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### **Bynum Front Porch**

- \* Volunteer on one of the BFP Committees
- \* Donate Items from the BFP Wish List
- \* Join as a Corporate Sponsor
- \* Buy your Christmas Tree, Wreath or Garland from BFP

### **Wish List**

- \* A new window Air-conditioning Unit
- \* Landscape timbers



## Girl Scout Daisy Troop 1006 GO GLOBAL

The Daisies closed their year of giving with a very special partnership. Thanks to Maggie Frantz and a very special group of sewing grandmas, the Daisies made pillowcase dresses for an orphanage in Haiti. The dresses were hand delivered to the orphanage and the girls enjoyed seeing the smiling faces of the recipients. It was a very special day for us and upon delivery of the dresses, organizers relayed, "it was a magical moment and one of the most glorious times she had witnessed." A very special thanks to Maggie for making this happen! Our 11 daisies also bridged to brownies, a very special ceremony marking the passage of the girls to the next stage in their Girl Scout journey. We are currently planning our 2013-2014 scouting year and have lots of fun things for the community on the horizon including the addition of three more scouts! If you have a community service idea that you think the girls would enjoy or you need help with, please contact Dawn Porter or Angela Fowler. 🐾 *Written by Dawn Porter (08.8.13)*

# BYNUM front porch newsletter

11th Issue † August 2013



### Our Mission:

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

### About us

They say "once you get that Bynum mud between your toes, you'll always come back" and that is exactly what has kept the town going since the 1800's.

## BYNUM at a glance Newbies

**Luke MacMahan & Kristen Fisher,  
Martha Slattery,  
Joe, Pam & Kali Wyatt**

## Hatches

**Balwin McBride Potzman to  
Alex and Alys Ptozman**

## Dispatches

**Swannie Rowe Looper**

## Departures

**Tim McKee/Anna Blackshaw & Rio**

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## THANK YOU!!!

**The Bynum Front Porch  
June 15th Benefit Auction &  
Estate Sale was a great success  
thanks to you!!!**

The Bynum Front Porch (BFP) community thanks y'all for supporting the June 15th Benefit Auction. The day's activities began around 10am with spirited bidding. Barney's Hot Dogs provided the crowd with delicious choices to munch on. The live auction was called by the fabulous Ben Farrell of Custom Benefit Auctions. This event brought everyone together as neighbors and friends connected with a common goal.

The Benefit Auction supports BFP's programming and provides funds toward leasing the Bynum General Store and covering utility costs. The auction also supports BFP's Annual Grant Awards. These annual grant awards are given to two high school students from Chatham County – an Arts Student Grant for those students who will be entering college to seek an Arts Degree and an AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Student Grant, an in-school academic support program for grades 9-12 that prepares students for college eligibility and success.

Thank you again for supporting this benefit auction by making a donation or coming to volunteer or bid on items. Join the fun at the Bynum General Store at 7pm Friday nights through the end of August for the Friday Night Music Series and on the first Saturday of each

month there's Bingo featuring lots of fun and prizes – check the website for the BFP calendar.

The donations for the auction were made possible by the following: *Abundance Foundation, Anna Crawford, Barbara Thompson, Beggars & Choosers, Brenda Rogers, Briar Chapel, Bynum Community Garden, Carolina Brewery Gift Certificate, Carol Connolly and Don Darmer, Cathy Holt, Cedar Hill Farms, Chatham Business Systems, Cheryl McNeill Pottery, Cindy Raxter, Clyde Jones, Cynthia & Jan Hermans, Diane Swan, Eleanor Howe, French Connections, Ian & Barclay Spatz, International Bluegrass Festival & Pinecone, Jeremy Noble, Jerry & Lynn Cates, Jordan Lake Animal Hospital, Joseph Sand Pottery, Karen Cowell, Lane Watson, Larry & Karen Webster, Larry Crum, Lee Pollard & Computer Therapy, Luke Barrow & Rustic Garden Structures, Maggie Frantz, Marion Haywood, Martha Danek, Martha Wolf, Mike Lehmann Landscaping, Molly Maid House Cleaning, O2 Fitness, Peggy & Walt Mangler, Porter Family, Rick Rosen, Ruth Moose, Sam White, Scotty Young, Sharon LaPalme & Meera Butalia, Small Cafe & B&B, Stillpoint Acupuncture, Taco Bell, The ArtsCenter, The Tumble Gym at Southern Village, Tina's Grandmother, Tommy Edwards, Total Wine, Virgil Johnson, Virlie's Grill, Zen Shoemaker. (Pardon is requested to those whose names have been mistakenly omitted.)*

