



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

Hatches

Juniper Dawn Barrow – born Jan. 24, 2011. Proud parents are Devon & Luke.

Samuel (Sam) Callaghan Kristiansen – born October 22, 2011 to Jennie & Erik.

Cara Irene Lawrence – born July 7, 2011 to Rachel & Todd.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact us.

Thank you to all of our past volunteers, Bynum Front Porch truly can't do it without you!

Read more about how to become a volunteer inside...

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

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BYNUM VILLAGE HISTORY

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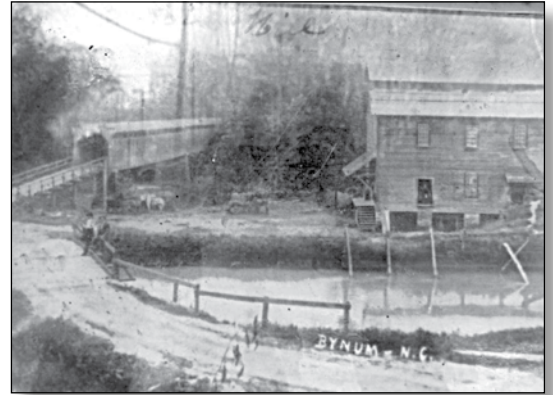
Expert from a Dissertation in Folklore and Folklife By Douglas Paul De Natale 1985. Chapter Three Page 145. The Origins of the Bynum Mill.

In 1873, Luther and Carney Bynum, two brothers in eastern Chatham County, made plans with a number of their neighbors to build a textile mill on the Haw River. Completed in 1874, the Bynum mill was a modes affair – a three story wooden structure containing sixteen hundred ring warp spindles and fifteen course sheeting looms. The cotton mill was sited a short distance downstream from the Bynum family grist mill and cotton gin, and shared the existing dam and race. It could spin 600 pounds of cotton yarn and weave 700 yards of unbleached domestic sheeting a day.

Such small-scale production was typical for the Southern textile industry of the time. Early Southern mills dependent on water power were limited in scope, for unlike New England, the Piedmont's rivers offered few sites where extensive power could be developed.

And the reading of this story continues later.....

☀️ Written by Douglas Paul De Nata (01.01.12)



Above, the Bynum Mill, and below the School.



Bynum Community Garden Events & Updates

The Bynum Community Gardeners are excited to share plans for 2012. The year begins with contract signing on Sun, 1/22 from 2-4pm at the store. To date, all beds are spoken for either from returning gardeners or from the existing waiting list. Also on 1/22 is a community wide seed swap/seed starting event from 2-4pm at the store. Other dates for gardeners are the first workdays on Sat 3/3 at 10 am and Sun 3/17 at 1pm. We will have an open house potluck in the spring, so watch for the date so you can join us.

Support the Local Food movement by growing your own veggies! Nothing is better than harvesting your own fresh vegetables. Come by and get your hands in the dirt! For questions please contact Barclay Spatz at bpspatz@gmail.com Yours in Dirt and Sunshine. ☀️ *Written by Barclay Spatz (01.01.12)*



WINTER Gardening

Chatham County Center, NC Cooperative Extension

If January comes and you're a gardener, then you have garden catalogs scattered everywhere, and visions of gardens have replaced those of sugar plums and fairies. Garden catalogs are fine. But before you make your selections, you should ask where the catalog is from. And you should ask if anyone could get those pictures of that produce in central North Carolina. Wisconsin growers can grow some beautiful cranberries. But they have less than 20 days per year when the temperature exceeds 85°. Before you decide how to invest your time, resources, and energy, speak with your fellow gardeners; ask at your farm supply stores.

You can even check Extension resources



www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/hort/hil/pdf/hil-8103.pdf

www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/hort/hil/ag28.html

www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/hort/consumer/agpubs/grapes-berries.pdf

It's great to try new things. But if you absolutely, positively need to put food on the table, invest 75% of your efforts in things with a local track record. And don't spend all your time in the catalogs. If you've ever been chomping at the bit to work the soil and get peas and spinach planted when it was "too wet to plow," then anytime your soil is workable is a good time to get it ready for planting. You may end up wishing you had done it last fall when the weather was balmy.

Gardening is often easier if you take things in steps. If the beds or rows are ready, you can put down a board to stand on while you plant seeds in the wet soil. Gardening is – or at least can be – a year round activity. Many of us will still be harvesting collards or cabbage while you're reading this. (I make no apology for liking collards; and when I served them for Thanksgiving, my Mother who knows a thing or two about cooking wanted some to take home with her.) And while there are lots of plants and seeds planted in April, that is the beginning of one of the more challenging times for gardeners. Sure, hot weather is required to grow beans and tomatoes. But hot weather is also conducive to the proliferation of insects and fungi.

I've come to appreciate the ease of gardening from winter to spring and from late summer to winter. By early February we can be planting cabbage, carrots, lettuce, onions, potatoes, spinach, and turnips. And for crops that need more than 2 months to mature and that will sit down on the job at the first sign of a heat index – we need to plant them much earlier. And many of those plants will be out of the way in time to follow up with the beans and late tomatoes.

