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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.

BFP 2016 Grant Awards

Hudson Moore – Arts Grant recipient

Every year Bynum Front Porch raises funds to offer two \$1000 grants to graduating high school seniors in Chatham County. Both grants are given for exceptional achievement and community participation. One grant targets students who plan to pursue a career in art, while the other is awarded to a member of the Chatham County AVID Program.

The Bynum Front Porch Art Grant committee has selected **Hudson Moore** for the 2016 Art Grant, from among many exceptional applicants.



Ms. Moore, who graduated in June from Northwood High School, impressed the committee with her gift of leadership, her dedication to her music, and an incredible academic record. She has been described as mature, intelligent, dedicated, and a great role model to other students. Music is a major force in her life, and she is committed to improving her skills and sharing her talent with others. As the drum major of Northwood High School's marching band it is her job to keep time, convey expression, and give cues to various sections of the band during performances. She shows technical proficiency, attention to details, and superior listening skills, as well as firm, fair, and honest leadership.

Hudson has received multiple All-District honors for her flute playing. As a flutist, she regularly takes on challenges that push her to another level of achievement, and she shows great motivation with a regimented practice schedule. She doesn't shy away from technically difficult pieces, but views them as enjoyable challenges. Listening to her play at the All-District Wind Ensemble performance of "Poet and the Peasant Overture" you can hear the flute section soaring over the rest of the band in a complex but beautiful flurry of notes. Her playing and her work ethic are incredibly impressive.

Hudson Moore has been described as a great team member, a leader, and a young woman not afraid to take on challenges. She shows remarkable dedication to bringing music to others, and recognizes the powerful role that music can play in the lives of students. Hudson plans to be a band teacher, and will be attending UNC Chapel Hill in the fall. The art grant selection committee has no doubt that Hudson Moore will excel as a college student, teacher, and professional musician.



Miguel Martinez-Camposeco – AVID Grant recipient

Miguel Martinez-Camposeco, a senior at Jordan Matthews High School in Siler City, was awarded the Bynum Front Porch \$1,000 Avid Education Grant on Friday, May 7th. Martinez-Camposeco is a member of several service organizations including LEO Club and AIM. He is also a member of the National Beta Club and the JM Robotics Club. Martinez-Camposeco attended the prestigious Governor's School during the summer of 2015 where he took advanced classes and learned leadership skills.

Martinez-Camposeco, a native of Guatemala, will be attending NC State in the fall where he plans to major in Sustainable Material and Technology. Miguel explained in his application that he plans to use his education toward a career focusing on developing sustainable, affordable housing for communities both in the United States and Guatemala.

Both grant committees and the board members of the Bynum Front Porch are greatly honored to award Hudson and Miguel with the 2016 BFP Education Grants!

ClydeFEST is Coming!!

Mark your calendars and be ready for a big time – Chatham Arts Council’s 15th Annual **ClydeFEST** is coming to the Bynum Ballfield on **Saturday, September 24 at 11:00 am**. Rain date is the 25th 1-5pm

This year marks the first time that ClydeFEST will be held in the fall, but otherwise you can expect the same big fun that we have had since moving the event to Clyde’s neighborhood. We will have the Clyde-inspired field games, children’s stage performances, non-profit booths featuring handcrafted activities for kids and all kinds of scrumptious food. The day will end with a critter carving and auction featuring our dear friend Clyde Jones. So, bring all the kids and come for an action-packed day of wholesome, old-timey fun honoring Clyde and all of his beloved young’uns of all ages.

Want to get involved? We’d love to have you! Our big focus this year, and the main reason for moving ClydeFEST to a fall date, is that we would like to improve the event by having a larger team of volunteers to help bring on the magic, keep everyone safe and happy on the field, and ensure that we are good neighbors to our resident hosts in Bynum. If you would like to join the fun, please sign up at www.chathamartscouncil.org or contact Gilda McDaniel at gilda@fearrington.com.

We look forward to seeing everyone on September 24th! It’s going to be the Best ‘FEST ever!



Recreation Department sign-up

FALL CO-ED ADULT SOFTBALL

- Registration: July 26th through Sept. 2nd, 2016
- Team registrations only (20 player max per team)
- Season: September to November
- Fee: \$455 per team
- Games played on Sunday afternoon
- Register online at: <https://recreation.chathamnc.org> or at our office 90 East Street, Pittsboro (Beside Hardees).