## WINTER TREE EXPLORATION Tuesdays, October 22 – December 3, 1-4pm

*Through CCCC, meets all over Chatham County (including Bynum)*

Deepen your awareness and connection with our largest plant friends: the trees! In this field study we'll visit various local environments to explore ways to identify trees in the wintertime. We'll also cover the edible and medicinal properties of trees, ethical gathering, and preparation, while enjoying many hands-on activities.

Class facilitated by community herbalist and wild foods enthusiast "Planty" Kim Calhoun who grew up learning about trees on walks with her grandparents in the woods of Chatham County. For ages 14 and older. Class size is limited. Register in person or by phone at CCCC in Pittsboro: (919) 545-8044. 6-week class costs \$66.25.



## Bynum

# COMMUNITY Garden

Although the rainy weather this summer dampened the spirits of many, gardeners at the Bynum Community Garden welcomed the change from the typically hot, dry summers of this region. At the time of this writing (mid-July), the garden was in full production mode, with blackberries, tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, and a variety of fresh herbs. It is gratifying to know that our gardeners, their friends and neighbors, and those who rely on the local food pantries get to share in the garden's bounty each year.



This year the Bynum Garden Committee decided to unlock the garden gate so that non-gardeners could also enjoy the garden from inside the fence. The lock on the gate has been replaced with a latch, so anyone can feel free to visit the garden any time for a picnic, for some quiet time, or just to see what's growing. We only ask that children be supervised, dogs remain on leashes, that litter be removed, that crops be left alone, and that the gate be closed when leaving.

The garden is currently participating in the Million Tomato Campaign, sponsored by the U.S. Composting Council, to promote home and community gardening. For participating, the garden received a donation of a large truckload of compost from McGill Compost. We are reporting the number of tomatoes produced in our garden to the campaign's organizers to help them reach their one million tomatoes goal. In the spirit of the campaign, the Bynum gardener who produces the most tomatoes in their plot this year will win a fabulous prize.

In June, the garden also received a generous donation of cinder blocks and black plastic from Lowe's Home Improvement. These materials will be used to improve our rainwater catchment system. We thank Lowe's for their support of the garden.

Finally, because our Spring potluck at the garden was rained out, we are really looking forward to our Fall potluck scheduled for September 8, starting about 5PM. See you then.

Bynum Community Garden Committee 🌱 *Written by Larry Crum (08.8.13)*

## AL COOKE'S Corner

**SEPTEMBER •** By September the garden often looks as tired as the gardener. You may have some sections in fall crops. You may continue to plant some quick maturing fall crops. At a minimum to reduce problems with insects and diseases that may overwinter in garden debris, you should clean out anything that is not productive. Remove plants that have finished their productive season. Don't allow them to provide safe harbor for plant diseases and insects. It's also a good idea to clean up weeds before they go to seed.

**OCTOBER •** Anticipate the first frost, perhaps in the last half of this month. Some crops will need to be harvested before frost. Others you may be able to protect for a night or two of light frost by covering with a fabric or light layer of straw. After that you may get more days or weeks of growing or harvesting. Fresh produce is not dead and respiration continues, with deterioration of quality. To slow respiration get the produce out of the sun into a cool shady location.

