pm
- 23 - BFP Acoustic Round Circle Pickin' 10am-1pm
- 29 - BFP Friday Night Music Series - Blue Cactus - 7-9pm

JULY

- 6 - BFP Friday Night Music Series - Honey Magpie - 7-9pm
- 10 - Bynum Ruritan Club Meeting 7pm
- 13 - BFP Friday Night Music Series - Nixon, Blevins and Gage - 7-9pm
- 14 - BFP Acoustic Round Circle Pickin' 10am-1pm
- 20 - BFP Friday Night Music Series - Rivermist - 7-9pm
- 21 - BFP Summer WorkDay 9am-1pm
- 27 - BFP Friday Night Music Series - Grass Street - 7-9pm
- 28 - BFP Acoustic Round Circle Pickin' 10am-1pm

AUGUST

- 3 - BFP Friday Night Music Series - Durham Ukulele Orchestra - 7-9pm
- 10 - BFP Friday Night Music Series - Too Much Fun - 7-9pm
- 11 - BFP Acoustic Round Circle Pickin' 10am-1pm
- 14 - Bynum Ruritan Club Meeting 7pm
- 17 - BFP Friday Night Music Series - Morgan Creek - 7-9pm
- 24 - BFP Friday Night Music Series - Neville's Quarter - 7-9pm
- 25 - BFP Acoustic Round Circle Pickin' 10am-1pm
- 31 - BFP Friday Night Music Series - Bluegrass Experience - 7-9pm

SEPTEMBER

- 8 - BFP Acoustic Round Circle Pickin' 10am-1pm
- 8 - BFP Storytelling 6:30- 9pm
- 11 - Bynum Ruritan Club Meeting 7pm
- 22 - BFP Acoustic Round Circle Pickin' 10am-1pm

OCTOBER

- 21 - Bynum Community Garden Potluck & BonFire 5pm



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