



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR of events

### FEBRUARY

- 2 Bynum Front Porch Bingo – 7pm
- 12 Bynum Ruritan Meeting – 7pm

### MARCH

- 2 BFP Bingo – Doors Open 6:30pm
- 9 Bynum Front Porch Pickin' – 10am-1pm
- 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins – (Spring forward One hour)
- 12 Bynum Ruritan Meeting – 7pm
- 16 Annual Haw River Assembly Clean-Up – starts 10am
- 23 BFP Pickin' – 10am-1pm
- 23 Bynum Ruritan Supper – 4pm-7pm

### APRIL

- 6 Clydefest – 11am-4pm
- 6 BFP Bingo – Doors Open 6:30pm
- 9 Bynum Ruritan Meeting – 7pm
- 13 BFP Pickin' – 10am-1pm
- 20 Bynum Ruritan Supper – 4-7pm
- 27 BFP Pickin' – 10am-1pm

### MAY

- 4 Bynum Front Porch MUSIC SERIES BEGINS! – 7pm-9pm



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## We'd like to THANK YOU!

In the last newsletter edition, the article about the fundraising auction omitted the list of the donors. Bynum Front Porch thanks all those who supported the 2012 fall auction with donations of items and time, including the following individuals, businesses, and organizations:

- The Abundance Foundation
- Devon Brooks & Luke Barrow of Rustic Garden Structures
- Bynum Community Garden
- Martha Danek
- Jerry Cates
- Briar Chapel
- Kate Childs
- Jeffrey Clark of JNC Woodworks
- Anna Crawford
- Computer Therapy
- Cooper Mays Pottery
- Countryside Antiques, Inc
- Robert Elmore
- Ben Farrell of Custom Benefit Auctions
- Erin Grantham
- John and Stacy Gunn
- Chris Hamilton
- Cathy Holt
- Joyful Jewel
- Virgil Johnson
- Clyde Jones
- Jordan Lake Animal Hospital
- Sharon LaPalme
- Sundae Lewis & Dan Blanchette
- Erin McDade
- Ken Meardon
- Ruth Moose
- New Horizons Trading Company
- Jeremy Noble
- O2 Fitness
- Carol Payne & Jennifer Sugg
- Erica Perlow of Take Shape for Life
- 7 Practitioners at Pittsboro Center for Natural Medicine
- John Paul Seno
- Rev. Amiel Landor
- Laurel Wilkinson
- Marthe Boyd
- Scotty Young
- Emily Berman
- Ione Linker
- Alex and Alys Protzman
- Shakori Hills Music Festival
- S&T Soda Shoppe Certificate
- Total Wine
- Virlie's Grill
- Marchellina Waugh & John Urlich
- Lane Watson

and, of course, those who worked the event to make it happen!

**Join us to gratefully thank our 2012 Local Business Sponsors:**  
**Auto Pro** 5522 US Hwy 15-501 N. Pittsboro NC (919)542-0964  
**Hope Crossing Animal Hospital** 58 East Cotton Rd, Pittsboro NC (919)542-1975 [www.hopexcrossing.com](http://www.hopexcrossing.com)

☀️ Written by Debbie Tunnell (01.01.13)



## BYNUM front porch

# newsletter

9th Issue † January 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

Steve & Ann McDowell

Craig Greiner, Ashley Stein & Uncle Keith Snyder

Younes & Beth Sabouh

Douglas, Nicole & Corbin Edwards

#### Dispatches

Dan Blanchette

Ramona Kadrich

#### Celebrations

Cynthia & Jan Hermans –

20 years living in Bynum, Halloween week; Happy 79th birthday Jan.

#### Thank You to...

Carolina Meadows –

we greatly appreciate our newer and bigger fridge.