**NOVEMBER •** Pansies, violas, snapdragons, and other cool season plants can still be planted. If these plants are established before cold weather sets in, they usually survive as much cold as they will get in our area. They may lie down and wilt and quit blooming during what passes for severe cold here. But when it warms up a week later – or even later the same day – they rebound quite readily. These plants can provide color all winter long. Violas are typically best viewed up close. They make great plants for window boxes or pots on the deck. Pansies can be used the same way or to fill a bed in a high visibility spot for a great color impact. If you plant them about 6-8 inches apart, they make a dense planting with a bold color statement and provide less room for weeds to get a foothold.

**DECEMBER •** Plant fruit trees. Trees grow roots when soils are cool. The more roots you can grow before next summer, the better the plants will be able to forage for water and oxygen to

## Annual CHRISTMAS TREE SALE November 30th

Remember that smell of a fresh Fraser Fir Christmas tree? It's just about that time again, and Bynum Front Porch will soon begin to take orders for the upcoming Christmas Tree Sale. Just like in years past, you place your order online, the trees are from the NC mountains (cut just a couple days before delivery), and then join the fun at the Bynum General Store on Saturday, November 30th to pick up your tree, have some snacks and help support Bynum Front Porch. These trees have always been beautiful and fresh and start at \$40. Orders are being taken from October until November 23rd! So go the Bynum Front Porch website and place your order soon!

A deposit is required with the balance paid (cash or check please) upon pick up. Place your orders and support the Bynum Front Porch programming and education awards given.

meet the demands of summer heat. You can continue planting fruit trees through the end of winter, but now is better than later. Most of the berries (grapes, strawberries, blackberries, and blueberries) should wait for spring. But trees should be planted before Christmas. If you can't do it before Christmas, put it on your list of New Year's resolutions.

This information comes from Al Cooke's NC Agricultural Extension website for the home gardener. To access the full calendar online, scan this code with your smartphone, or go to <http://bit.ly/160U5f2>



## Haw River ASSEMBLY

### Welcome to Haw River Canoe and Kayak

**Company** - at their new Bynum Outpost! These great folks from Saxapahaw are using the HRA property on Bynum Road (our former office) next to the Ruritan Club to be able to launch guided paddles on the Haw River from Bynum. You may have seen "Big Bertha" the yellow school bus converted to a shuttle bus parked out front. Go to <http://hawrivercanoe.com/> to check out the fun trips and activities they offer.

### Back in Bynum soon –The 24th Haw River Learning Celebration for fourth graders!

This 3 weeks of adventure on the river starts September 21 in Bynum and we need all the help we can get! We'll be setting up again at the Lower Haw River State Natural Area. The students come for a day field trip but volunteers are needed to help with EVERYTHING - including field camp set-up and breakdowns, moves (we move from Bynum to Saxapahaw to Guilford Co, over the 3 weeks) and cooks! We need river lovers, musicians and puppeteers and most of all we need folks who would love to be a guide for delighted children along the banks of the Haw. We'll teach you what you need to know about water quality, water critters, wildlife and more -and we'll learn from you! For those that love camping you can join us in a tent for the whole week! Will your rising 4th grader go to Pittsboro Elementary or Perry Harrison School? Ask their teacher to sign up for this great field trip. Homeschoolers are welcome too. Everything you need to know is on our website at [www.hawriver.org](http://www.hawriver.org) or call us at 919 542-5790 or just stop by and say hi - we're at 199 Bynum Hill.

