

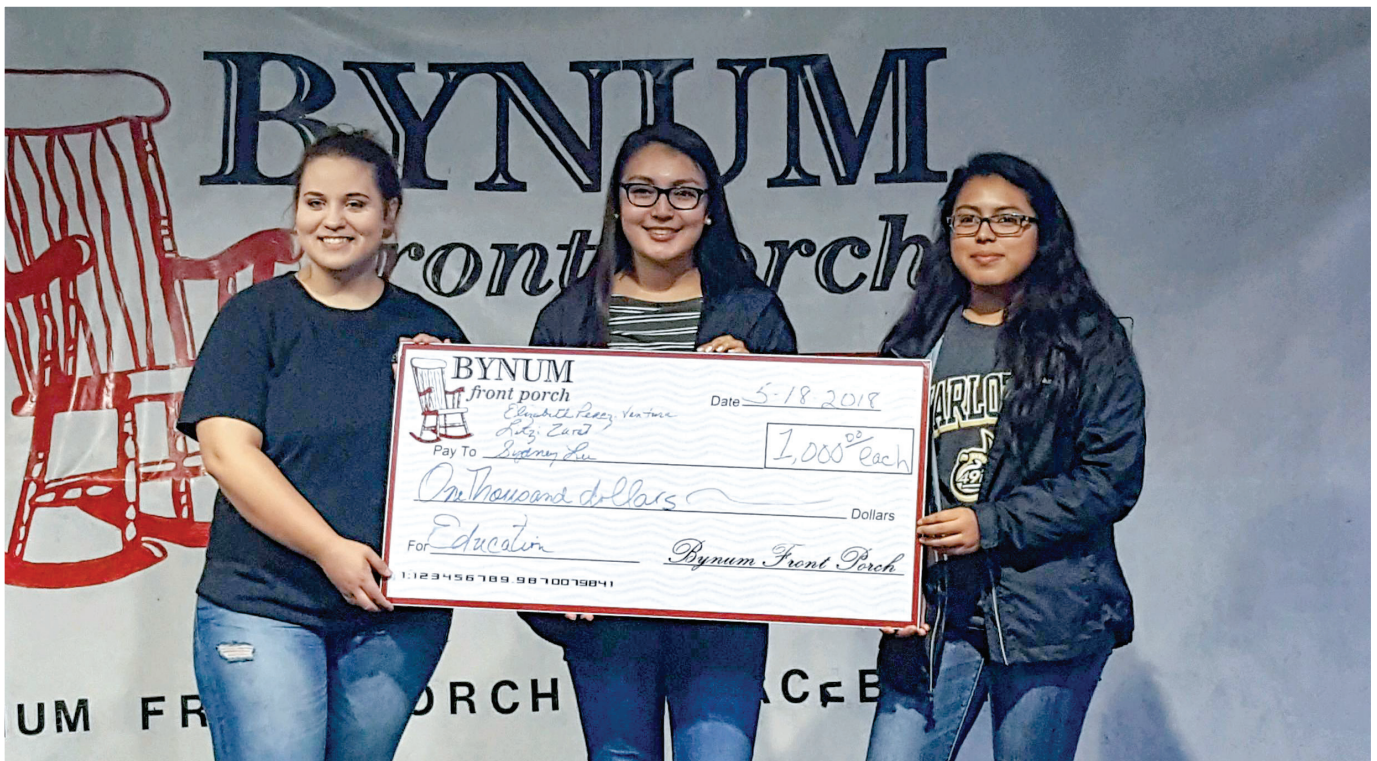


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# newsletter

*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 1800s.*

## Bynum Front Porch Educational Grants have been awarded!



*Sydney Lee, Elizabeth Perez-Ventura and Litzzy Lavariega Zarate*

Another year, yet different from the past. In years past only TWO \$1000 Educational Grants have been awarded, but this year, thanks to the support shown by you, Bynum Front Porch is pleased to announce the awarding of education grants to three Chatham County seniors. Sydney Lee from Chatham Central, Elizabeth Perez-Ventura from Northwood, and Litzzy Zarate from Jordan Matthews, all of whom were enrolled in the AVID programs at their schools, and were selected from more than 45 applicants. All three were selected due to their outstanding academic achievements, community service, and leadership positions in clubs and organizations.

