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In Bynum our front porches

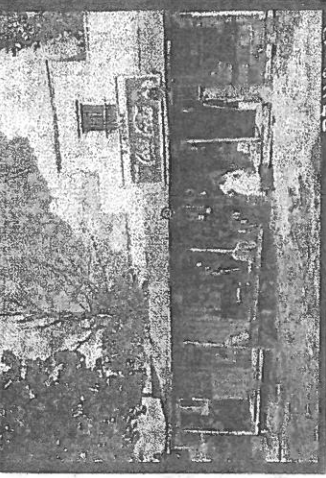
are 4 ½ feet by somethin'. Of course there are a few bigger and there are a few smaller, but the majority are 4 ½ feet by somethin'. It's the something that this article is about.

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.

In reading about the history of the front porch – which probably started as an overhang in a cave – it's clear that porches evolved because of climate issues. While they are found all over our country, it was the South and other areas with heat and humidity where they became a necessity during the pre-air conditioner days. Front porches allowed air to be cooled a little by the shade of the roof and a sloped roof kept the hottest air out of the path of the front door. (If that sloped roof was painted a particular shade of blue, I'm told it kept more than hot air away, but I think we'll save that for a future story!) The shotgun style of architecture is when there is a hallway directly inside, or as is the case often in Bynum, there is a window directly in line with the front door – or both front doors in some. Windows directly across the house from windows, windows directly across from doors allow the cooler air to flow through the house. Simple and effective.



Did anyone foresee the neighborly effect of the front porch? When we sit on our porches and people and dogs walk by, all become our neighbors.

Even if we only nod hello, a connection happens. We are a community sharing the simplest and loveliest of human facial expressions: a smile. If no smile appears, then we'll share that to. Because we're neighbors and we're Bynum and that simply is what we do around here.

Bynum Front Porch is our non-profit organization whose mission is to keep alive the spirit of our community. The advent of air-conditioning and decks out back in privacy fences enticed people either inside or to the backyard, reducing our contact. A major highway and the increased pace of our days also reduced time spent in gentle contemplation of the shape of that there cloud, ya' know?

Bynum Front Porch's mission is to provide a place where we can all gather and just be with each other. Home base is the General Store which provides us a safe place to gather. Our Friday Night Music Series lets us just be and tap our toes, too. Our Scholarship program helps the young among us attend to their dreams while the Saturday pickin' and potluck helps us keep the history of our music alive.

We've created this newsletter as a sort of neighborly visit. To let you know of the happenings around the Village and neighbors' news that they wish to share, whether good or not so good. While we share your joy, we'll support you in times of trouble, because we're neighbors and we're Bynum and that simply is what we do around here. ✉ *Written by Zen Shoemaker (3.23.10)*

BYNUM at a glance

March

28th EASTER EGG HUNT

*Bynum Methodist Church, location,
12:30pm*

APRIL

11th COMMUNITY GARDEN

*Official Opening Ceremony with
potluck and party*

17th CLYDEFEST

Bynum Ball Field

30th MUSIC SERIES STARTS

*see back page for a detailed schedule
and band information*

JULY

4th USUAL CELEBRATIONS

on Bynum Bridge

*BFF is a non-profit organization, your
tax deductible donations are always
welcome.*

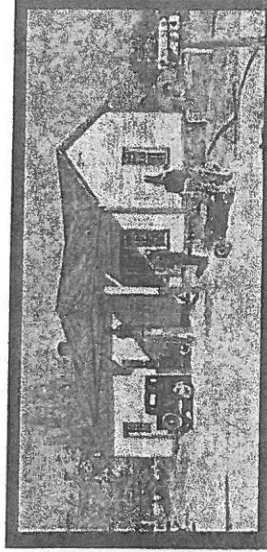
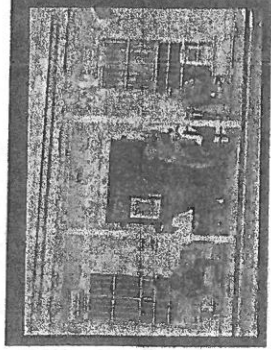
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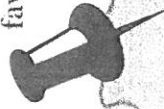
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It is said that the wise women of Bynum who either worked in the mill or were wives of men who did, needed to streettttch the small wages to feed her family. This became a local favorite and is still one today.



