



MAY

- 4 **Friday Night Music Series**  
7pm – Mipso Trio
- 5 **Haw River Festival in Saxapahaw**
- 5 **BINGO night – 7pm**
- 6 **Bynum Community Garden**  
4PM - Open House & Community Potluck
- 11 **Friday Night Music Series**  
7pm – Squier Red
- 12 **Bynum United Methodist**  
Women’s Luncheon at Docksider – 10:30am
- 12 **Bynum Front Porch Pickin’ – 10am-1pm**
- 18 **Friday Night Music Series**  
7pm – Zinc Kings
- 19 **Bynum Ruritan Artist Festival**  
12pm-5pm
- 25 **Friday Night Music Series 7pm**  
– Jule Brown
- 26 **Front Porch Pickin’ – 10am-1pm**

JUNE

- 1 **Friday Night Music Series**  
7pm – Zambamboogie
- 2 **BINGO night – 7pm**
- 8 **Friday Night Music Series**  
7pm – Onward Soldiers
- 9 **Front Porch Pickin’ – 10am-1pm**
- 15 **Friday Night Music Series**  
7pm – Boys from Carolina
- 16 **FUNDRAISING AUCTION & ‘ESTATE SALE’ 10am-1pm**
- 22 **Friday Night Music Series**  
7pm – Hot Rooster
- 23 **Front Porch Pickin’ – 10am-1pm**
- 29 **Friday Night Music Series**  
7pm – Killer Filler

JULY

- 6 **Friday Night Music Series**  
7pm – Les Frères Kairaba!
- 7 **BINGO night – 7pm**
- 13 **Friday Night Music Series**  
7pm – Swayback Sisters
- 14 **Front Porch Pickin’ – 10am-1pm**
- 20 **Friday Night Music Series**  
7pm – Samantha Casey and The Bluegrass Jam
- 27 **Friday Night Music Series**  
7pm – Dark Water Rising
- 28 **Front Porch Pickin’ – 10am-1pm**

AUGUST


- 4 **BINGO night – 7pm**
- 3 **Friday Night Music Series**  
7pm – Lizzy Ross
- 10 **Friday Night Music Series**  
7pm – Justin Robinson and the Mary Annettes
- 11 **Front Porch Pickin’ – 10am-1pm**
- 17 **Friday Night Music Series**  
7pm – Smith Family Band
- 24 **Friday Night Music Series**  
7pm – The Bluegrass Experience
- 25 **Front Porch Pickin’ – 10am-1pm**
- 31 **Friday Night Music Series 7pm**  
– Chompin at the Bit String Band



VOLUNTEER!

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.  
Bynum Front Porch Volunteer Committees: Board Of Directors; Board Development Committee; Building and Grounds Committee; Community Relations; Educational Grant Committee; Fundraising Committee; History Committee; Music Committee; Newsletter Committee; Programming Committee; Marketing/PR Committee; Volunteer Committee.  
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 Tunell (04.13.12)

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ESTATE SALE & AUCTION  
Bynum Front Porch Fundraising Event. June 16th 10am-1pm

Bynum Front Porch is planning a fundraising auction this summer, with a newly added twist – we are including “estate sale” items. Many thanks to Ben Farrell from Custom Benefit Auctions, who will once again be our auctioneer. The auction will be held Saturday June 16th from 10am to 1pm, at the old Bynum General Store & Post Office, so mark your calendars.

If you would like to donate an item for the auction, let Bynum Front Porch hear from you today. Your contribution will help make the event more fun and exciting. Donated items include: gift certificates from local businesses, artists' work, baked goods, vacation vouchers, and any item that has been gently used – from tools to timepieces, furniture to figurines, paintings to pitchforks, and cars to chairs. Donate your car, your outdoor patio set ,or another fine item for the auction. Come join the effort in supporting Bynum Front Porch!

Auction Items as of April 14th: Antique Steamer Trunk & Lock with key; Artwork by Anna Crawford; Artwork by Virgil Johnson; Bicycle Helmets, Tires, Locks; Black Walnut Foot Stool hand-

crafted by Jerry Cates; Briar Chapel Pool Passes; Canon PowerShot A3300IS Digital Camera; Cedar Creation by Luke Barrow of Rustic Garden Structures; Clyde Jones Critter; Cooper Mays Pottery; One Year membership at O2 Fitness; Pittsboro Center for Natural Medicine – 7 Practitioner Sessions ; Photography by Ken Meardon; Shakori Hills Music Festival – day passes; S&T Soda Shoppe Certificate; Tasting Passes for 8 to Starrlight Mead; Tushkins in Original Box; Woodcraft by JNCWoodworks; Yoga classes from Cathy Holt and more.

