

DISPATCHES

Shakori Hills gears up for Spring Music and Dance Festival

The Shakori Hills GrassRoots Festival of Music & Dance will hold its 13th annual spring festival from **Thursday, April 16 to Sunday, April 19**. The festival will feature more than 50 bands and performers on two big outdoor stages, a large Dance Tent, and an intimate Cabaret Tent. Located on 72 beautiful farmland acres in Chatham County, at 1439 Henderson-Tanyard Road. The festival also features local crafts, delicious food, lively children's activities, healing arts practitioners, dance and music workshops, environmental sustainability forums, and much more in a family-friendly setting.

Featured acts include: AJ Ghent Band, The Wood Brothers, Donna the Buffalo, Lanzallamas, Dillon Fence, Billy Joe Shaver, Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars, Willie Watson,

Driftwood, Preston Frank, The London Souls, Jim Lauderdale, Bombadil, & Big Mean Sound Machine

Local favorites include: Holy Ghost Tent Revival, Chicken Wire Gang, dub Addis, Orquesta GarDel, Dr. Bacon, Laurelyn Dossett, Greg Humphreys Electric Trio, Diali Cissokho, TOW3RS, Music Maker Revue (Bubba Norwood, Big Ron Hunter, Harvey Arnold, Ironing Board Sam, John Dee Holeman, Lakota John Locklear, Pat "Mother Blues" Cohen, Bulltown Strutters, New Reveille, Big Fat Gap, Randy Dean Whitt, Apple Chill Cloggers, Flowjo Family Circus, Five Points Rounders Rowdy Square Dance, Gasoline Stove, Tea Cup Gin, Laila Nur, & Northwood High School A Capella

Children's performances by: Roger Day, Tim Wells,

Freewheelin' Mamas, Bucket Brothers & an all-festival parade featuring MarchFourth! & Paperhand Puppet Intervention

Festival tickets are on sale now and available by phone 919.542.8142 and at www.shakorihillsgrassroots.org/tickets-info.

- Four-day passes: \$114 in advance (through April 13) \$124 at the gate
- Youth four-day passes: \$59
- Kids 12 and under are FREE!
- One-day passes: \$32 Thurs; \$42 Fri; \$49 Sat; \$32 Sun
- Youth (13-15) one-day: \$14, \$19, \$24, and \$14
- Tent camping (per tent): \$29 advance; \$34 gate
- Vehicle camping (per vehicle): \$86 advance; \$94 gate

14th Annual ClydeFEST—The Kids' Carnival of Folk Art Fun

Get outside, get creative and get in on some hands-on, folk art fun. The Chatham Arts Council invites you to attend the 14th annual ClydeFEST celebration on **May 2** in Bynum. The family-friendly festival encourages children of all ages to participate in the mirth and flurry of interactive amusement, evocative of charming town fairs of the past.

This Chatham County treasure of an event is named after the county's nationally renowned folk artist Clyde Jones and combines his zeal for creativity with the "young'uns" of this community. It will run from 11 a.m.–4 p.m. at the Ball Field in Bynum just south of Chapel Hill/Carrboro towards Pittsboro.

Peppered with Clyde's signature "critters," the carnival-like atmosphere will offer scores of interactive activities for children as well as young musical talent, an array of local artists, handmade old-time field games, food trucks, face painters, silly clowns, hula hoopers, jump ropers, children's theatre, and

much, much more. It is a safe, wholesome festival that offers kids and parents a chance to connect among play and creativity.

"It feels like a step into a different time," said Gilda McDaniel, long-time event coordinator and Chatham Arts Council Board Member. "The old-fashioned feel of the entire event takes on a fresh appeal to everyone who attends, little kids and their 'big kids'. It endures because it is so different and special."

ClydeFEST has evolved greatly in its 14 years. While it has always been a celebration of Clyde and his beloved "young'uns," since moving to the Bynum ball field seven years ago it has gained the cohesive, nostalgic feel that it has now. The field has a distinct ClydeFEST "look" with games and performers arranged in pathways to provide children maximum exposure to many activities while parents can safely watch.

In keeping with tradition, festivities will culminate with Clyde fashioning a coveted whimsical "Critter" on-site that

will be subsequently auctioned. This is a rare opportunity for those trying to get their hands on a Clyde creation as he does not sell his pieces; he gives them away, oftentimes to organizations to help raise funds. Proceeds from the auction will help the Chatham Arts Council create its new Artist-in-Schools Initiative for Chatham County kids.

The Chatham Arts Council's homegrown ClydeFEST aligns with its mission to invest in artists and educate kids through the arts across Chatham County.

Admission is \$7 for ages 12 and up, \$3 for ages 3-11, and free for children under age 3. In case of inclement weather, the festival will be held from 1-5 p.m. May 3. For those who don't want to wait in ticket lines with small kids in tow, advance tickets are available at <http://clydefest2015.brownpapertickets.com/>.