Ms. Lee and Ms. Perez-Ventura plan to pursue careers in nursing, Ms. Lee at CCCC and Ms. Perez-Ventura at UNCG while Ms. Zarate plans to pursue a degree in Political Science at UNCC.

Thank you for participating in the fundraising events, contributing to the hat during the Summer Friday Night Music Series and winter Storytelling, and making donations. You allowed BFP to give THREE highschool graduates \$1000 towards their college education!

### **Bynum Music Expands Season!**

Beginning Sept. 21, 2018 through April 19, 2019 Bynum Front Porch music will host 3rd Friday music nights. The concerts will be held indoors, running from 7 til 9 pm.

When all the summer music is over, Bynum kicks up the heat.

Spread the word...Come rock with us on a chilly winter night.



## Bynum Artist Spotlight

### *Selden Durgom Lamoureux*

The first time I sat down at a potter's wheel it captured my entire attention. Clay, water, wheel — like silk spinning through your hands. More than thirty years later I haven't tired of the feel of clay or of seeing something come from nothing.

Most of my pots aspire to be useful pots, ones that fit comfortably in the hand and serve an everyday purpose. Over the years, the way I fire and the glazes I use have shifted and changed, but images of forms and surfaces yet to make still fill my days and challenge my skills.

So many potters have influenced my work: Sid Oakley, Brad Tucker, and most recently, local artist Siglinda Scarpa who encouraged me to try my hand at more sculptural elements. Actually, she insisted, and I have taken so much delight in incorporating the plants and creatures I encounter on my local walks. Bynum's trumpet vines, bamboo, lizards and frogs all find their way into clay.

Bynum is a bit of Paradise, and living here is a gift full of surprises... the River, the slowly startled turtles, the beautiful bloodroot flowers, the Bridge people, the greens, warm browns and reds, they all inspire the work I do and the pleasure I take in it.

*Selden makes lead-free, food-safe functional pottery. Visit [www.SeldenPottery.com](http://www.SeldenPottery.com) to view her work.*

## Bynum United Methodist Church Youth Group

The Bynum United Methodist Church Youth group is open to all and meets on Wednesday evenings from 6pm-7pm. Thank you to all who donated or purchased items at the community yard sale this past July. The funds raised will be used for the upcoming youth retreat this fall to Pilgrimage. Ask us about our activities and the upcoming youth trip. We enjoy growing and learning together as we are continuing to grow in our walks with Christ and how we can be a light to the world. We have spent a lot of time in scripture talking about what it means to be kind and ways that we can spread the joys of kindness. Join us on Wednesday nights at the Bynum United Methodist Church.

## Bynum Music Expands Season!

It's been another great Friday Night Music season. And when all the summer music is over, Bynum Front Porch will kick up the heat. Indoor heat, that is, from the fall and over the winter. Beginning Sept. 21, 2018 through April 19, 2019 Bynum Front Porch music will host music every 3rd Friday Night. Third Fridays in Bynum. The indoor stage will be alive with music from 7 til 9 pm. See the website for schedule details or follow us on Facebook.

Spread the word...Come inside and rock with us on a chilly winter night. Every third Friday Night. Snacks and drinks will be available.



