



BYNUM
front porch

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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 Presented **THREE Educational Grants**



Recipients Front Row: Anthony Blackwelder, Hadasa Rivera Marin and Cheyenne Hampel
Grant Committee Back Row: John Winecker, Gary Angus, Matt Porter.

Through donations from the community and fundraising such as the sales of Christmas trees, BFP raised \$3000 to support three student's college aspirations. Every year one student from the AVID program at each Chatham County high school is chosen. AVID stands for Achievement Via Individual Determination, and is a program that helps students who have a desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard to get there, but may not have the means or opportunity to attend college.

Those selected for the 2019 educational grants this year were Anthony Blackwelder, Cheyenne Hampel, and Hadasa Rivera Marin. They wrote essays based on a prompt provided by the AVID selection committee, which this year was "Describe a teacher who has made an impact in your life, and explain how you plan

to make an impact in others' lives." Blackwelder will be attending Central Carolina Community College to get his LPN in nursing. Hampel will be attending UNC Greensboro to major in Elementary Education. Marin will be attending Appalachian State to major in Communications.

On May 17 the awards were presented during intermission at the Bynum Front Porch Friday Night Music. The students attended the event with the teachers who inspired their essays and each student received \$1,000.

Many thanks go out to those who make the hard selections on the committee for these Educational Grants: Gary Angus, Beth Kalb, Dale Minge, Matt Porter & John Winecker.



Bynum **Artist Spotlight**

Patricia Martin

At 4 years old Patricia began to learn a bit about the desire and costs of being an artist.

Just after she and her father finished painting her room to cover up months of happy scribbles, her mother leaned down to engage some eye-to-eye and said, “Patty, Do NOT draw on these walls.”

Shortly thereafter, they left the house and Patricia found herself staring at the pale yellow walls, their surface so fresh. A flash of an image came to her and “I picked up a purple crayon, wiped my mother’s words from my mind, and began to draw. When I finished, a purple, smiling being as tall as me had come to life, waving at anyone entering the room. Even after suffering the wrath of my parents, sore bottom and all, every time I looked at the drawing I smiled. It was well worth the consequence.”

The artist’s path is pitted with tough moments, but we who are drawn to create do so regardless.

I am lucky to live a life of creating. I had a career in visual art, working in film and theatre as a designer and scenic artist, specializing in painting huge 60-plus-foot backdrops. I also worked as a muralist — this time with the owners’ blessings.

Now I live in Bynum, starting yet another new chapter. I am inspired by the warm reception I have received here and the surrounding nature that nourishes my soul. I have been digging deep to reconnect to my younger self who was willing to take risks to paint whatever she wanted. The thing I paint most now are animals. As a self-avowed animal lover I find capturing their personality and charms so gratifying and pride myself on portraying the spirit of these special creatures who bring such joy to the lives of their people.

Interested in commissioning a portrait? Please contact me at: patricia@pmartinstudios.com | 205-837-1072 | www.pmartinstudios.com



Summer Heat is **HOT**

The current window unit does an OK job in the early summer and early fall, but the heat is too hot during those summer thunder storms when the music or other events need to come inside.

Are you considering upgrading your AC and would be interested in donating your functioning unit? BFP is seeking an HVAC consult on what type of unit and tonnage size would be needed to cool down the inside of the building. If you work for an HVAC company and would be willing to help with an install, BFP would like to hear from you. If your company has a functioning unit that you might have after someone upgraded, BFP could use it! The heat is on, help us turn it off!



Starting in October you can order your Christmas Tree, Garland and Wreaths and pick them up Nov 30.

Go to www.BynumFrontPorch.org to place your order.

The annual Holiday Bazaar will also be back this year. Come on out to get some great gifts November 30.

Writers' Corner

Magic on a mower-cycle ride
A trail of glitter
Clyde.
~ Leela Ellis

If you would like to submit something for the Writers' Corner, please send it to BynumNews@gmail.com

You Can Be A "Friend of Bynum Front Porch"

Make a donation of \$50 and become a proud supporter of Bynum Front Porch.