For additional information contact Chatham County Parks and Recreation

phone: (919)545-8555
email: recreation@chathamnc.org

Bynum United Methodist Church

Bynum United Methodist Church began a number of small group offerings in July. You do not need to be a member to attend, only have questions or ideas to share about the nature of God and faith. The offerings are as follows:

Spiritual Formation: Christian Spiritual Practices (Thursday mornings 10:30 a.m.)

This group will meet weekly and will investigate modern and ancient Christian spiritual practices such as centering prayer, lectio divina, praying the Psalms, and others. Our first month will be focused on centering prayer, but topics will vary month to month.

Wesleyan Theology Through Sermons and Hymns (Last Tuesday monthly 7:00 p.m.)

This group will meet monthly to discuss Wesleyan theology and the development of Methodism’s doctrinal standards through the use of sermons and hymns from John and Charles Wesley. Our first meeting will be focused on The Nature of God and will draw from John Wesley’s sermon “The Unity of the Divine Being,” and a hymn or two from his brother Charles. See Pastor BJ to arrange for delivery of the materials.

New Testament in a Year (3rd Tuesday monthly 7:00 p.m.)

This group will meet monthly to read the entire New Testament in a year, beginning with Mark. The idea is to read whichever version you prefer and come with your notes, comments, and questions. We will be engaging in dialogue designed to deepen our biblical understanding and our faith.

Contact BJ Nielsen (bj.nielsen@nccumc.org) with any questions.





To celebrate Bynum Front Porch's 10th anniversary,

we are continuing our 10-4-10 Campaign.

Our campaign goal is to raise \$10,000 (to mark our 10th year) to ensure that we are able to keep the General Store open as a community space and the music playing for many more years to come!

Here are 3 ways you can help us make it happen:

1: Build

BFP Donor Dance Floor Pavers Now Available!

Love the Bynum General Store as a community space?

Dig the summer music series?

Looking for the perfect holiday gift?

Help pave the way to a future where both thrive and cement your place in Bynum history by taking advantage of the opportunity to personalize a paver in the BFP Donor Dance Floor!

Show your commitment to the Bynum community or honor someone who loved this extraordinary place with one or more commemorative pavers that will be used to build a dance floor in front of the BFP Stage.

2 commemorative paver sizes available:
8" x 8" for \$100 or 4" x 8" for \$50

More information on pricing and engraving options are in the order form insert to this newsletter – and on our site at www.BynumFrontPorch.org/pavers. Also watch the Bynum litserv – or email us at bynumfrontporch@gmail.com to find out more!

ORDER YOURS TODAY – they also make great gifts!!

2: Donate

Donations of All Amounts Truly Appreciated and Recognized - and Now Easier to Make!

Of course, we truly appreciate any and all donations – every dollar helps! Just imagine what would happen if each of the approximately 200 Bynum households participated. Not to mention if we added to that with corporate matching donations – ask your workplace if they offer this option to double your gift. And we are always on the hunt for new businesses to become part of the BFP family. If you own or know of a company that would like to support us, let us know and we can follow up to explain all our giving levels and benefits. And speaking of benefits... in addition to the biggest benefit of keeping the BFP open as a community resource, all donors of \$300 or more will also be recognized publicly in a variety of ways, such as on the BFP website and signage on the General Store.

We are making it easier to give, too! In addition to sending a donation by mail (P.O. Box 381, Bynum, NC 27228), we will be offering more ways to use credit and debit cards at events and online at www.bynumfrontporch.org!

3: Support

Keep Bynum Smiling and Enjoy Guilt-Free Shopping!

You can also support the Bynum Front Porch as you shop online with AmazonSmile! AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support BFP every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to the BFP!

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com and select Bynum Front Porch as your charitable organization! Then get your shop on! And remember, the more you spend the more good you do!



Questions? Suggestions? Please email us at bynumfrontporch@gmail.com!

BFP presents: Toga Party & Olympics/Greek Trivia Night

October 15 • It's All Greek to Us!

Can't get enough Olympics? Want to stretch your Greek history buff muscles? Join us for a Toga Party & Olympics/Greek Trivia Night October 15 at the General Store!

Dress to impress in your finest ancient Greece attire – or celebrate the spirit of the Olympics in your ensemble (think Olympic Rings, unknown species mascots, a quilt of flags suit...) you name it, then wear it. Teams of up to four people will compete to take home the gold*! (*No real gold will be awarded, however fantastic prizes of various sorts will be presented.)

Hint: Forming all-age and multiple-areas-of-expertise teams may well give you the competitive edge that will lead you to our rightful place atop the podium!

What: Toga Party & Olympics/Greek Trivia Night.

When: **October 15**, Doors open at **6:30** pm and games begin at 7:00 pm.