Join us for our new  
**House Concert Series**  
September through April, every third Friday  
*a more intimate show  
inside the Bynum General Store*

And don't forget the  
**Famous Storytelling Shows**  
*every second Saturday  
September through May!*

**Order your Christmas Tree and Garland  
by November 17 at [BynumFrontPorch.org](http://BynumFrontPorch.org)**

*The Bynum General Store is located at 950 Bynum Road in, of course, Bynum.*

# Volunteer for the Haw River Assembly's 29th Annual Haw River Learning Celebration!



trainings and co-volunteers for those who are new. We also need volunteers to help us move equipment (trucks needed!) and with set-up and breakdown. Learn all about this wonderful program on our website, which includes a short video, lots of information and an online registration form. Go to <http://hawriver.org/projects/4th-grade-field-trip>. You can also call us at 919- 542- 5790 – or stop by and chat with us at the Haw River Assembly office at 143 Bynum Church Rd (across from the State Natural Area). Erin Jobe is our Watershed Education Coordinator, heading up the Learning Celebration. You can reach her at [erin@hawriver.org](mailto:erin@hawriver.org).

Join an amazing community of volunteers in this memorable experience – sharing the wonders of the nature and the river with children! And if you can't volunteer but want to support this great program, our Learning

It's that time again, when the Haw River Assembly gears up for our annual school program on the Haw River! The Haw River Learning Celebration is a 3 week environmental education program held at sites along the river in Bynum, Saxapahaw and Camp Guilrock each fall.

Volunteers lead 4th graders through hands-on exploration of the riverside – and the wonders of the life of the forest and waters. Learning Stations include nature art, stream ecology, river monitoring, and wildlife – there's also a puppet show and concert! Since 1990, over 43,000 children have come to learn and have fun. All activities inspire students to think about how human actions affect the river and all life that depends on it – including us! About 1200 4th grade students take part each year, along with about 100 volunteers who act as guides, teachers and support.

The program couldn't happen without our amazing volunteers, and we hope you will consider being one this year. We will be in Bynum, at the Lower Haw River State Natural Area from Saturday, September 24 to Friday, Sept. 30. School Programs are offered Tuesday through Friday. You can come for a day (or more) or camp with us for a week. Families with children are welcome to volunteer – we have a job for everyone! No experience is necessary; we offer

Celebration Crowdfunder is underway through Oct. 12. Make a donation at <http://hawriver.org/26th-annual-haw-river-learning-celebration-fundraiser>, drop it by our office or mail it to: P.O. Box 187, Bynum NC 27228.

*Hope to hear from you!*

*Elaine Chiosso, Executive Director,  
and Erin Jobe, Watershed Education Coordinator*



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# News from Friends of Lower Haw River State Natural Area

Friends of Lower Haw has been busy this year! We've completed our kiosk and shade shelter projects at river access sites managed by Chatham County at US 15-501 and US 64. The projects were made possible by support from a Chatham County Parks & Recreation grant and our local Lowe's store in Pittsboro. Improvements to river access sites managed by Chatham County at US 15-501 and US 64 will continue this summer and fall thanks to a generous REI grant to Friends of Lower Haw. Improvements to the highly eroded path from the parking lot at US 15-501 are planned for late summer, and a paddle launch infrastructure is planned for the US 64 parking



Nancy Strong staffing our Friends booth at Bynum Bridge Fest.



J.T. Moore and Mark Taylor of Lowe's

events for this fall and winter at [www.lowerhaw.org](http://www.lowerhaw.org) and visit our Facebook page to see photos of activities.

After almost a year-long process, we have a Lower Haw Trails Plan report with concept maps for this state natural area owned by NC State Parks. The planning process involved site visits, data gathering, meetings, and input from stakeholders and the public. Recreation Resources Service consultants worked in partnership with Friends of Lower Haw and NC State Parks to develop the trails plan. We were fortunate to receive a generous grant from Triangle Community Foundation to create the plan. Funding is already in place for two projects within the state natural area. The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant for \$100,000 awarded to the county will fund a pedestrian bridge over Pokeberry Creek and about one mile of natural surface pedestrian trail. Decisions about the bridge and trail will be up to the county, with ownership turned over to NC State Parks once work is completed. The Connect NC Bond approved by voters in 2016 provides \$203,250 for the Bynum Mill Access area to improve the parking lot and paddle launch, build a restroom and picnic shelter. Friends of Lower Haw hired Destination by Design to produce a short educational video about the Lower Haw River State Natural Area and the trails plan. Video crews made several trips to the area to do drone photography and film interviews. We appreciate Joe Jacob with Haw River Canoe & Kayak for taking the video crew on a morning paddle trip and Elaine Chiosso with Haw River Assembly for taking them on an afternoon walk along the river. Thanks to everyone who participated in this planning process and video production. You can watch the video and read the trails plan report on our website at [www.lowerhaw.org](http://www.lowerhaw.org).



