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Arrow Rock
D.A.R.*



Friends of Arrow Rock Honor Dr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Hall III at Annual Meeting

→ *The Friends of Arrow Rock presented its highest honor—the Distinguished Service Award—to Dr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Hall III at its 52nd Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 12.*

With deep family roots in the area, Dr. Hall has been immersed in Arrow Rock's history all of his life. During the summers while in medical school, he assisted his father in restoring the John Sites Gun Shop, which opened in 1967. This was followed by the building of the John Sappington Museum in 1974 and the publication of a book, *Dr. John Sappington of Saline County, Missouri 1776-1856*.

In 1984, Tom followed in his father's footsteps and was elected as a trustee of the Friends of Arrow Rock. In 1986, he reprinted the Sappington booklet and also a second book his father authored, *Medicine on the Santa Fe Trail*. In 1990, Tom oversaw the second restoration of the Sites Gun Shop, and it was rededicated as part of the Santa Fe Trail Association meeting in 1991. That restoration and work on the Sites House garnered the Friends the Albert B. Cory Award, the highest award given to a smaller historical society by the American Association for State and Local History.

Tom eventually became the Vice President of the organization and began working on a completely new exhibit at the Sappington Museum. Then, due to the untimely death of President Sue Stubbs, he assumed the Presidency in 2004. In her honor, he carried out a successful campaign to raise \$100,000 to meet a challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, which established the Friends of Arrow Rock Humanities Endowment.

Tom and Margaret have created a showplace at their family home across from the Bingham House in Arrow Rock and their magnificent garden and hospitality have been enjoyed by many. Margaret is a national officer and director of the Garden Club of America, which is comprised of 200 clubs and

more than 20,000 members across the U.S., making them national leaders in the field of horticulture, conservation and civic improvement.

In 2008, Tom retired from his medical teaching career at the University of Kansas to devote his full efforts to the Friends of Arrow Rock. As it approached its 50th anniversary year in 2009, Tom led the organization as it embarked on its first-ever capital campaign, with a goal of raising \$1 million dollars. The Halls gave a very generous leadership gift to kick off the successful campaign.

"No one worked harder or solicited with more passion and belief in the mission and vision of Arrow Rock than Tom did, bringing us to this day when we celebrate the completion of this successful campaign," said past Distinguished Service Award recipient Whitney Kerr in presenting the award. "Therefore, it is with our deepest respect and appreciation, that today the Friends of Arrow Rock presents its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, to Tom and Margaret Hall."

The Annual Meeting concluded with cake and ice cream in honor of longtime Friends trustee John Irvin's 100th birthday in July. John and his late wife, Virgie, were major benefactors for the capital campaign. | ➤ |





1 – Whitney & Day Kerr, left, Tom Hall, right 2 – Hal & Wilda Sandy 3 – Davoren Tempel & Steve Byers 4 – John Huston, left, Kathryn & Bedford Knipschild, right 5 – John & Sarah Riddick, left, & Kathy Diggs, right 6 – Left to right, Bill & Bev Maupin, John Irvin, & Tom Hall at the J. Huston Tavern 7 – Bill & Bev Maupin left, John Irvin right, celebrating his 100th birthday

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ANNIVERSARY



Many Campaign Projects Already Completed or Under Way

→ *Thanks to the generosity of our 50th Anniversary Campaign donors, a number of projects are moving forward.*

Executive Director Kathy Borgman reports that new roofs were installed on the Log Cabin and on the Black Lodge this summer, and the log cabin received a new coating of linseed oil. The upstairs of the Gun Shop is receiving an overhaul to accommodate



*Kathy Borgman
Executive Director
Friends of Arrow Rock*

a new exhibit area and numerous small maintenance items have been completed, such as a new rear door for the Post Office and two new roofs on outbuildings. Earlier work has included a new metal roof on the Masonic Lodge Hall, tuckpointing brick at both the Masonic and I.O.O.F. lodge halls as well as the John P. Sites House and exterior

painting of 12 of our 13 properties which also included minor repairs on the Sappington building entry and rebuilding the rear steps and landing to the office.

Meetings have been high on the list of activities this past year.

→ **Historic structure reports**

Marion Smith and her team from Engine House No. 1, preservation architects, will be completing historic structure reports on five of our properties this fall.