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

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## 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CLYDEFEST

### Save the Date & Call for Volunteers

Join the Critter Crew and save the date for the Chatham County Arts Council's 12th annual ClydeFest at **Bynum Ballpark!** The folksy festivities will kick off at **11am on April 6th** (raindate Sunday, April 7th) and last all afternoon. Regulars Clyde Jones and artist Peter Loose will be front and center, wielding chainsaws and giant tortoises respectively, and of course we'll have our usual array of games, food trucks, art demos and plenty of hands-on opportunities to hoop, drum, dance, sing and paint for kids ages one to 100. Of course none of this can happen without the help of lots of volunteers of all stripes



– some wielding sledgehammers and electric drills, some with particular skill with lily pads and green frogs, super-human tent raisers, parking perfectionists, recycling rangers, and many other variations of critter control specialists. Please contact Gwendolen Gray at

**Gwendolen@chathamarts.org** or sign up at [volunteer-match.org](http://volunteer-match.org) if you can help. ClydeFest is simply THE best kids' festival the area has to offer – let's keep it strong. Keep an eye on [www.chathamarts.org](http://www.chathamarts.org) as we finalize the lineup, and watch out for critters. We look forward to seeing you there!

☀️ Written by Gwendolen Gray (01.01.13)

## LOWER HAW STATE NATURAL AREA NC State Parks

On a hot September Saturday, NC State Park Ranger Brock Martin and a crew of volunteers helped me improve the Bynum Mill access to the Haw River for my Eagle Scout project. Just downriver of the 15-501 bridge, this site provides convenient parking and access to a beautiful section of river. Over the course of the day, we widened and smoothed out the trail to the river, added a rock bed to the muddy riverbank, and installed two benches. The improvements provide a convenient access to the river, as well as a great place to sit and enjoy the view.

This project would not have been possible without the nonstop help of Ranger Martin, donations from Lowe's Home Improvement and Luck Stone Pittsboro, and the five volunteers who took time out of their days to help the community. Ranger Martin led me through the process of setting up a service project along the river, identifying potential sponsors and providing many of the tools and transportation, including hauling gravel to the site. Luck Stone donated the twelve tons of rip-rap and ABC gravel. A Lowe's Home Improvement National Eagle Scout Project Impact grant covered the cost of the bench materials, and my generous grandmother funded a rapidly devoured Subway lunch.

It was most satisfying to return to the site the very next morning and see park visitors were already using the bench and improved river access. Thank you to all who helped make this pleasant and practical project a reality.

☀️ Written by Marlow Durbin, Boy Scout Troop 451, Durham (01.01.13)





**HERE FOR YOU!**  
*Did you know...*

Bynum Front Porch leases the old Bynum General Store and Post Office building. Our goal is to provide a space for the Bynum community and Chatham neighbors to gather.

Since 2007 Bynum Front Porch has supported, created, or hosted:

- Friday night summer music series
- Artist showings
- Multiple educational grants with more than \$8000 given to date
- Casino Night
- Saturday Bluegrass Pickin'
- Daisy Troop 1006
- Tiger Cub Scout Troop 951
- Drum class
- Children's theatre group
- Support The Southern Buckshot (local girls softball team)
- Bynum Community Garden Support
- Support Bynum Halloween pumpkins on the bridge
- Support annual Christmas kids party
- Support ClydeFest
- Birthday parties
- First Saturday Bingo
- Storytelling Series
- Hispanic Liaison Easter Basket
- Community meetings
- Writers group meetings
- Game night
- Community speaker nights
- Craft days

**The store is here for you to use too!**

Please let Bynum Front Porch know if you have any ideas for programming, want to have a birthday party or have suggestions for community events. Bynum Front Porch strives to make the old store a community gathering place for you and your neighbors. Hope to see you there. 🌱 *Written by Debbie & Jill (01.01.13)*

## GREETING FOR 2013

from the Haw River Assembly!

The 22nd Annual Haw River Clean-Up will be on Saturday March 16, 2013. We have hundreds of volunteers who clean up sites along the river, creeks and at Jordan Lake, but our home base here in Bynum is always one of our biggest efforts. We fan out along the state park trails, above the dam, along Bynum Creek and more, both on foot and in canoes. We provide bags and gloves. Please mark your calendar to join us this March – maybe you'll be the one to find the winning "Weird Trash" entry!