Chris and Matt of Destination by Design with their drone.

lot to improve access and address riverbank erosion problems. Friends of Lower Haw will use proceeds from this year's Bynum Bridge Fest to install bird houses in our state natural area for future nesting seasons and a wildlife camera to capture the action. Thanks to all of our volunteers and supporters who help us accomplish so much! Find out about upcoming



You may have noticed that our Bynum Outpost was slow to get off the ground this summer. Turns out that our main operation in Saxapahaw was overwhelmed with guests and campers this year. We just could not spare staff to meet the need in Bynum. We hope to change that next summer by finding that right person who wants to dedicate herself or himself to putting people on the river to paddle upriver of the dam. So, if you are interested in working with us or think you know someone who might, give us a call at 336-260-6465.

Late Fall and early Spring are the best times of the year to learn whitewater paddling skills because river levels are normally higher

during these months. If we do get enough water in the river, we will offer both Introductory Whitewater Canoeing and Introductory Whitewater Kayaking. The section of the Haw River between Bynum and Highway 64 is an excellent section for teaching and learning whitewater basics because of the many class II rapids. We supply boats, PFDs (Personal Floatation Devices), paddles and wetsuits. In the case of whitewater kayaking, we also provide sprayskirts. Give us a call for more information or check us out on our website; [www.hawrivercanoe.com](http://www.hawrivercanoe.com).

# Bynum: What a great place to live... now and then

I have been here nearly my entire life except for my four years at Catawba College in Salisbury. Cathy and I did live in Chapel Hill for a few years, but that is close to Bynum. I told Cathy when we got married I would move anywhere she wanted us to move...as long as we got back to Bynum by bedtime. We have lived in downtown Bynum for nearly 35 years and have not regretted a thing.

Growing up in Bynum, 60 some years ago was a little different than it is now. When the mill was running, most everyone worked at the mill or part of their family worked there. At that time there

were 4 stores in town, Mr. Carey's (the old rock store), Mr. Lewis Durham's store (the little house across the road from the Bynum parsonage), Mr. Frank's (now home of Bynum Front Porch), and Fat's (at the corner of Durham Eubanks Road). Mr. Carey Durham's store was like a Wal-Mart, you could buy just about anything there from groceries, to washing machines, to clothes and just about anything else.

During school, the school bus picked you up at Mr. Carey's or Mr. Frank's store (depending on where you wanted to walk to). This way, if you had any spare money you could load up on candy before you went to school or you could get a Pepsi after school. The bus was full every day. We usually had about 60 kids on the bus. Bynum had a lot of children then and everybody had to figure out a way to stay entertained. We all had bicycles and places to go. Fishing and swimming was done at the dam or a spot called the Hearne hole over on Bynum Beach Road. On most days in the summer and especially on Sunday after church, the swimming hole would be full of families swimming and spending the day there. We also had Mr. Jack Parker's pond and Mr. Gurney's pond to go swimming. We didn't play a lot of games inside because your parents always said: It's a pretty day so go outside and play. We also had the ball field and the

playground across from Mr. Carey's store. You never said you didn't have something to do because your parents would find something for you to do.

Back then we didn't have Twitter and Facebook and all that stuff, but as a kid if you did something you shouldn't do, your folks knew before you could get home. The phone party line would be hot with someone calling your house. With all my aunts and uncles, you didn't even need to be home to get in trouble.