→ **African American exhibit for the Black Lodge**

Michael Heusler and Nancy Gerkin of Design & Production Resources, St. Charles, Missouri, are designing the African American exhibit for the Black Lodge, working with Education Director Pam Parsons and Trustee Nancy Finke who are writing the text.

→ **Dr. John Sappington exhibit**

We are also entering the final stages of fabricating and installing the Dr. John Sappington Exhibit, written by President Tom Hall and designed by Rebecca Lee Young, former Design Project Specialist at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, Missouri, with graphics by Shirley Harryman of Stonehouse Studio, Kansas City, Missouri. A new exterior walk-

way, steps and landing designed by Kim Sorensen of Ochsner Hare & Hare, Landscape Architects, Kansas City, Missouri, will go in this fall.

Sharing the Missouri frontier experience is our mission, and Chuck Petty and Elaine Breshears, historic interpreters, continue to provide visitors of all ages excellent tram tours as well as school, scout and Elderhostel tours. The Bingham Symposium and Exhibition along with the exhibition catalogue and co-publication of *“But I Forget That I am a Painter and Not a Politician”*: *The Letters of George Caleb Bingham* with the State Historical Society of Missouri were certainly highlights of the year.

“Countless hours have gone into bringing these projects to fruition,” says Borgman. “The 50th Anniversary Campaign has been so important in enabling us to bring consultants and experts to help us preserve our historic structures for the next 50 years and to help us share the story of Missouri’s frontier times in even more effective ways.”

The campaign has also provided funds to bring the Friends staff much-needed professional consultants and contractors including Steve Byers of Steven J. Byers Consulting, communications and development consultant, Cindee Herrick consulting curator, Marty Selby, properties manager, and Vicky Steding, house keeping.

“No doubt about it, the campaign has made a huge difference, and we will continue to realize many benefits for years to come,” concludes Borgman. | ➤ |



Log Cabin



Black Lodge

Generous Friends and Volunteers Put Campaign over the Top

The Friends of Arrow Rock celebrated a huge victory at its Annual Meeting on June 12, surpassing its \$1 million campaign goal by over \$135,000. Launched in 2009 in conjunction with its 50th anniversary, the comprehensive combined capital campaign raised funds for five priority areas: preservation and restoration of the Friends' 13 historic buildings; expanding and strengthening the Friends' educational programs for visitors of all ages; professional curatorial services to care for valuable artifacts; increasing the size of the endowment; and supporting current operations.