How Much: \$10 for each person playing

Why: Fun! And proceeds support the Bynum Front Porch Education Grants for graduating Chatham County high school seniors and our other community activities.

Toga! Toga! Toga!



Clyde's Birthday Party

Clyde Jones celebrated a birthday this April and is "older than dirt", so the cake said! A potluck and party was held at the Bynum Ruritan building. What a great way to celebrate, with friends, games and a potluck dinner!



Bynum Artist Spotlight

Craig Greiner

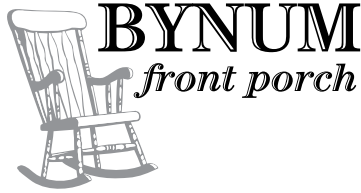
In today's culture of digital photography people have never been more inundated with imagery. Photographs can be edited, "tweaked", filtered and "enhanced" more easily than ever and the "art of photography" has become just "photography". However, once in awhile an image comes across that draws you in, forces you to contemplate, and invites you to feel the moment. In that moment, the "art of photography" still lives strong, and in that spirit Craig Greiner hopes to draw you in.

Craig explains, "A camera is merely my tool to tell a story, and with that tool, I hope to make you feel and help us all connect as I strive to promote an appreciation of the arts.

Let a pair of tattered shoes hanging from a telephone wire take you back to a childhood summer and a moment of celebration - or maybe rebellion. Get lost in reading the names scribbled before you, and let curiosity run rampant as you imagine all the love that has been proclaimed, and all the hearts bound by lock and key. Maybe these help you reminisce, or maybe they make you wonder, but either way if they make you stop...think...feel...if you connect, then I have succeeded in my goal as an artist."

For more information, and more photography, please visit www.greinerstudio.com





Christmas Tree Fundraiser

Well, yes, it is that time to mark your calendars! The annual Bynum Front Porch Christmas Tree Sale is starting soon in October!! Our Christmas Trees are fresh Fraser Firs and are cut just a few days before delivery. This year at our Open House and Tree Pick-up n November 26th, we will have the annual Bynum Bazaar with artists and craftspersons selling their creations. Plan to come and find something for that special someone who is so hard to buy for. Pick-up your tree, shop a little (or a lot!) and enjoy goodies, friends, and neighbors.

Order online www.bynumfrontporch.org

Join us for the fun festivities **November 26, 2016 • 10:00 am - 1:30 pm**
(Check out our website and Facebook Page)

Tree sales benefit our two education grants awarded to Chatham graduating seniors to use toward college expenses. So far BFP has given over \$12,000 to our students.

Our Mission:

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

Corporate Sponsors:

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

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Ways you can help

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

Wish List

- ** Licensed Electrician – the building and stages could use some donated skills from a licensed electrician.
- ** Solar Powered Lights
- ** Roofer needed – There are some leak areas that need attention



Bynum Bazaar: 2nd Annual Holiday Pop-Up Shop at the General Store

Forget Black Friday! This year actually enjoy your holiday shopping.

Bynum Front Porch invites you to join us again for our 2nd Annual Holiday Pop-up Shop, which will take place during Christmas tree pick-up at the Bynum General Store. We will feature local artists, crafters and quality vintage vendors. You will be able to pick-up your tree and the unique presents in one stop, while enjoying a friendly, festive atmosphere – and toe-tapping tunes from the Bynum Front Porch Pickers!

What: Bynum Bazaar and Christmas Tree Pick-up

Time: 10am-1:30pm

Date: Saturday, November 26, 2016

Place: Bynum General Store

Interested in being a vendor? We're looking for local artisans and quality vintage vendors to participate. You'll reap the benefits of built-in holiday-spirited shoppers as they pick up their trees. Table spaces cost just \$10, and all of those proceeds will go to help fund Bynum Front Porch activities and grants for Chatham County seniors.

Contact info

Email bynumfrontporch@gmail.com.

Website: www.bynumfrontporch.org

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/bynumfrontporch>

Nocturnal Predators of the Lower Haw River State Natural Area

The Lower Haw River State Natural Area is known to many as a beautiful place to spend time outdoors and enjoy different recreation activities, but it serves a much more important purpose. Lower Haw River SNA is the home of many different birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians! Most visitors will get a chance to see this array of wildlife at a glimpse throughout the day. As visitors explore the park, they may see a Bald Eagle perched in a tree near the lake, a deer off in the distance, or a turtle crossing the road, but most people don't know that the best time to observe wildlife is early to late in the evening. As the sun begins to set, some animals are getting ready to settle in for the night while others are just getting ready to wake up and begin their routines.

