

DISPATCH

ClydeFEST is back in town — Volunteers needed

On Saturday, September 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the 15th Annual ClydeFEST unfolds in Chatham County's Bynum Ballfield (73 Bynum Hill Road), thanks to the Chatham Arts Council and its partners. The Chatham Arts Council heartily welcomes you to share in the magic—and they need volunteers to help pull the rabbit out of this hat!

Back in the days of its more humble beginnings, ClydeFEST drew crowds of around 750, but over the last four years, ClydeFEST has skyrocketed to nearly 2,000 kids and kids-at-heart sharing spirit, connection, and creativity with our one-day antidote to the smartphone stare. To make sure all those families and kids have a great day, the Chatham Arts Council is assembling a team of 150 volunteering folks. If you want to get in the community spirit, they've got a job for you. Light carpentry skills are helpful, but no special skills are required. Visit <http://www.chathamartscouncil.org/clydefestvolunteerregistration/> to participate!

New to ClydeFEST? Looking to learn what the mighty ClydeFEST is all about and why this one-of-a-kind celebration holds a special place in the heart of our community? Let's go back to the parents for this one: Dorothy, a parent of a 7-year-old recounted her daughter's 2014 ClydeFEST experience, "She painted a critter, built a fairy castle out of wood and rocks, made a cloth bag, got her face painted, and learned how to hold a violin. Really, this was an awesome day for her!"

Games... of course, there are those Stephan Meyers original games. All games are free once you're inside the ballfield, and they're designed especially for the preschool and elementary school set (though a grownup or two has been known to have some fun with them!). Mailbox Madness, Foul Shot, Tic Tac Tire, Bubble Trouble, Fishin' Hole, Froggie Jump, Critter Putt...

Artmaking... tons of creativity. Hands-on stuff. A bounty of booths from local clubs, schools, and agencies, and each one will offer a free kids' art project. Your kids can create



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while you learn about beekeeping, the local library, the environment, or cool carnivorous plants (just to name a few!).

Live performances... ClydeFEST has turned into a full-fledged festival with live performances—and a bunch of new faces this year. The Chatham Arts Council dares you to sit still with this year's lineup.

Free for kids under 3, \$3 kids ages 3–11, \$7 ages 12 and up. To purchase tickets online: <http://clydefest2016.brownpapertickets.com/> For more info: www.ChathamArtsCouncil.org; 919.542.0394. Rain date: September 25, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Danielle DuClos, Volunteer & Sponsorship Coordinator for ClydeFEST 2016

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Friends of the Chatham Community Library Fall Book Sale

The Friends of the Chatham Community Library (FotCCL) will hold its Fall Book Sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 15, 16 and 17, at the library on the campus of Central Carolina Community College in Pittsboro.

Hours of the sale are Thursday, September 15, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, September 16, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, September 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free, and purchases may be made by cash or check—but no credit cards are accepted.

More than 17,000 hardbound and softbound books, plus DVDs, CDs, LPs, audio books and more, will be available for purchase. The sale offers a completely new assortment of titles in very good to excellent condition, and to make shopping easier all are organized by category, subject or format.

Members of the Friends of the Chatham Community Library receive a discount of \$3, including all those who join the Friends at the book sale. The discount may be used on any day of the sale.

The book sale is held in the Holmes Family Meeting Room of the library, which is located

at 197 NC Highway 87 North in Pittsboro, about a half mile north of US Highway 64 Business (West Street). There is ample free parking at the library and adjacent college, plus volunteers to assist with carrying out and loading books.

More information about the book sale, including membership in the Friends and volunteer opportunities, may be found on the FotCCL Website at www.friendsccl.org.

Grand Opening for Pittsboro's Small Museum of Folk Art



Art lovers will get a new venue in Chatham County this fall when the doors open at The

Small Museum of Folk Art in historic downtown Pittsboro on Sunday, September 25, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Over the last two years, Dave Clark and Lisa Piper, owners of Small Street B&B Cafe in Pittsboro, have worked with a group of dedicated volunteers to create a new home for the beloved folk art collection of Jim Massey, retired UNC professor and local botany legend. Works by Clyde Jones, Vollis Simpson, Howard Finster, Mose Tolliver, and Jimmie Lee Suddeth are among the many to be displayed live and online on the museum's educational website.

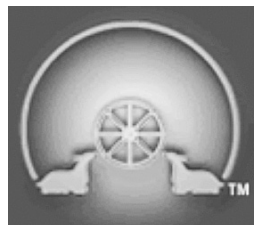
For many years, Jim Massey maintained the Haywood Museum, a repurposed vintage post office building that housed his private collection on his property at the Holly Hill Day Lily Farm. It was a popular roadside find among curious locals and visitors to the farm. When Massey retired and the retail business closed, he wanted to find a space for the public to enjoy the extensive range of works he lovingly amassed over many decades. He gifted the extensive collection of over 400 paintings and sculptures to Clark and Piper when he discovered their shared devotion to the genre of outsider art and creative small buildings.

Massey knew it was a match made in heaven. He declared that it "put a chill up his

spine" when he thought about the museum being located on their property. The couple initially thought it was the craziest idea they had ever heard, but warmed up to it quickly. Clark founded a nonprofit to properly house and manage the collection. The museum building was donated, as were countless hours of volunteer work, hard labor, and boundless creativity to get the building in shape for the target opening date. "After working so closely with Jim and his art—moving, cataloguing, building, renovating—we're so excited to finally be able to have a space to showcase this fantastic body of work that Jim has collected with such love and admiration for each of these artists," Clark said. "He loves meeting the artists, listening to their stories, absorbing the history and lore of each piece along the way. We're so lucky to be a part of Jim's vision to bring this art directly to the community and educate people on the possibilities of art and creativity in their own lives."

The Small Museum of Folk Art grand opening celebration is free and open to the public. The museum is located at 219 East Street in Pittsboro. Parking access for the grand opening will be available on East Street with handicap parking in the Cafe lot. Visit www.smallmuseumfolkart.org or call 919.642.3866 for more information.

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