BYNUM CHICKEN CRACKER STEW

1 fat hen (4 pounds or so – the more yellow the better)

1 tablespoon red pepper flakes
water to cover the hen

1 pound of real butter

1 quart milk

1 15ounce box saltine crackers

4 tablespoons flour

black pepper to taste

Cut hen apart at joints. Put in stock pot. Add red pepper flakes. Cover with water. Simmer partially covered until very tender and meat falls off the bone, adding a bit more water if needed. (1.5 hours or more depending on the size of the chicken.)

Turn off the heat. Uncover and let the pot cool for 30 minutes or so. Take the chicken out of the pot. (Save the broth!) Turn the burner back on medium low, and bring the broth back to a simmer. Remove the bones and gristle, and return the meat to the broth.

*Put flour in a quart jar with a lid and add about a cup of milk. Shake until there are no lumps. Add rest of milk and shake again. Add mix to simmering broth and stir. Add hunks of butter to broth. Cook on medium and stir 10-15 minutes – until broth makes a gravy.

Turn the heat to low. Pour in all the saltines. Do not stir them in. Just pile them on top and let them soak up the juices by themselves. Some will be broken - some will be whole – that is ok. Cover the top with black pepper.

(*Some folks add the butter at the very end with the crackers so it just floats on top. Some people don't use milk and flour. It is good either way.)

✍️ Written by Cynthia Raxter (3.23.10)

SPEAKERS CORNER

April 11, 2010 • Bynum General Store • 3-5pm



ED "MOOSE" DUKE, professional liar and storyteller, will be at The Bynum General Store. His bio in his own words:

Born in Pittsboro in 1951, I lived in and around Bynum all my life, (until the early 90s), and was a welder by trade for many years.

I was married for 20 years and have one daughter and one granddaughter. Diagnosed with a severe bipolar condition in the early 90s and needing a change, I moved to Raeford, NC. I attended Isothermal Community College in Spindale to complete a degree in order to become a high school welding instructor for the state of NC. I then taught welding at Hoke County High School in Raeford for 10 years.

My hobbies include sky diving and making scrap metal art, which has been displayed and sold in many galleries and art festivals throughout the state. I am currently writing a book about my life in Bynum, on the Mill Hill.

Retired from teaching, I now reside on 10 acres in Moore County with my two cats, Bucky & Ali; my 2 dogs, Maddie Rose, a blue tick hound mix and Bronson, a black lab/rottweiler. My pet opossum, Dude, was also a much-loved member of my household for the past 2 years. Recently, after many trips to the vet, and fighting the good fight, he succumbed to a severe respiratory infection on New Year's Eve, 2009. Dude was very special and I miss him a great deal.

Just recently, I have added professional liar & storyteller to my list of hobbies. I have always had a knack for both, but did not realize until just recently that there were people out there who would actually come and listen to the tales I could spin, and the stories I could tell. I like people and enjoy being able to make them laugh. ✍️

Written by Ed Duke (3.23.10) • Speakers sponsored by the History Committee. Keeping with the tradition of "Pass The Hat," we will be accepting donations so we can have more speakers, storytellers, historians at the Bynum General Store



BYNUM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday General Worship 11am

We would love for you to join us on any given Sunday to fellowship, worship and sing praises unto the Lord.

Weekly communion services are held on Sundays at 9.15am. Sunday school classes begin at 10am, and include childcare in the nursery, a Woman's class, an adult class and a young child's class. Worship service begins at 11am, and includes singing hymns, choir voices and a message brought to you by Pastor Jeff Babajtis. Do you like to sing? We invite you to join us in the choir, which practices every Wednesday evening at 7pm.

Come as you are, All are welcome.

Upcoming events:

- March 28th: Easter Egg Hunt at 12:30pm (raindate, Sat April 3rd)
- April 1st: Holy Thursday Service at 7pm
- April 2nd: Good Friday Service at 7pm
- April 4th: Sunrise Service @ Bynum UMC Cemetery at sunrise with another service at 10:30am
- Calling all ladies – April 17th: Ladies' Luncheon at 10:30am – 1pm, Captain John's Seafood Drydock at Cole Park. We will have a speaker, catered lunch, door prizes and vendors for shopping. Tickets are \$10 each. Please contact Melissa Williams at 542-5535 or email mom2fugirls@centurylink.net

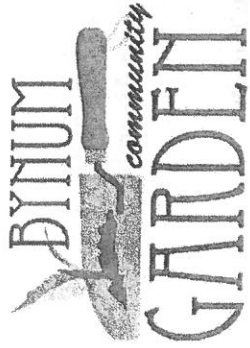
Have any questions? Feel free to call Jeff at 542-4715

Visit us on the web at <http://sites.google.com/site/bynumumc/about-us>

✍️ Written by Jeff Babajtis (3.23.10)

"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may have eternal life."