Animals that are active during the day and sleep at night, like you and I, are called "Diurnal", but not all animals are like that. Animals that are active at night and sleep during the day are called "Nocturnal" and have different adaptations that allow them to survive and thrive in the dark. Some of the most fascinating nocturnal animals are called predators and they have unique adaptations that help them hunt and catch prey at night. Predators are animals that are higher up or on top of the food chain and feed on other animals to survive. Some of the types of nocturnal predators at the park are Owls, Foxes, and Bobcats.

There are three different Owl species in the state natural area that can be found (or heard) and those are Screech Owls, Barred Owls, and Great Horned Owls. While each of these owl species are unique in their size, shape, sound, and colors, they each have similar adaptations that make them excellent hunters in the dark. Owls have both exceptional hearing and eyesight. An owl's face is actually dish-like in shape and acts like a radar by helping them direct sound to their ears. One of their ears is also typically higher than the other which allows them to triangulate the exact location of their prey. Although owls are not able to distinguish color very well, they have extremely good vision (up to 50-100 times better than ours), which helps them detect the movements of small prey at great distances. As owls have evolved over time to become excellent hunters at night, their prey has also evolved to help avoid being eaten by them! Mice and other prey that owls hunt have good hearing as well which helps them avoid danger. In order to catch their prey, owls must be stealthy and quiet. They are able to fly quietly due to microscopic ridges on the leading edges of their primary wing feathers. This adaptation helps making them virtually silent as they fly down to grasp their prey with their sharp, strong talons.

Two Fox species are also native to the Lower Haw River SNA and those include the Red and Gray Fox. Red Foxes tend to be both larger and more red in color than Gray Foxes. However, both species have similar adaptations that make it easy for them to hunt at night. Foxes have strong senses including heightened smell, vision, and hearing but their unique vision and hearing are what make them efficient and effective predators. Both red and gray foxes have specially adapted night vision that allows them to see extremely well in low levels of light. They have a mirror-like membrane that reflects light back through the eye; this attribute doubles the intensity of images received by the fox. Unlike most mammals, they also have acute hearing and are able to hear low frequency sounds to pinpoint a prey's exact location



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The last nocturnal predator in the Lower Haw River SNA I want to share with you is the elusive Bobcat. Bobcats can be seen during the day but are primarily nocturnal animals in their nature and do a majority of hunting at night. Like the other predators we have discussed so far, they, too, have adapted over time to have keen senses of hearing, vision, and smell. Bobcats have excellent eyesight and night vision which can be attributed to two features of their eyes. First, a bobcat's pupils are slit-like in shape. During the day, their pupils turn into narrow slits in order to reduce the amount of sunlight that enters their eyes but do the opposite at night. During the night, a bobcat's pupils expand and open wide to let in the maximum amount of light possible. Second, and similar to the fox's eyes, bobcats also have a mirror-like membrane that uses low light twice to enhance their vision at night. Bobcats also have prominent ears that are able to detect sound with ease. Their ears are pointed and tipped with tufts of fur which assist in collecting sound in order to improve its hearing.

I hope you enjoyed learning a little bit about these amazing nocturnal predators and encourage you to visit the park to try and spot some of them yourself! However, it is important to remember they can be dangerous animals to come across or interact with. You should always follow park safety rules and avoid walking on unmarked paths. You should also be careful about walking through the park at night. If you are out after nightfall, be sure to use the buddy system and carry a flashlight with you! If you come across one of these animals, or any animal for that matter, it is important to keep your distance, back away slowly, and leave them alone – believe me, the selfie is not worth it! For more information about these animals, other wildlife information, or general park information, please visit the Jordan Lake Visitor's Center or talk to one of the Rangers at Jordan Lake SRA. NC State Parks



Bynum Post Office Boxes

GREAT NEWS BYNUM!

*If you have wanted
a Bynum mailing address,
good news –
now is the 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 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). 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



Friends of State Parks (FSP) for the Lower Haw River State Natural Area

A New Group is Forming to Support Lower Haw River State Natural Area!

A local chapter of Friends of State Parks (FSP) is being formed to support the Lower Haw River State Natural Area. The Lower Haw River State Natural Area (LHRNSNA) consists of about 1,100 acres owned by NC State Parks along both sides of the Haw River in Chatham County. It stretches from above US 15-501 near Bynum to below US 64 at the Jordan Lake State Recreation Area. LHRNSNA is managed by Jordan Lake State Recreation Area.