Not getting our weekly email newsletter? You can find out about how to volunteer, upcoming events and field trips, and the latest on pollution alerts, including the on-going effort to keep NC Frack Free. Email us at [info@hawriver.org](mailto:info@hawriver.org) to get on the list. And you can always look for us on Facebook or the website - [www.hawriver.org](http://www.hawriver.org).

We're your neighbors here in Bynum and always welcome a visit from you – just stop by our millhouse office at 199 Bynum Hill on weekdays. Many of you are members of HRA and we hope you know how much your support means to our efforts to protect the beautiful Haw River!

Wishing everyone a great 2013! Elaine Chiosso, Haw Riverkeeper, (919) 542-5790

🌱 *Written by Elaine Chiosso (01.01.13)*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE & COOKIES!

Fall has been a busy time for Bynum Daisy Troop 1006. The 6-7 year olds decided to devote this scouting year to community service by dedicating this as the "Year of Giving." Already the Daisies have earned Linus Project Blanketeer badges by making blankets for hospitalized children as well as collected donations and baked goods for Chapel Hill's Ronald McDonald House.

In early January the girls will be selling those famous cookies door-to-door. Please be on the lookout and thanks for any support you can give us. The troop elected to donate a percentage of funds raised to a local organization.

If you have any questions, ideas or thoughts around the Girl Scouts, or if you want cookies, please feel free to email troop leaders Dawn Porter ([Dawn.Porter@earthlink.net](mailto:Dawn.Porter@earthlink.net)) or Angela Fowler ([thefowlers2@hotmail.com](mailto:thefowlers2@hotmail.com)).

🌱 *Written by Dawn Porter (01.01.13)*



## SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

for your **Bynum Ruritan Club**

The Bynum Ruritan Club is an organization formed in the early 50's by members of the community for the sole purpose of serving the community. We are always seeking new members to enhance our services to the residents of Bynum. Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Please come join us to learn how you can become a member. Check the BFP calendar of events for upcoming activities.

🌱 *Written by Martha Collins (01.01.13)*

## Maude and Claude



by Matt Zigler

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## GROWING STRONG and planting for a new year!

The Bynum Community Garden successfully completed its third summer season with our neighborhood potluck supper. We cooked hot dogs and marshmallows over a wood fire and sampled everyone's covered dishes. Yum yum!

Some accomplishments this season include: giving over 175 lbs (our personal best) of food to CORA; providing a garden bed for the Daisies (pre-Brownies) and educating them about the food cycle from seed to grocery store; donating a number of lawn and garden items to the Bynum Front Porch June auction; donating 5 blackberry bushes to the Small Cafe in Pittsboro; receiving an elderberry bush from elderberylife.com which will provide additional bushes and berries next summer. We also hosted fundraisers by selling salsa (made from our garden's produce), license plates, bulbs and plants at Clydefest.

We have planted some fall crops and are looking forward to getting our hands in the dirt in the new year! As always, come up and see us – we love to show the garden off!

🌱 *Written by Maggie Frantz & Barclay Spatz (01.01.13)*

## Save our P.O. BOXES!

Please remember that our Bynum P.O. Box kiosk is in 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.

🌱 *Written by Martha Collins (01.01.13)*

## Remember a friend and neighbour OUR TRIBUTE TO DAN

In November, the Bynum Community lost a special friend, neighbor, and advocate-Dan Blanchette. In the wake of his untimely death, Dan has left us all a trove of special Bynum memories.

Many of us will remember great conversations held with Dan during a summer concert at the Bynum General Store, or at Dan's after-parties held in his home. Others will think of his unwavering support of local organizations like Bynum Front Porch, the Haw River Assembly, and ClydeFest, with countless hours volunteered to each cause. Still others will recall his own personal campaign keeping the street gutters clean in Bynum Village and the trails along the Haw River.

But it will be late spring/early summer when we may miss him most. When the Haw is up, and the first wave of tubers takes that initial plunge in the still-cool water, it will be with a bit of sadness, knowing that "Dan the River Man" will no longer be in our midst, guiding us down the river that he loved so much. 🌱 *Written by River Dukes (01.01.13)*



Dan at his happiest, on the river.