– 1 John 5:13


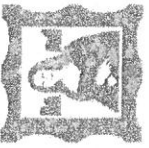


BYNUM COMMUNITY GARDEN Opening Celebrations • April 11th • 1-3pm • Bynum General Store

Come see our booth at the Clydefest celebration (April 17th). We will have something that is fun, educational and that gives kids something unique to take home with them.

The garden is also planning a plant sale on that day as well. If our seed starting efforts are successful, we will have a variety of organically grown vegetables, including heirloom varieties, as well as flowers and shrubbery. Free admission, to browse your new community garden, which is located under the water tower, next to the ball field, on Bynum Hill. Please plan on stopping by to get those plants you will need for this summer's harvest, and to see the progress we have made on your garden. <http://bynumcommunitygarden.blogspot.com/> Visit us on the web to find out more information about how to become a member, read our blog or donate time or money, and become a friend of the garden. ✉️ *Written by Larry Crum (3.23.10)*

CHATHAM ARTS

<p><i>March</i></p> <p>Sustainable Cinema Series – presents our Spring Student Showcase. Fearington Barn Tuesday, March 30th, 7 pm <i>ChathamArts will screen the very best in inspiring, thought provoking, culture poking, sensitive, sarcastic, funny, poignant, informative, enlightening works in documentary, narrative, experimental and animation. The event showcases the creativity and technical skills coming out of our state's art, animation and film programs. We'll be screening selected works, as part of the ChathamArts Sustainable Cinema Series that features the best in independent NC film. Also, meet ChathamArts' own "Youth Doc" high school filmmakers from SAGE Academy. NC has the third largest film industry in the U.S., just after NYC and L.A. Popcorn, Candy, and Cash Bar available. Tickets are \$5 for general public, \$3 for students</i></p>	<p><i>May</i></p> <p>Spring Symphony Pops Concert – featuring William Henry Curry and the Durham Symphony Orchestra May 23rd, Northwood High School Auditorium <i>Doors open at 6:30 pm; Concert starts at 7 pm. Reception at 5 pm</i></p> <p><i>June</i></p> <p>5th Annual Potluck in the Pasture – Sunday, June 13th at Central Carolina Community College Pittsboro <i>A dynamic tribute to Chatham County's traditions of "homegrown and handmade" highlighting ongoing agricultural and artistic talents. Stay tuned to learn the identity of our featured celebrity guest!</i></p>
<p>Gallery March Exhibit: Futuristic – 115 Hillsboro Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312 Refreshments, New Work, Artist Presentation. (First Sunday Reception on March 7th from noon – 5 pm.)</p> <p>Workshops <i>Latin Dance; Acrylics (with Dynamite Bynumite, Matt Zigler); Improv Acting; Children's Book Illustration and Publishing; Hip Hop Dance; Voice, and more! These class sessions continue through May. Stay tuned for our summer roster. Register online: www.chathamarts.org or email info@chathamarts.org.</i></p>	 <p>Chatham Summer Camps at Briar Chapel June & July</p> <p>Dinosaurs: Elizabeth Cox June 21 – 25 • 8:30 am – 12:30 pm (All Ages)</p> <p>Ancient World Arts: Elizabeth Cox June 21 – 25 • 1:00 – 5:00 pm July 26 – 30 • 8:30 am – noon (All Ages)</p> <p>North Carolina Nature & Art: Elizabeth Cox June 28 • 8:30 am – 12:30 pm</p> <p>Drama Camp: Larissa Biggers June 28 – July 2nd • 2:30 – 5:30 pm (Ages 6 - 9) & July 5 - 9 • 2:30 - 5:30 pm (Ages 10 - 13)</p>
<p><i>April</i></p> <p>Signature Event: ClydeFest 2010! Bynum Ballpark Saturday, April 17th, 11 am - 4 pm. Music from Northwood Jazz Band, Tommy Edwards and Friends, and Sandbox. Magic, Immaculate Baking Company Cookies, Games unlike any anywhere else, Critters (live and cedar), and folk art with the world famous Clyde Jones! Tickets: \$7, Kids under 12: \$3 More info: www.chathamarts.org/programs/clydefest.html</p>	
<p>Gallery New Exhibit: "All That's Soft" Gala Opening scheduled Thursday, April 1, 6:30 - 8 pm Refreshments, Live Jazz, New Work, Artist Presentation. (First Sunday Reception on April 4th from noon – 5 pm. Refreshments, New Work, Artist Presentation)</p>	
<p>Sustainable Cinema Series – Fearington Barn Tuesday, 27th, 7 pm <i>Screening: "Miss Nancy Minds Their Manners," http://missnancymindstheirmanners.com Popcorn, Candy, and Cash Bar available. Tickets are \$5 for general public, \$3 for students http://chathamarts.org/programs/sustainablecinema.html</i></p>	