Your tax-deductible donation will help provide 3 - \$1000 Grants to our Chatham County High School Seniors who plan to continue their education in college. The number of Grants increased from 2 to 3 in 2018 and your help is needed.

You can make your tax-deductible donation to any board member or on our Facebook page. Recognition of your support will be on our Facebook page and on signage inside the Bynum General Store.

If you prefer you can also mail your donation to: Bynum Front Porch, P. O. Box 381, Bynum, N.C. 27228.

*Thank you very much for your continued support,
The Bynum Front Porch Team*

NC State Parks – Thanks Friends of the Lower Haw for the scoops!



Jordan Lake State Recreation Area Park Staff thanks Friends of Lower Haw Group for the Ice Cream social that was held at Jordan Lake SRA on July 31, 2019. NC Park Staff appreciates the continued support from you and our 'Friends of the Lower Haw' and look forward to future partnerships!

News from Friends of Lower Haw River State Natural Area

Friends of Lower Haw has been making enhancements to popular access points managed by Chatham County Parks & Recreation. US 15-501 and US 64 are two popular sites for accessing the Haw River and the Lower Haw River State Natural Area. Thanks to an REI stewardship grant to Friends of Lower Haw, we hired a professional trails contractor last March to improve the pathway leading downhill from the US 15-501 parking lot. The REI grant is also funding an improved paddle access at US 64 with a galvanized steel staircase similar to the ones used by Alamance County Parks at their Haw River Trail paddle access sites. Friends of Lower Haw appreciates our partnership with Bob Brueckner of the Carolina Canoe Club and Guil Johnson of Alamance County Parks as advisors on the paddle access project.



Ben Pickens of Bynum with Boy Scout Troop 951

Other enhancements to US 15-501 and US 64 access sites were funded by a Chatham County Recreation Grant to Friends of Lower Haw. New kiosk signage about geology, wildlife and native plants you may see have been installed, as well as a new literature box with take-away maps of access locations and paddle trail. Local Pittsboro artist and owner of Picasso Paint Parties, Andrea Ward, volunteered to paint nature murals on the shade shelter at US 15-501. Ben Pickens of Bynum with Boy Scout Troop 951 is partnering with Friends of Lower Haw on his Eagle

Scout Service Project. So far Ben has completed prepping the shade shelter for Andrea's nature murals, staining the kiosks at US 15-501 and US 64, and installing pavers under the shade shelter. In August he begins work on creating a pollinator garden with bird box and bee box in the area beside the shade shelter. Friends of Lower Haw Board of Directors member Ryan Cadwalader is advising and assisting Ben with the pollinator garden.

Some of the nest boxes we installed this winter have had babies in residence! Please do not disturb the boxes. We have a team of volunteers monitoring the boxes for activity. Our wildlife cams are capturing some fun photos! See some of the photos on our Facebook



Stewart Bryan of Native Trails, Inc.



New kiosk signs

page. Both the birdhouse project and wildlife cams were funded by a generous donation from the "be PhilARThropy" Bynum Bridge Fest.

We are working with State Parks biologists Sean Gough and Jonathan Short on invasive plant species workdays. State Parks staff supervise invasive plant species removal on any land owned by State Parks. Our first volunteer workday was held the morning of June 29 to begin tackling Elaeagnus, Privet, English Ivy, and Tree of Heaven in the Bynum Mill area. We are planning more volunteer workdays throughout the year, so contact us at lowerhawevents@gmail.com if you are interested in joining our Whack-Attack team.