From the Haw, Elaine 🌱 *Written by Elaine Chiosso (08.8.13)*

## Bynum

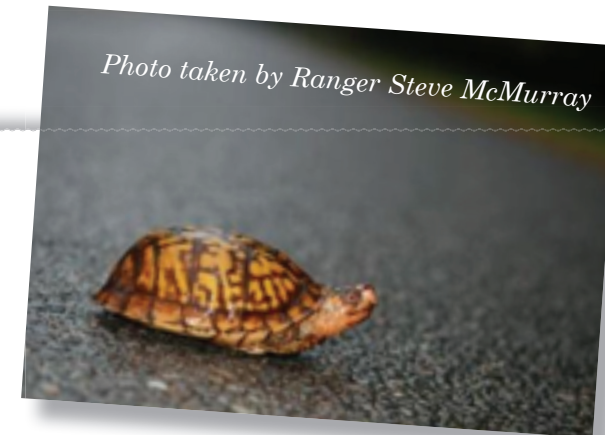
# RURITAN CLUB

The Bynum Ruritan Club meets the second Tuesday each month at 7pm and would like to extend an invitation for you to join us. There usually is a pot luck supper before the meeting. We are seeking new members with new ideas and lots of energy. We are a community organization supporting our community in many different ways. The Bynum Ruritan Club has been a part of the Bynum Scene for almost 60 years. We are located at 28 Charlie Fields Rd, next to the Haw River Bridge. Hope to see you there!

## Reminder!

### Bynum Post Office Boxes

Please be reminded that our Bynum P.O. Box kiosk is in continual danger of being closed and the Bynum zip code lost forever. If you are considering discontinuing the use of your P.O. Box, please pass the key to someone else to use your box number. The more active P.O. Boxes that are maintained, the less likely Bynum will lose the zip code, and other neighbors can keep their addresses so that rural delivery mail boxes at residences will not have to be installed. For more information, you can contact Martha Collins at 919-542-7399.



## NC STATE PARKS

### Common Reptiles of Lower Haw River State Natural Area

The Lower Haw River State Natural Area has a number of different species of snakes, turtles, and lizards.

The most commonly found snakes are the Black Rat, Black Racer, Eastern King, Copperhead, Green Grass, Hognose, and water snakes. There are several different varieties of water snakes, such as the Red Belly Water, the Banded Water, and the Northern Water and, despite Grandpa's tales; the Lower Haw River State Natural Area does not have the Cottonmouth (Water Moccasin). **Cool Fact:** *If you visit a region of where the cottonmouth resides, you can tell the difference easily by the way the Cottonmouth swims smoothly on the water surface whereas a non venomous snake will submerge its body while keeping their head afloat.* While you may see a few water snakes that resemble the water moccasin, the only venomous snake that is found in the State Natural Area is the Copperhead.

Also, while walking in the State Natural Area, you will find various species of turtles. Some of the more common turtles are the Eastern Box, the Snapping Turtle, Yellow Bellied Slider, Eastern Mud, and several of the Cooter species. During your hike the most well known turtle that can be found is the Eastern Box. The Eastern Box Turtle can be seen after light rain storms feeding on a favorite food of earthworms and other insects. The rocks and logs along the Haw River provide a number of great basking spots for the aquatic turtles. **Cool Fact:** *Eastern Box Turtle is North Carolina's state turtle.*

There are twelve species of lizards in North Carolina and seven of these can be found in the Lower Haw SNA. Some of the most popular species that you may see are the Eastern Fence, Carolina Anole, Six-lined Race Runner, Five-lined Skink, Southeastern Five-lined Skink, Broadhead Skink, and the Ground Skink. **Cool Fact:** *Skinks will drop their tails as an adaptation to help escape predators and will eventually regenerate their tails.*

It is recommended by Park Ranger Staff that if you decide to handle some of our reptile friends, please handle them safely and return them to their respective habitats. Remember all wildlife species and plants in the park are protected by law. If you have any concerns or questions please contact Jordan Lake Park Office and ask to speak with a Park Ranger or visit <http://www.ncwildlife.org/Learning/Species.aspx> for wildlife tips and identification.

Have a safe and naturally wonderful experience!