By coming out and supporting Bynum Front Porch, you will be helping us continue to host a variety of programs, including the annual Bynum Front Porch Music Series, held every Friday night at the old Bynum General Store from May through August, with an annual attendance of over 2000 people. Other events include the Saturday Bynum Front Porch Pickin’ twice a month, First Saturday Bingo, Children’s programs, the annual Christmas Tree Sale, and the Chatham County High School Grant Award, for students entering college.  Written by Debbie Tunell (04.13.12)

**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**  
**Nora Anne McMahan** – born February 29 to proud parents Jill & Andy

**Newbies**  
**Kate Childs** – Bynum Hill Rd  
*BFP gratefully acknowledges the support of the following local business sponsors.*

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Bynum General Store Remembered – painted by Virgil Johnson, Bynum 2012.

# BYNUM: The coming of mill village life to north carolina.

Written by Douglas Paul De Natale, 1985

... Where we left the continuing story from our last newsletter -

“Nineteenth – century southern mill villages followed a pattern repeated throughout the South. Drawing from existing models in New England and the middle Atlantic states, southern mill owners built their mill villages as controlled environments intended to best serve the purposes of mill management. In Bynum, the physical layout of the village was a declaration of the Bynum brothers’ sense of order. The road from Pittsboro crossed the wooden covered bridge across the Haw, then passed over the mill race between the grist mill and the cotton factory. Beyond the two mills, Luther and Carney’s houses sat facing each other from the hillsides on either side of the road. Luther’s house marked the bounds of the mill hill. A road branching from the main highway passed between his house and the factory to the two neat rows of small frame millhouses clustered behind. With access to their village so restricted, the Bynums could easily monitor the comings and goings of its inhabitants.

The origin and motives of nineteenth-century mill owners like the Bynums have been the subject of much debate. Early histories of the development of the southern textile industry pointed to the period after 1880 as a kind of grassroots industrial revolution, in which local leaders moved by the devastation of war and reconstruction, rallied the community about them and marched on to the building of a New South. ....”

“Chatham’s single example of prospering industrial development during the 1880’s was the Bynum mill; and London repeatedly praised the “enterprising,” “public-spirited” individuals responsible for its establishment. The Bynum family were members of the portion of Piedmont society that sought progress through reform, and pursued self-interest through speculation. The family had entrepreneur leanings from the first ar-

rival in Chatham. Luther and Carney’s great-grandfather Luke (c. 1730-1810) appears to have been the son of an Albermarle planter. Sometime before 1755, Luke and his older brother William migrated to the Piedmont, where each purchased land in Orange County. This land, in turn, was sold in three parcels by 1775, and Luke purchased a track at Redfield’s ford on the Haw River. By 1793, his homestead contained about 350 acres near the present site of Bynum.”

“Lukes’ children and grandchildren inherited their father’s entrepreneurial spirit and his penchant for real estate speculation. A number of his sons purchased tracts near their father’s land, then sold out and moved to Tennessee. One son was engaged in transporting goods by wagon from Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Luke’s descendants through his son Mark (1774-1840) became the most prosperous members of the family. Mark, spared his brother’s restlessness, became a lawyer, Justice of the Peace and planter. He attained considerable political standing in the county, and was elected twice to the board of county commissioners, and twice to the legislature. In 1803, Mark and his brother-in-law, Daniel Hackney, acquired a toll ferry on the Haw from the estate of Mark’s father-in-law. Mark bought out Daniel’s share in 1804, and he apparently built a grist mill and a bridge on the site sometime after his purchase. A country store associated with the mill was probably also established by him. At the time of his death, Mark’s estate was valued at \$5666, and his homestead amounted to over 700 acres. Mark’s sons, Joseph and Mark Jr., purchased his grist mill in 1838, and ran it until 1853, when Joseph left to pursue his fortunes in Mississippi. Another son, Carney William (1809-1877), bought his brother’s share in the mill and store, which adjoined his 350 acre property.”