On the evening of July 12, a packed crowd of about forty people attended an informational meeting at the Bynum Ruritan Club on forming a local chapter to support LHRNSNA. Elaine Chiosso with Haw River Assembly presented a brief background on the Lower Haw River State Natural Area. Jay Greenwood, State Parks South District Superintendent, gave an overview of this State Natural Area and how a local chapter can help support this special place. Jim Richardson and David Pearson with Friends of State Parks presented an overview of their organization and how local chapters support individual state parks and natural areas.

Local chapters can use FSP's 501(c)3 tax exempt status while maintaining control over all donation funds. The local chapter's mission would provide support, and advocate for, the Lower Haw River State Natural Area. For example, local chapters may apply for grants, solicit donations, and organize volunteer work teams. The chapter could also advocate for the expansion and enhancements to the Lower Haw River State Natural Area, providing an organized grassroots voice for the protection of this beautiful place. While the Haw River Assembly advocates for the entire Haw River watershed over an eight county region, a local chapter of FSP would focus just on the Lower Haw River State Natural Area. FSP has an established infrastructure to assist local chapters with getting started.

At the conclusion of the meeting, four people volunteered to be officers of the new LHRNSNA local chapter. They will begin the process of submitting an application to FSP for approval as a local chapter. The four officers are: President Gretchen Smith, Vice President Erin Jobe, Secretary Nancy Strong, and Treasurer Matt Spangler. For more information, contact Gretchen Smith at gretchen_smith@bellsouth.net.



*Photos by:
Elaine Chiosso*

SEPTEMBER

- 2 **BFP Friday Night Fundraiser Music** featuring the Bynum Front Porch Pickers 7-9pm
- 10 BFP Acoustic Round Circle **Pickin'** 10am-1pm
- 17 **Bynum Fun Day** 2-6pm (details to follow by email)
- 24 **ClydeFEST** 11-4, Ballfield
BFP Acoustic Round Circle **Pickin'** 10am-1pm

OCTOBER

- 1 **Christmas Tree, Garland & Wreath Sales Begin** – Order yours on-line!
- 8 BFP Acoustic Round Circle **Pickin'** 10am-1pm
- 15 **Toga Party & Olympics/Greek** Trivia Night 7pm
- 27 BFP Acoustic Round Circle **Pickin'** 10am-1pm
- 31 **Halloween Pumpkin Carving**

NOVEMBER

- 312 BFP Acoustic Round Circle **Pickin'** 10am-1pm
- 26 **Bynum Bazaar: 2nd Annual Holiday**
Pop-Up Shop 10am-1:30pm
- 26 **Christmas Tree, Garland and Wreath Pick up,**
10am-1:30pm
- 26 BFP Acoustic Round Circle **Pickin'** 10am-1pm

DECEMBER

- 10 BFP Acoustic Round Circle **Pickin'** 10am-1pm
- 17 **Bobby Gales & New Direction**
Christmas Show 7pm
Children's Christmas Party 2pm
- 31 New Year's Eve - Babette, Clark & Goldie Critter Drop

JANUARY 2017

- 14 BFP Acoustic Round Circle **Pickin'** 10am-1pm
- 28 BFP Acoustic Round Circle **Pickin'** 10am-1pm

FEBRUARY

- 11 BFP Acoustic Round Circle **Pickin'** 10am-1pm
- 25 BFP Acoustic Round Circle **Pickin'** 10am-1pm

MARCH

- 11 BFP Acoustic Round Circle **Pickin'** 10am-1pm
- 25 BFP Acoustic Round Circle **Pickin'** 10am-1pm

APRIL

- 1 Clyde Jones Birthday
- 8 BFP Acoustic Round Circle **Pickin'** 10am-1pm
- 22 BFP Acoustic Round Circle **Pickin'** 10am-1pm

MAY

- 5 **BFP Friday Night Music Begins new season**

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

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... at a glance

Matches:

- Matt & Mary Ellen Spangler

Hatches:

- Alex and Alyce Potzman welcome
Darby James - July 31st



Dispatches

- Ed "Moose" Duke (April 6)
- Ricky Hackney
- Mae Jones (Clyde's Sister-in-Law)
- Jimmy Perkins

Fare-well-movers:

- Michael Hayes
- Jennifer Young
- Cody Charland

Newbies

- Alan Bierhoff
- Earl Hicks & Teresa
- Krystin Gollihoe & Adam Renckly
- Jessamyn Hyatt
- Amy, BJ & Lewis Nielson
- Kim Hicks & Trey Robinson
- Eli Schilling
- Sarah Plonk and Matt Zimmerman