Then, if you're not too weary from fighting blossom-end rot and squash bugs, by late July or early August you can start planting beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, collards, pak-choi, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, mustard, rutabagas, winter squash, and turnips. For some of these, you're going to have to baby them a bit till the heat breaks. And you may have some pest issues. But I find it much easier to actually harvest broccoli from August plantings than from any planted in late winter.

Don't let the weeds take over while you're perusing your catalogs!

Al Cooke

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☀️ *Written by Al Cooke, Extension Agent, Horticulture (01.01.12)*



NC State Parks Junior Ranger Program Recognized

The state parks' Junior Ranger program has received the 2011 Media Award as an exceptional educational resource from the National Association of Interpretation (NAI). The NAI is a professional organization serving venues such as parks, nature centers, museums, historic sites and aquariums. The Junior Ranger program promotes youth environmental education in the 39 state parks and state recreation areas, and is a partnership effort of the state parks system, the statewide Friends of State Parks and retailer Great Outdoor Provision Company. "Becoming a Junior Ranger allows a young person to directly connect with nature in a personal way, and it's a family activity that nurtures stewardship of North Carolina's rich natural heritage," said Lewis Ledford, state parks director. In the state parks, the program is part of a broad education effort that includes interactive exhibit halls, trailside displays and interpretive programs with our rangers." Children ages 6-12 can earn one of 26 unique Junior Ranger patches by completing activities listed in a Junior Ranger booklet and available at Jordan Lake State Recreation Area, other state parks, or on the division's website. The activities include simple stewardship projects and attending ranger-led programs, such as Animal Tracks, Raptor Identification, Aquatic Adventures and many more. The Junior Ranger Programs allows participants an opportunity to experience the outdoors, share their own nature photos and artwork. The Junior Ranger program was a favored project of the late John Graham, former president of the Friends of State Parks, which coordinates its support. Since 2005, Great Outdoor Provision Company, based in Raleigh, has been primary sponsor, providing funds for patches and booklet and newsletter printing. If interested in participating in the Junior Ranger Program, please contact Jordan Lake SRA at 919-362-0586 or go online to www.ncparks, print one up and visit any state park or recreation area. ☀️ *Written by Brock Martin, Jordan Lake State Recreation Area (01.01.12)*

BUMC Greetings Bynum!

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and were able to rest and relax a bit. As we enter the New Year, Bynum UMC is set to kick off our 2, new children's ministries, G.L.O.W. Kids and Mission Possible Kids. Plans are to hold these on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. For January, we will be off schedule for one week as we start registration this Sunday but hold our first full meeting on the 15th. Feel free to google Mission Possible Kids and G.L.O.W. Kids to learn more. Your children will get to do hands-on mission work as they learn the importance of loving and caring for others (GLOW: go love others in the world).

The registration fee of \$17. goes to the organization and covers membership and a t-shirt for each child. This is a one time fee. If you need to register now and pay later, pay in installments, or cannot pay but still want your child to participate, just let our registrar know how you will pay or request a scholarship if needed. We want all the children to be able to participate and we are aware that finances are often stretched thin this time of year. As a student and a pastor, I understand stretched finances.

We will be dedicating our new pavillion this spring, so watch the Bynum email for the date because everyone is invited. Please know you are always welcome at Bynum United Methodist Church. We

hope to see you Sunday at 11 a.m.. If you should ever need a pastor, feel free to call me at the parsonage, 542-4715.

Grace and peace, Pastor Gina 🌸 *Written by Gina Barrow (01.01.12)*



New pavillion built in 2011

THE HAW RIVER ASSEMBLY

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The Haw River Assembly is celebrating its 30th Anniversary in 2012! As we enter the new year we'll be continuing our work to prevent the natural gas industry from bringing its fracking destruction to NC, voicing our opposition to bad developments, pipelines and landfills that threaten our waters, and pushing back against state and local attacks on environmental protections. Water pollution, water shortages, climate change, environmental destruction from extraction and delivery of petrochemicals for energy, radioactive waste, incinerators, landfills, sludge application, pharmaceuticals in surface waters... the issues that threaten the world are all present in our watershed.

As Haw Riverkeeper, I know that there are few environmental issues that are not also water issues. I have become increasingly aware that so many of these problems could be solved if we all used LESS STUFF. Why do we have so much trash, leftover medicines and hazardous wastes that need to be disposed of, and often end up polluting our waters and ourselves? Why do we need to constantly find more sources of water and non-renewable energy to consume? Using less, and conserving what we have would go a long way towards solving these problems – but runs up against our culturally ingrained ideas of “progress”. And there are many that still lack the basic amenities needed for a healthy life and environment. But starting locally, in our own watershed, we can find more sustainable ways to provide food, energy, clean water, and shelter that are healthier, conserve resources, create jobs and reduce our carbon footprint. At the same time, we will redouble our efforts to support environmental justice throughout our watershed, and to work for clean water for all of us. Want to join us? Go to www.hawriver.org or stop by our office here in Bynum at 199 Bynum Hill to see what we're up to and find out about membership and volunteer opportunities.