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**"Son, everybody wants to live in Bynum, there just ain't room for them all."**

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One more thing that is different now than when I was growing up, is that my parents never heard of "time out" my folks believed in "time in." I got my share of whippings – as a matter of fact, I have heard my sister say that she and Mama used to wonder how long it would be before I was in reform school. My Mama said I never got one whipping I didn't earn. As I got older, I did something one day and Mama was going to whip me. I decided I was too grown for it and I told her I wasn't going to be whipped. She said – that was fine

for me to go ahead and she would tell Daddy when he got home from the mill. Using good common sense, I went back to Mama and told her that we shouldn't bother Daddy with this little problem and for her to go ahead and whip me. I often wonder what he would have done to me if he came home from the mill and Mama told him I refused a whipping. It wouldn't have been a great day for me.

Several years ago, a group from UNC came and reported that the water in Bynum was causing a lot of health problems for people. One man said he didn't know why anyone would want to live in Bynum. Mr. Tuck Snipes said "Son, everybody wants to live in Bynum, there just ain't room for them all." I still agree with Mr. Tuck.

- Written by Roy Eubanks



**Starting October 1  
you can order your Christmas Tree, Garland and  
Wreaths and pick them up Nov 24.**

**Go to [www.BynumFrontPorch.org](http://www.BynumFrontPorch.org) to place your order.**



## Bynum Ruritan Club

The Bynum Ruritan Club meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 with a covered dish supper before each meeting. We are in the process of planning a 60th ANNIVERSARY Celebration on September 11. All are invited to join in. There will be finger food, guest speakers, a raffle, and a general good time. The Bynum Ruritan Club is located at 28 Charlie Fields Road and is always welcome to new members to help support Bynum and the greater Bynum Community. In the past the Bynum



Ruritan Club has supported the 5K Mariner Run, CORA Food Pantry, families in need with food/funds to cover expenses, several \$500 Grants to support continuing education for graduating Seniors, provided a space for Girl Scouts to meet and community members to have birthday parties, graduation parties, other organizations fundraising events and Club events. Please consider supporting us by joining our organization and helping us continue the Bynum Tradition of Community helping Community.



## Bynum Hill

Now that I've become a man,  
I think back to my home again.  
We romped and played without shame,  
and took each day as it came.

The Cotton Mill was The Center of Things,  
We wrapped yarn and we dauped frames.  
If the cotton house could tell its tales  
Of hide and seek among cotton bales.

Trees were huge, thick, and green,  
Lady Haw River still ran clean.  
Pastures on hills added flair,  
The aroma of morning glories filled the air.

Lady Haw River was our best friend,  
Games with her seemed never to end.  
We swam and fished from her banks,  
We climbed her rocks, she asked no thanks.

The sunshine seemed to never end,  
Few dark clouds passed over then.  
We played in fields of wheat and grain,  
In peaceful thickets we hid from rain.

Peter Bell Creek and Pokeberry Too,  
We spent many hours along side of you.  
Hickory Mountain and Maronnie Hill,  
Hunting on you we remember still.

Diving From the dam into the race,  
Passing thru the gates at a terrific pace.  
On tables at the playground we spent our nights,  
Or at Henry's we danced with girls held tight.

The frogs we gigged, the snakes we shot,  
All say to be, forget-me-not.  
I hid these things deep in my mind,  
To remember life at a better time.

When my time draws to it's end,  
On one true thing I can depend.  
No matter what, it holds true still,  
I'm truly proud I'm from Bynum Hill.

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## What do **ClydeFEST** and the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative Have in Common?



They're both part of the Chatham Arts Council's (CAC) commitment to educating kids through the arts. Bynum residents have long been integral to the beauty and specialness of ClydeFEST for kids in Chatham County, but you all might not know much about one of the main programs ClydeFEST supports these days: the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative.