bynum front porch MUSIC SERIES

2010 SCHEDULE

Friday Nights • 7pm – 9pm

*Family friendly event; Pass the Hat for the band,
Food vendor; No Alcohol or pets please.*

April 30 – Nu Blu

Bluegrass to their soul

May 7 – Apple Chill Cloggers

With music by the Hushpuppies

May 14 – Rye Mountain Boys

Square dancin' hoe down fun!

May 21 – Magnolia Klezmer

High energy Eastern European Jewish party music!

My 28 – Boys from Carolina

Exceptional, Professional, Bluegrass musicians

June 4 – Big Al Hal & Marching Rams

If the animals in the zoo played in a secret band at night...

June 11 – Gigi Dover & Big Love

Soul, rock, country & sultry southern evening

June 18 – Mandolin Orange

A Carrboro folk duo not to be missed!

June 25 – Hot Rooster

Original, homegrown funk and roll – come feel the groove

July 2 – Holiday. No Band

July 9 – Hell Camino

*Hard driving and rock solid Motown mingled
with the energy of Stax*

July 16 – Great Big Gone

Porch picking, finger licking, roots rocking, western swinging

July 23 – Nikki meets the Hibachi

With Indigo Girl influences and heartfelt symmetry

July 30 – The Bluegrass Experience

A vital force in bluegrass for over 30 years!

August 6 – Down the Road

*Traditional bluegrass focusing on strong harmonies
and good picking*

August 13 – Straight 8's

Gas up for this combustible blend of high-octane rock-a-billy!

August 20 – Gravy Boys

High energy shows feature heartfelt vocal harmonies

August 27 – Saludos Compay

*Bienvenidos a Bynum as we salute summer with the areas
best Caribbean flair and Latin rhythms*

 Content by Jamie Hager, BFP music coordinator (3.23.10)

*This schedule was correct at time of going to print. For current information
and any changes, we suggest you check our online calendar of events
bynumfrontporch.com*

HAW RIVER ASSEMBLY:

Some information about the Assembly and maybe a contact point.

March 27 – Full Moon Paddle:

Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company. To register please contact Joe Jacob at (336) 260-6465

March 27 – Jordan Lake Paddle – Kayak

Adventures. To register please contact Susanne Gomalski at (919) 929-7425

April 10 – Medicinal and Edible Plant Walk with Kim Calhoun.

To register please contact Germane: germane@hawriver.org or (919) 542-5790

April 30 – Dinner and Film Festival Fundraiser:

Saxapahaw General Store (a part of the Haw River Festival). More info (919) 542-5790

May 1 – Haw River Festival,

Saxapahaw. more info (919) 542-5790

May 2 – Peddle and Paddle, Haw River Canoe &

Kayak Company, Saxapahaw. To register please contact Joe Jacob at (336) 260-6465

May 2 – Brunch and lecture with Mark Chilton,

at the River Landing Inn: to RSVP please contact Germane: germane@hawriver.org or (919) 542-5790

Saxapahaw (a part of the Haw River Festival)

May TBA – Clean Water Lobby Day, Raleigh:

more info (919) 542-5790

 Content by Germane James, HRA member (3.23.10)

NEIGHBORS

we're keeping close to our hearts:

Clarence Durham & family

Doug Neal

Dawn Porter

Louise Riggsbee

Jack Wheeler

the families of:

Dustin Dawson

Luevinia Johnson.

Charles "Bum" Tripp

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Residents in and around Bynum were able to donate 100 Easter baskets for the Hispanic Liaison Foundation children, made possible by cash donations of \$400 by Bynum neighbors and toothbrushes donated by Dr. Sidharth Bansal of Pittsboro Dental. Thank you to everyone involved!

If you have an idea on how to reach out to your community please contact: bynumfrontporch@googlemail.com – with COMMUNITY OUTREACH as the subject line. Hope to hear from you soon!