—Melissa Hlavac, Board Member Chatham Arts Council

ArtBrake! We brake for art

ArtBrake! The Frosty community progressive studio tour will take place **April 25 and 26**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Stop when you see an ArtBrake! sign in the Frosty community, North of Pittsboro and Southwest of Chapel Hill, near the Haw River. All six galleries are found within a three mile radius of Frosty Fire Station in beautiful Chatham County, out Jones Ferry Road, South of Carrboro.

Enjoy the work of 11 dedicated, locally and regionally-known artists. Meet the artists and experience their processes

of creating art in a wide spectrum of styles and media. This year, we have 6 stops and 11 artists.

The artists are: Linda Anderson: Painting and sculpture; Tom Boone: Wood turning/furniture and photography; Regina Bridgman: Stained glass; Jim Bridgman: Wood and natural jewelry; Kim Hawks: Photography; Louise Hobbs: Clay sculpture; Al McCannless: Pottery and banjos; Carol Kroll: Three-dimensional mixed media; Christie Minchew: Two- and three-dimensional mixed media and fiber; Chuck Minchew: Wood furniture and end-grain cutting boards; Dick Seed: Wood and metal murals

and whimsical sculptures.

Take the free, self-guided tour of this small and remarkable part of Chatham County. ArtBrake! studio spaces are in delightful settings to visit and enjoy! Ride through the woodsy vistas and scenic beauty of Northeastern Chatham County and discover one of its richest resources—the artists!

With six galleries to visit in close vicinity, there is time to peruse art pieces on display, get inspired, and meet each artist. Look for ArtBrake! postcards at local shops and eateries, download the map from: artbrakechathamco.blogspot.com

BRIEFS

Jordan Lake 12-Hour Challenge

Athletes, are you ready for a new challenge? Find out how much distance you can run or walk in 12 hours. The Jordan Lake 12-Hour Challenge will take place on **April 18**, at New Hope Overlook near Moncure. Not up to 12 hours on your own? Find two friends to join you on a team and see what you can do together. Rest when you want, eat when you want, run or walk when you want and go as far as your aching body will take you in 12 hours.

The course will be a 2.9-mile trail loop that runners will repeat as many times as they like during the 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. race. There will be a special award category for the Chatham County resident that covers the greatest distance.

Proceeds from the race will benefit Child Care Networks, a nonprofit agency in Pittsboro that promotes safe, nurturing child care.

For more information or to register online go to: www.childcarenetworks.org/12-hour.

Chatham Literacy's Luncheon to feature novelist Jill McCorkle

Award-winning author Jill McCorkle will discuss her latest novel at Chatham Literacy's Fifth Annual Spring for Literacy Luncheon, **Thursday, April 23**, at Galloway Ridge. Proceeds will go toward Chatham Literacy's program to help adults improve their English, reading, and writing skills.

The book, "Life After Life," tells the story of people in Pine Haven, a retirement home in a fictional North Carolina town. It focuses on "memory and those very last moments of life," McCorkle says.

McCorkle lives on a Hillsborough farm raising chickens and goats with her husband, Tom Rankin, and teaches writing through a program with Bennington College.

Tickets are \$50 a person, \$29 of which is tax deductible. Cash wine bar 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Lunch and speaker 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Ticket information at www.chathamliteracy.org or 919.542.6424.

Chatham Empty Bowls to fill Hanks Chapel

The 6th Annual Chatham Empty Bowls Fundraiser to benefit CORA Food Pantry is **Sunday, May 3**, 5:30-8 p.m. at Hank's Chapel Fellowship Hall in Pittsboro. The event features beautiful local pottery, a light supper of delicious soup and bread from local restaurants and bakeries, live entertainment, light hors d'oeuvres, and a variety of desserts. Your participation helps CORA Food Pantry feed hungry residents from all over Chatham County.

The local pottery is the highlight of the event. The ticket for "The Works" include a locally handcrafted bowl of the buyer's choice to treasure and use at home. Potters from all over the Triangle are contributing bowls to the event.

There will also be a Silent Auction of larger pottery pieces and other handcrafted items including works by Mark Hewitt and jewelry by Mariah Wheeler of The Joyful Jewel. Silent Auction items will be on display at The Joyful Jewel on Hillsborough Street in Pittsboro from April 17 through May 1.

Popular local eateries provide soup. Vegan and vegetarian soup options will be available. A crew of bakers from Ferrington Village are

providing fresh home-baked breads. Admission also includes light hors d'oeuvres and a variety of homemade desserts.

All ticket proceeds go to CORA Food Pantry, which provides a week's worth of food for individuals and families in crisis in Chatham County. CORA now serves more than 550 families a month and expects to serve 21,000 individuals this year — 13 percent more than last year. For more information on CORA (Chatham Outreach Alliance, Inc.) friend us on Facebook and visit the website at www.corafoodpantry.org.

Tickets: \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door for "The Works" (handcrafted bowl, unlimited soup, hors d'oeuvres, beverage and dessert). Food and beverage only is \$15 per person, Kids under 12 — \$5 (food only).

Hanks Chapel Fellowship Hall is located at 125 Hanks Loop Rd, Pittsboro. Take 64 (East St.) to Hank's Chapel Road. From Hanks Chapel Road turn right on Hanks Loop Road.

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