🌱 *Written by Jordan Lake State Recreation Park Staff (08.8.13)*

Don't forget to visit  
Jordan Lake SRA's 2013 Heritage Day Event  
October 5th 10:00 am – 3:00 pm



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR



## SEPTEMBER

- 6 ♪ NC Songwriter Showcase Bynum Front Porch Music Series 7-9pm
- 7 semi-annual BYNUM PORCH CRAWL
- 7 BFP BINGO 7pm
- 8 Bynum Community Garden Potluck - 5pm
- 14 BFP Pickin 10am - 1pm
- 21-27 Haw River Learning Celebration for 4th graders
- 28 Ruritan Fish Fry
- 28 BFP Pickin 10am - 1pm

## OCTOBER

- 5 Bynum Front Porch Bingo 7pm
- 12 BFP Pickin 10am - 1pm
- 19 Ruritan Chicken Dumplin' Supper
- 22 Chatham County "Winter Tree Class" (Abundance Foundation)
- 26 BFP Pickin 10am - 1pm
- 31 Halloween

## NOVEMBER

- 2 BFP BINGO 7pm
- 9 BFP Pickin 10am - 1pm
- 16 Ruritan BBQ Supper
- 23 BFP Pickin 10am - 1pm
- 28 Thanksgiving
- 30 Christmas Tree, Wreath & Garland pick up

## DECEMBER

- 7 BFP BINGO 7pm
- 3 Chatham County "Winter Tree Class" (Abundance Foundation)
- 14 BFP Pickin 10am - 1pm
- 25 Christmas

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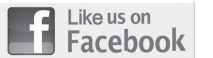
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**BYNUM**  
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*Friday Night Music Series  
adds September show!*



Bynum Front Porch will host a September 6th show as our first **NC Songwriter Showcase** in partnership with **Our State Magazine**. Come hear original tunes written by talent that you may or may not have known was right in your backyard! Bynum Front Porch will feature three local artists whose range goes from melodic ballad to edgy funk, as well as a collaborative set where the artists perform together for the first time.

*The musicians will be:*

### LIZ MOUDY

Liz Moudy (or Young Liz, as known by some of the Pittsboro locals) is an up-and-coming singer-songwriter out of the Triangle area. She plays with a fusion of folk-rock and indie-american sounds, creating a unique and enchanting vocal style all her own. After playing and writing music for several years, she is finally figuring her way around the music scene, so get ready!

*{I've lived in North Carolina for the past eight years, currently living on an organic vegetable farm in Moncure, NC (Edible Earthscapes) and work at the Chatham Marketplace in Pittsboro, NC. I love my community and am excited for all present and future musical endeavors in the coming year. }*



### ES GUTHRIE

Eric-scott guthrie is a North Carolina born songwriter with a distinctive voice and a unique guitar style that often harkens to the roots of folk and rock music, even as his songs push into interesting and unexplored sonic territories. At times extraordinarily cerebral, at other times raw and purely emotional, he toes a line that few performers walk as he spins his yarns of love, life, loss, and discovery into a beautiful tapestry. Unclassifiable, yet undeniably good, his work has carried him through thousands of gigs across this great land of ours with a voice soaring; at times in celebration, at times in desperation. His is a music from the heart and is not without a measure of sadness, yet he wraps it into a package such that, despite whatever hardships detailed, as they unfold all you can do is smile. e-s currently lives in Carrboro, NC where he spends his days repairing solar systems and his nights singing songs. He is also making a record, produced by his good friend Tom Maxwell, and he can't wait for you to hear it.

### TOM MAXWELL

Tom Maxwell was in the Squirrel Nut Zippers between 1994 and 1999. He wrote their top-20 hit "Hell," propelling the band to multi-platinum status. To date, the Zippers have sold close to three million albums, and songs Tom wrote for them have appeared in dozens of movies and television shows (including Sesame Street and Sex and the City), a Super Bowl commercial and a Tony Award-winning Broadway soundtrack.

Tom's latest project is The Minor Drag, a collection of North Carolina all-star musicians. The band will release an album of new material in January, with help from long-time Zippers producer Mike Napolitano and New Orleans trumpet great Duke Heitger, who appeared on the Zippers most popular album, HOT. Tom Maxwell and The Minor Drag has everything you'd expect from this artist: New Orleans second line, minor-key blues, acoustic ballads and hot jazz menace.