Save the Date for the Haw River Clean-Up-A-Thon! Mark your calendars for **March 17, 2012** – which will be our 22nd river cleanup day. Teams of volunteers work to clean up the river and streambanks along the Haw's 110 miles – and we always have teams working along the riverfront in Bynum and at the 15-501 bridge access. Give us a call at the Haw River Assembly or send an email if you'd like to be part of this great effort. **542-5790 or info@hawriver.org.**

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🌸 *Written by Elaine Chiosso (01.01.12)*

BYNUM RURITAN CHAPTER

The Ruritan Club is always seeking new members with fresh ideas and a strong constitution.

With over 50 years of service to the Bynum Community, the Ruritan Club is excited about its upcoming events this year. We will continue to have our famous monthly dinners on the following dates



February 18, Chicken/Dumplings

March 24, Fish Fry

April 21, BBQ.

The dinners start at 4pm–7pm, cost is \$8 per adult. Each dinner includes drink & dessert.

Also, on April 8th, after you attend your Easter Sunrise Services, please join us for breakfast at 7am. There is no charge for the breakfast, but donations are always accepted.

We will be attending Clydefest this year in April for the first time. We will have info available about the Ruritan Club, its commitment to the Bynum Community, and how you can be a part of this still strong and growing organization. We are a part of Ruritan National, a non-profit organization, which is a “community of people meeting community needs”.

We invite you to join us for a meeting, if you are interested in becoming a member. Our board meets on the 1st Tuesday and our regular dinner meeting is on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

The Ruritan Building is also available to rent for activities & private functions. For more info, contact: Martha Collins at martha.bynum1@gmail.com or call 919-542-7399. 🌸 *Written by Martha Collins (01.01.12)*



COMMUNITY CALENDAR of events

Bynum Front Porch *Volunteer Corner*

JANUARY

- 7 Bynum Front Porch BINGO** – 5 Prize games and 2 Cash games; Family friendly for all ages. 7pm
- 22 Community Garden** – seed swap: Bynum General Store 2-4pm

FEBRUARY

- 4 Bynum Front Porch BINGO** – 5 Prize games and 2 Cash games; Family friendly for all ages. 7pm
- 18 Bynum Ruritan Club** – Chicken/Dumplings sale. 4-7pm

MARCH

- 3 Bynum Front Porch BINGO** – 5 Prize games and 2 Cash games; Family friendly for all ages. 7pm
- 17 Haw River Assembly** – Clean-Up-A-Thon: Join the Bynum team.
- 24 Bynum Ruritan Club** – Fish Fry Sale. 4-7pm

APRIL

- 7 Bynum Front Porch BINGO** – 5 Prize games and 2 Cash games; Family friendly for all ages. 7pm
- 8 Bynum Ruritan Club** – easter breakfast. 7am
- 14 ClydeFest** – 11th Annual Event for Kids of ALL Ages, Bynum Ballfield, 11am-4pm (Rain-date: April 15)
- 21 Bynum Ruritan Club** – BBQ Sale. 7pm

Bynum Front Porch would like to extend immense appreciation to all the dedicated volunteers that have been serving to fulfill the mission of Bynum Front Porch. We are incredibly lucky to have such wonderful volunteers that contribute to the various committees and events to support the programming and educational grants awarded each year. Thank you volunteers! You truly make a difference.


There would be no Bynum Front Porch (BFP) without the hard work, commitment and dedication of numerous volunteers. Dozens of people give their time to organize and support BFP activities throughout the year. Whether acting as a member of a committee, a volunteer of an event or program, a volunteer on the Board of Directors, volunteering to work during an activity or donating items needed to make an event a success, we wouldn't be able to support the BFP community without the effort of many.

While it is impossible to recognize each and every person that contributes to all of BFP events, fundraisers and activities, Bynum Front Porch would like to extend special recognition to the following for going above and beyond. If you would like to acknowledge someone who you believe fits in this category, please email BFP for consideration.

Volunteer Kudos this newsletter edition go to: Amy Barefoot of Barefoot Public, Inc.

Amy has been involved with Bynum Front Porch since its infancy, lending her public relations expertise to our organization. Through her relationships with the community and media across the triangle and state, Amy has brought awareness to Bynum Front Porch attracting many to our programming events. In addition to crafting emails and press releases, the queen of volunteerism has maintained the BFP website (www.BynumFrontPorch.org). Please join us in thanking Amy for all her hard work and expertise. You can contact her at amy@barefootpublic.com

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact us. Thank you to all of our past volunteers, Bynum Front Porch truly can't do it without you!

 Written by Debbie Tunnell (01.01.12)



January's Bingo Night was a hit. Come join us in February and support Bynum Front Porch Scholarship Fund.

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community*

Bynum is now home to DAISY (Brownie) Troop 1006. Our new generation of girl scouts will be selling the famous cookies locally this month. If you are interested in supporting your local troop or want more information on cookies contact: dawn.porter@earthlink.net