Volunteers in our first Whack-Attack workday

This has been a busy year for educational programming. So far this year we've offered a Winter Botany Walk with Ken Moore and Kathy Buck, two birding outings with Ranger Steve McMurray, a High Ridgeline Hike with Ryan Cadwalader, Nature Heart Adventure with Megan Lynch, Introduction to iNaturalist with Jame and John Amoroso, Native Americans presentation by UNC American Indian Center and exhibitors Crist Holden and Sheila Roberts, Skins & Skulls presentation by Patricia Thomas-Laemont, and Lights in the Night outing with Megan Lynch. Our Educational Events Committee is busy planning more programs for this fall and winter. Check our Events page www.lowerhaw.org/events or Facebook page for upcoming events.

Friends of Lower Haw is a local chapter of the statewide nonprofit Friends of State Parks, Inc. Visit our website www.lowerhaw.org for more information about us and the state natural area, upcoming events, and volunteer opportunities.



Bynum Community Garden

Can you say hot and dry? That's what the veggies have been struggling with this summer, as is everyone else. Luckily, county water and a solar rainwater pump are on site to supplement the rainless days. August marks the start to plant fall crops – spinach, broccoli, brussels sprouts. This is usually when the pepper plants are doing their best. This past spring potluck was a roaring success where new neighbors

and gardeners were introduced to the friendly ambience of Bynum and your Community Garden. Watch the Bynum listserve for a fall potluck date. As always, visit the garden at any time – the gate is closed but never locked. Just close the gate when you leave so you don't let those hungry four legged critters (not Clyde's) in.

Come join the diggin' in the heart of Bynum!



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. Check us out on our website for more information: www.hawrivercanoe.com.

– Joe

Bynum United Methodist Church

Peace to you from the little brick church on the hill.

Your neighborhood church has much to engage this fall and winter. Along with the things you see outside like Clyde's Nativity at Christmas and Trunk or Treat at Halloween, there's a lot going on inside, too. Some of what we'll be offering:

Weekly Bible Study (Wednesdays @ 7:00)

Crotchet Ministry (Wednesdays @ 5:45)

Youth Group (Wednesdays @ 6:00)

Community Pot-Luck (1st Sunday of the month @ 6:00)



We also are quite active in local outreach if that's your area of interest. We collect food continually for CORA Food Bank where we also donate ~ 10% of our gross church offerings, and for the Horton Middle School Fuel-Up program where our youth sponsor 5 of their peers providing weekend nutritional assistance. We also sponsor 26-30 children in our Angel Tree program every Christmas, providing toys and clothing where there might otherwise be none. Please come join our effort to love our neighbors. In all things we do, ALL ARE WELCOME!

Any questions contact BJ - bj.nielsen@nccumc.org.

The Haw River Assembly

This year we celebrate 30 Years of the Haw River Learning Celebration!

We are gearing up for our 30th year of bringing fourth graders to the river during the Haw River Learning Celebration, and we want you to join us! It's a great experience helping children explore the wonders of our river!



Bynum – Sept 21-27

Saxapahaw – Sept 28- Oct 4

Camp Guilrock – Oct 6-11

*School program days are Tuesday - Friday each week. Saturdays - Mondays are for set-up and volunteer training.

What do Volunteers do?

Learning Celebration volunteers guide small groups of 4th graders through activities that explore the woods and river through hands-on experiences at this field trip to the river. Volunteers can stay for the day or camp overnight, with meals provided. You'll have an amazing time being part of this river

community! You can just 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).

The program couldn't happen without our amazing volunteers, and we hope you will consider being one this year. 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 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. www.HawRiver.org



Bynum Post Office Boxes



Let's Keep Our **BYNUM** Zip Code

There are still boxes available at the Bynum Kiosk at the ballfield. If you are new to town, please consider getting your mail at the kiosk and help us keep the Bynum Zip Code Alive. The Pittsboro Post Office still has boxes available. What does this mean? If you want a post office 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). If they already have a key to a box that is not being used, then you win, No Charge!! 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

Businesses who supported BFP through the 50/50 Game during Friday Night Music Series:

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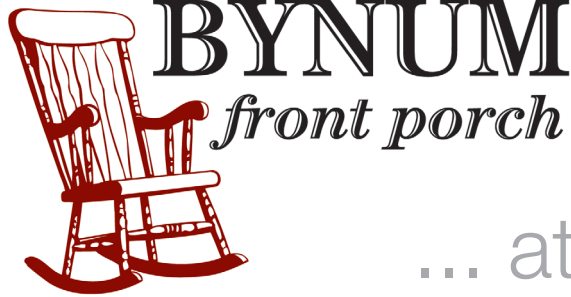
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... at a glance

Our Mission: *Bynum Front Porch is a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve the history, identity and supportive atmosphere of the village of Bynum. Bynum Front Porch is a community funded non-profit venture.*

Over the fence news:

newbies, farewells, births and deaths since the last newsletter.

New neighbors:

- Annie & Daniel Horne, children Cooper and Cora
- Martha Murphy & Dylan Wagner
- Maia Swan & Brandon Russell

Deaths:

- Zackary Scott Cothren
- Lee Hearne
- John Henry Hearne
- Betty Ann Lane
- Janie Johnson Suttles
- Elton Wheeler
- J. R. "Rafael" White

Moved away:

- Gary Angus
- Sarah Carrington, Eliza and Felix
- Krystin Gollihoe & Adam Renckly
- Sophia Hanson, Tim Smart, Landon & Brianna
- Sarah and Austin McCombie
- Jennifer Platt

Births

- Cora Horne, proud parents Annie & Daniel

Ways you can help Bynum Front Porch

- Volunteer on one of the BFP Committees
- Donate Items from the BFP Wish List
- Join the BFP teams as a Corporate Sponsor
- Join the BFP Friends

BFP Wish List

- Licensed Electrician – The building and stages are in need of donated skills.
- Solar Powered Lights
- Roofer – There are some leak areas that need attention.
- White/Clear Rope Lights
- HVAC system to cool down during summer months

2019 - 2020 community calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 14 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 14 - BFP Storytelling 6:30-9pm
- 28 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 21 - Haw River Learning Celebration begins in Bynum

OCTOBER

- 12 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 12 - BFP Storytelling 6:30-9pm
- 26 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 31 - Pumpkin Carving Noon-dusk
- BFP Christmas Tree Campaign Begins THIS MONTH - Order Now
- TBA - Bynum Community Garden Fall Picnic & Cookout

NOVEMBER

- 9 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 9 - BFP Storytelling 6:30-9pm
- 16 - BFP Workday 10am-1pm
- 23 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 30 - Christmas Tree Pick-up, Open House, Craft Bazaar 10am-2pm

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

- 11 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 11 - BFP Storytelling 6:30-9pm
- 25 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 25 - BFP Fundraiser – A Tribute to Elvis with Stephen Freeman Show at Chatham County Ag Building 7pm

FEBRUARY

- 8 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 8 - BFP Storytelling 6:30-9pm
- 22 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm

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MARCH

- 14 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 14 - BFP Storytelling 6:30-9pm
- 28 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm

APRIL

- 11 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 11 - BFP Storytelling 6:30-9pm
- 12 - Easter Sunrise Breakfast 7am Bynum Ruritan Club
- 25 - BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm

My Community
Volunteers Welcome
BFP: We Need YOU

Bynum Front Porch credits so much of our success to our volunteers. There is something a little different about this little community gathering spot we have going here and we thank all who help us keeping it thriving. Volunteer opportunities include: Hosting a night at the music series or storytelling – set-up, helping performers, welcoming guests and breaking down; Workdays – help us get ready for the many events at the Bynum General Store; or help us along the way to keep our organization strong. You can email Dawn Porter, volunteer coordinator, at Dawninbynum@gmail.com.

We have plenty of fun and and you can have the opportunity to deepen your friendship with your neighbors. *Hablamos espanol!* Join the fun!