Written by Douglas Paul De Natale, 1985 (04.13.12)



## BLUEGRASS PICKIN’ Celebrates 4th Year

On February 25th, the Bluegrass Pickin’ Group celebrated its 4th year of gathering at The Bynum General Store on the 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month. A nice assortment of “Pickers” were in attendance, to share music, camaraderie, and cake! The cake was a Cream Cheese Pound Cake, from the recipe book “Bynum And Beyond,” submitted by our very own Clarice Jones & Vivian Eubanks. Everyone enjoyed the time spent together and invite you (whether or not you play or sing) to join them

on Saturday mornings for some good fellowship and music. BFP is proud to be the sponsor of this gathering and encourages everyone to join in the fun. Written by Martha Collins (04.13.12)

## 27228 LIVING HISTORY

Post Office Boxes-Help Keep Bynum in Existence

Dear Bynum Neighbors,  
Please remember that the Bynum zip code, 27228, is linked to the post office boxes at the Bynum Ballfield and unique to Bynum village. By keeping your PO boxes current and in use, we can prevent the Bynum zip code from expiring. Or, consider allowing one of your Bynum neighbors who may need a PO box to use your number.

Written by Martha Collins (04.13.12)



Don't let our new mail boxes disappear like the post office...

## ART FESTIVAL MAY 19th

Bynum Ruritan Chapter

Bynum Art Festival will be held on May 19th. If you are, or know, an Artist who would like to participate, please contact Jim Harding @ 542-9452 or Denise Besesi @ 545-9452 for details.

The Bynum Ruritan Club has served the Bynum Community since 1958. Ruritan members work to enhance the quality of life through community service and to make our community a better place to live and work.

Our meetings are held the 1st Tuesday (for Executives) and the 2nd Tuesday (a pot luck dinner) for all members. If you would be interested in joining our organization, please feel free to come to the Bynum Ruritan Club as our guest, either night at 7pm.

Our dinners will resume in September. Look for announcements to come.

Written by Martha Collins (04.13.12)

## Bynum Community Garden Events & Updates

The third spring for the Bynum Community Garden finds us with 3 new garden families: Tricia and Kevin Gardener, Miriam and David Bryant, and the Magoo crew. We had 2 successful work days in March to clean up from our faux winter, improve our rain water catchment system, and top off our plots. Our plan is to add a solar powered watering system this year, so we'll keep you posted on that one! We are very excited about all the veggies we've planted, so come visit whenever you see anyone up there. Two community-wide events are on our agenda. First, on April 14th, during ClydeFest, the garden will have a table with our sunflower seeds and planting available for youngsters. And on Sunday, May 6, at 4 pm we will have our third annual spring open house and community potluck. Everyone is welcome! We look forward to seeing you at the garden! Written by Maggie Frantz (04.13.12)



## BUMC Greetings Bynum Friends!

Bynum United Methodist Church has 2 new children’s ministries up and going! If you have a child between 3 and 11 years of age and would like to enroll him or her in a program that emphasizes helping others, why not participate in G.L.O.W. Kids or Mission Possible Kids? These ministries give children an opportunity to do mission work. Each month, the children learn a virtue like “initiative, courage, or service,” to name a few, and then they get to do a hands-on project that correlates well with the virtue of the month. So far, the kids have made and delivered “smile bags” to children staying at the Ronald McDonald House and they have cleaned the BUMC playground. The projects always benefit others. We will do projects in our Bynum community and we will do projects that help others all over the world. Call the parsonage (542-4715) or email me, Pastor Gina at ginabarrow@gmail.com, if you have questions or want more details.

Keep watching your Bynum email for an invitation later this spring to a special service to dedicate the new church pavilion and for information on the dates and times of VBS this summer. It is always our joy to have the community worship and celebrate with us.

Please join us on 5th Sunday mornings for special services of music followed by a picnic under the pavilion. Our Sunday worship services begin at 11am and all are welcome.

You are invited to come as you are. Grace and peace, Pastor Gina Written by Gina Barrow (04.13.12)

PS - Bynum’s United Methodist Women will have their annual Ladies’ Luncheon at Dockside Restaurant on May 12th at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$12. and can be purchased from UMW members or you can pick them up at the parsonage.