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**The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company – Electronic Update
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***** Saxapahaw Redbud Festival *****

The redbud trees bloomed early this year, and it is getting harder and harder to see any blossoms still on the trees. Never mind, the 13th Annual Saxapahaw Redbud Festival is going to happen anyway, blossoms or no blossoms.

The gates open on Saturday, April 14th as folks come from all over to take advantage of free camping, hot showers, great food and lots of music. Bluegrass bands move in on Thursday night, April 18th to entertain everyone and will continue through Saturday night, April 21st. If you are looking for a Friday or Saturday morning paddle, canoes and kayaks will be available for rent.

For more information on bands and scheduled activities and/or to buy tickets ahead of time, go to www.redbudfestival.4t.com or call 919/563-1465.

***** May Haw River Festival in Bynum *****

Each year in May, the Haw River Assembly puts on what has come to be known as the Haw River Festival. The Festival this year will be from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 12th. Especially, if you have kids, do not miss this annual event.

In addition to chalk painting on the Bynum bridge and critters cut out of plywood by famous local artist Clyde Jones, kids get free canoe rides. For adults, there are

exhibits featuring both cultural and natural history, native plants for sale, environmental exhibits and live music by local bands.

Money raised at the annual Haw River Festival goes to support the 3-week Learning Celebration that takes place in the Fall. Fourth graders from throughout the watershed get to attend a day of classes by the water. So far, over 30,000 fourth graders have taken part over the years.

Come out to the Festival, have fun on a beautiful Spring afternoon and support the upcoming Learning Celebration with the purchase of your admission ticket. For more information go to www.hawriver.org or call 919/542-5790.

***** Schedule of Courses & Trips for April & May *****

If you are interested in a paddle course or a guided trip, you can find a schedule of activities on our website (www.hawrivercanoe.com) on both the Instruction and Guided Trips pages. A brief listing of activities for the remainder of April and May are listed below:

April

4/14	Introductory Paddle @ Bynum Paddle Dinner with Grove Winery Stargazing Float
4/15	Swepsonville to Saxapahaw - or Other Direction
4/21	Pedal & Paddle
4/28	Full Moon Paddle

May

5/5	Sunset Paddle
5/6	Haw River to Swepsonville
5/12	Canoe & Kayak Classes
5/19	Stargazing Float
5/20	Swepsonville to Saxapahaw - or Other Direction
5/26	Poker Paddle

*Classes include Quick Start for Canoe & Kayak (3 hrs.), Introduction to Canoeing (8 hrs.) and Introduction to Recreational Kayaking (8 hrs.)

***** So, Who's Answering the Phone These Days *****

Has Joe's voice changed or is someone new answering the phone at The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company? Joe is happy to report that it is someone new. Tracy Seibel is the new Registration Manager.

Tracy brings many talents to the position. She has a strong customer service background from time spent working with Townsend & Bertram Company in Carrboro, the Triangle Sportsplex in Hillsborough and YMCA's in Cary and Durham. In addition to her many office and organizational skills, Tracy is also a Yoga and aerobics instructor. Perhaps most importantly, she just loves people and wants everyone to have a great time.

***** Wow, What a Wonderful Anniversary Party *****

If you missed the 25th Anniversary of the formation of the Haw River Assembly, you missed a wonderful party. There was more than enough to eat and drink, the music was great, the friendship was spectacular and it was just plain fun. Who says conservation work is all work and no play?

Besides taking time to celebrate the many conservation victories during the past 25 years, the Anniversary Party was intended to be a fundraising event. Ticket sales and the live and silent auctions raised a significant amount of money to support the ongoing work of the organization.

Thank you to everyone who came.

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