

2018 Call for Bowls to Support Local Empty Bowls Events



Two local organizations are focused on ending hunger in our neighborhood – and they need your support! Each year, these organizations host popular Empty Bowls events to raise money for the cause. This year, we are combining our efforts to gather together the many beautiful bowls it takes to make these events possible.

Mitchell County Shepherd Staff Food Bank is a 501(c)(3) non-profit whose sole purpose is to provide temporary food and heating assistance to Mitchell County residents who are in need. This fulfills our mission of, "No one goes hungry in Mitchell County." Contact Martha Gordon at shepardstaff@att.net

Dig In! Yancey Community Garden's mission is to grow a community garden that is shared so everyone has the chance to eat fresh produce in Yancey County. Dig In! is a hands-on learning site to teach, inspire, and empower people in Yancey County to grow their own healthy foods using both traditional and modern sustainable methods. Contact Kathleen Wood at kwood@diginyancey.org

What is Empty Bowls?

If you have not participated before, Empty Bowls asks participating artists to create and donate bowls for events, at which a simple and delicious meal of soup, bread and dessert is provided from local restaurants and families. Guests choose a bowl that day and to keep as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. Ticket sales help to fund the hunger-fighting organizations, and bring folks together for an evening of sharing and community.

Additionally, in our communities, ceramic artists are joined by wood turners, glassblowers, fiber artists, metal smiths, painters, sculptors, gardeners, and other artists and craftspeople. Last year, Shepherd Staff hosted a silent auction of donated pieces, and Dig In! Yancey Community Garden sold vases filled with flowers.

When and where are the local events?

Mitchell County Shepherd Staff Food Bank hosts their Empty Bowls event this year on August 18 @ 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm at the First Baptist Church in Spruce Pine. \$25 call (828) 765-5385 for more information

Dig In! Yancey Community Garden is hosting their Empty Bowls event on October 19, 2018 at the Burnsville Town Center. \$25 visit <http://diginyancey.org/about/support-our-work/empty-bowls/>

How to donate

Please donate one or many bowls of *any* material: ceramic, wood, glass, stone, etc. Generally, the bowls are soup-sized, but larger bowls are happily accepted to sell or auction for a higher price.

We invite you to place your business card in each bowl so that the final recipient can know who to appreciate and admire for all the years to come!

Bowl Drop off Locations

- Yancey Library 321 School Circle, Burnsville, NC 28714 828-682-2600
- Spruce Pine Library 142 Walnut Avenue, Spruce Pine, NC 28777 828-765-4673
- Ooak Art Gallery 573 Micaville Loop Burnsville, NC 28714 (828) 675-0690

Deadline

There is no deadline, we can always use bowls for next year, but we would love to have as many as is possible by October 1, so we can estimate how many tickets we can sell for the event.

Who to Contact

Contact Jacquie López if you have questions about donating bowls Jacquie@blackdogendeavors.net 703-232-2145

Special Thank You Event for Bowl Donors!

We are planning a casual thank you celebration for **bowl donors** on September 22 from 11-2pm at the **brand new** Burnt Mountain Pottery Studio on 39 Castanea Street in Bakersville.

If you like, you can bring your finished bowls to this little shindig, mingle with generous friends, sip a frosty beverage and have a few bites to go along with our eternal gratitude.

RSVP by September 15 to Jacquie López
Jacquie@blackdogendeavors.net
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