Last year, students in nine Chatham County elementary schools were treated to performances and workshops that helped them connect to their curriculum. "We like to use the arts to teach core curriculum subjects," explained teaching artist Serena Ebhardt, of EbzB Productions. "We think it's a really interactive, fun, and joyful way to learn about dramatic art and a classroom subject."

In fact, students involved in the arts are four times as likely to be recognized for academic achievement. That's why the CAC is expanding the program. In the upcoming school year, your Chatham Arts Council will bring professional artists to every single elementary school in the County's school system – reaching 382 educators and 2,766 children. If this sounds cool to you, find out more by visiting [www.chathamartscouncil.org/artists-in-schools](http://www.chathamartscouncil.org/artists-in-schools).

Since the 2015-2016 school year, the CAC's Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative has brought professional artists into schools to support math, science, language, and history curricula. Through interactive, engaging workshops taught by theatre actors, performance artists, dancers, mural painters, African drummers, and strings musicians, students have unique opportunities for a deeper engagement with learning objectives.

## Our Mission:

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

## Our Sponsors:

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

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Fans of Bynum Front Porch



... at a glance

### Moved In:

- Steve Evans
- Sophia Hanson, Tim Smart, Landon & Brianna
- Katie Larson & Ken Schwartz
- Carla Lilley
- Patricia 'aka Patty' Martin

### Moved Out:

- Linda & Bob Jackson
- Jeff & Edie Jocomet (Sammy & Jonah)
- Jack Morgan
- Krista Rowe (Mo & Kiernan)
- Diane Swan & Scotty Young
- Elton and Gail Wheeler

### Dispatches:

- Mark Frye
- Earle Josey
- Crystal White

## Ways you can help Bynum Front Porch

- 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

## BFP Wish List

- Licensed Electrician - The building and stages could use some donated skills.
- Solar Powered Lights
- Roofer - There are some leak areas that need attention.
- White/Clear Rope Lights



### Bynum Post Office Boxes



## Great News **BYNUM!**

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](mailto: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 - 19 community calendar

## SEPTEMBER

- 8 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 8 - BFP Storytelling 6:30-9pm
- 11 - Bynum Ruritan Club 60th Anniversary Celebration
- 15 - BFP Christmas Tree Campaign Begins - Order Now!
- 21 - BFP House Concert 7-9pm - Chatham Rabbits
- 22 - Bynum Fun Day 2-6pm
- 22 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 24 - Haw River Learning Celebration begins in Bynum

## OCTOBER

- 13 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 13 - BFP Storytelling 6:30-9pm
- 19 - BFP House Concert 7-9pm - The Hill Country Cosmopolitans
- 21 - Bynum Community Garden Fall Picnic & Cookout
- 27 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 31 - Pumpkin Carving Noon-dusk
- 31 - Ruritan Club Halloween Fundraiser

## NOVEMBER

- 10 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 10 - BFP Storytelling 6:30-9pm
- 16 - BFP House Concert 7-9pm - Garrett Newton Band
- 17 - BFP Workday 10am-1pm
- 24 - Christmas Tree Pick-up, Open House, Craft Bazaar 10am-3pm
- 24 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm

## DECEMBER

- 8 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 8 - BFP Storytelling 6:30-9pm
- 21 - Bobby Gales & New Direction Annual Christmas Show
- 22 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm

## JANUARY

- 12 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 12 - BFP Storytelling 6:30-9pm
- 18 - BFP House Concert 7-9pm - The Moon and You
- 26 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm

## FEBRUARY

- 9 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 9 - BFP Storytelling 6:30-9pm
- 15 - BFP House Concert 7-9pm - Bett Padgett
- 23 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm

## MARCH

- 9 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 9 - BFP Storytelling 6:30-9pm
- 15 - BFP House Concert 7-9pm - TBA
- 23 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm

## APRIL

- 13 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 13 - BFP Storytelling 6:30-9pm
- 19 - BFP House Concert 7-9pm - John Stevens
- 21 - Easter Sunrise Breakfast 7am Bynum Ruritan Club
- 27 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm



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