<p>50th Anniversary Capital Campaign Volunteer Leaders</p> <p>The following volunteers have helped to make this campaign victory possible. We gratefully acknowledge their time and contributions.</p> <p>Davoren Tempel, Chair Donna Huston & Day Kerr, Honorary Co-Chairs</p> <p>Campaign Cabinet Members Pat Cooper Nancy Finke Tom Hall Donna Huston Day Kerr Rich Lawson V. Paul Ratcliffe Bill True</p> <p>Executive Director Kathy Borgman</p> <p>Development Consultant Steve Byers</p>	<p>50th Anniversary Capital Campaign Donors The Friends of Arrow Rock sincerely appreciate the contributions of all of the campaign donors and wish to recognize them here.</p> <p>The Governors Circle (\$100,000 & over) John and Virgie Irvin Tom & Margaret Hall</p> <p>1829 Town Founders Society (\$75,000-\$99,999) Anonymous</p> <p>Bingham Society (\$50,000 to \$74,999) Anonymous The Buckner Foundation Ann & Lanny Patten Wood & Huston Bank</p> <p>Sappington Society (\$25,000 to \$49,999) Taylor S. & Patti H. Abernathy Charitable Trust, Bank of America, Trustee Charlie & Pat Cooper Bob & Anna Mae Hodge Jeffris Heartland Fund William T. Kemper Foundation, Commerce Bank, Trustee Day & Whitney Kerr Harriet Pillsbury Foundation Red Cross Pharmacy</p>	<p>Huston Tavern Society (\$10,000 to \$24,999) Anonymous Kathy Borgman Charlie & Kathy Digges David & Nancy Finke Karen Murray & Shelby Gregory John & Donna Huston Grayson Kabler Bedford & Kathryn Knipschild Rich & Debbie Lawson Al & Marjo Price Kevin & Pam Riggs Byron & Marilyn Shutz Lester T. Sunderland Foundation Davoren & Bill Tempel Bill & Barbara True Town of Arrow Rock, Certified Local Government Grant Diana Woods Hugh & Eulalie Zimmer</p> <p>Santa Fe Trail Society (\$5,000 to \$9,999) Blumhorst Veterinary Hospital Chet Breitwieser Mason L. Dean Foundation, Bank of America, Trustee Mildred Ernst Marge & Butch Fletcher Grand Lodge of Missouri, Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) Allen P. & Josephine B. Green Foundation</p>	<p>Robert & Ruth Griffin Rosemary Kelly Jean Klein-Horman Bud & Ibby Kruse Missouri Press Foundation Bill & Jean Mitchell Kirby McCullough & Dan Auman Pamela Parsons Sarah & John Riddick Sandy & Marty Selby Byron Christopher Shutz Preservation Fund Edward F. Swinney Foundation, Bank of America, Trustee Harvey & Irene Thomas Henry Young</p> <p>Lewis & Clark Society (up to \$4,999) Anonymous Keith & Leslie Anderson Bob & Missy Backer Helen Ballard James & Alberta Baggest Bank of America Ray & Constance Beagle Mary Bentley Charles & Peggy Bloom Carolyn Reid Bond F. Bruce Bradshaw Mary Shaw Branton Kelly Breen Elaine & Danny Breshears Alice Brownlee</p>
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“We had 100 percent participation and very generous giving from our Board of Trustees,” said Friends of Arrow Rock President Thomas B. Hall. “They set the pace for the campaign and gave us the momentum we needed to carry us through successfully. We owe special thanks to campaign leaders Davoren Tempel, Donna Huston, Day Kerr, Kathy Borgman, Pat Cooper, Nancy Finke, Rich Lawson, Paul Ratcliffe, and Bill True, and to our professional development consultant Steve Byers,” said Hall. “With their help and the support of more than 200 donors, we were able to reach our goal against the backdrop of a challenging economy.” | < > |

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97 gifts celebrating the life of Barbara True

E R S A R Y



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"Sip and Stroll" Event Nets \$12,300

→ *In what has become a Friends of Arrow Rock tradition, "Sip and Stroll 2011" continued to please participants and benefit the Friends, with 105 people attending and an additional 19 people making financial gifts.*

Participants declared this year's line-up of homes exceptional! Heartfelt thanks to homeowners Leo Andrade and Lloyd Parker, Tom and Mary Beamer and Shelby Gregory along with Mark and Jodi Gregory. Friends of Arrow Rock Interpreters Chuck Petty and Elaine Breshears and Friends Trustee Mary Burge also welcomed guests at the restored John P. Sites House and Gun Shop. Following the tour attendees gathered at the Stolberg Jackson Community Center where a brats picnic supper awaited.

Following the supper, President Tom Hall made two special presentations, one to Arrow Rock resident and volunteer Dan Auman for the redesign of *Historic Arrow Rock*, the Friends of Arrow Rock newsletter, and one to Friends Trustee Sandy Selby for redesigning our web site, FriendsOfArrowRock.org.

Others receiving acknowledgement included Bill True and Dave Coble for providing the "sipping" portion of the evening and the Events Fund Raising Committee of Donna Huston, Pat Cooper, Jan Hinnah, Lucy Fletcher, Sarah Riddick, Grayson Kabler and Kathy Digges, along with Friends staff Pam Parsons and Kathy Borgman. Cashiers for the evening were Kevin Riggs, Ed McCloud, and Tempe McGlaughlin. Shellee Peuster, J. Huston Tavern, Arrow Rock, catered the picnic supper. A lively silent and live auction ended the evening. | ➡ |



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1 – Participants tour the home of Lloyd Parker and Leo Andrade 2 – Anna Mae Hodge & Richard Hodge 3 – Mary & Tom Beamer 4 – Norma Rutter and Clo Whitaker



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Hurricane Irene Skirts “Friends on the Go” in Philadelphia

Twenty “Friends” of Arrow Rock were ready to head out for a five-day trip to Philadelphia when Hurricane Irene decided to strike out in the same direction. This changed plans for eight of the participants, but twelve ventured forth. Thanks to some fast maneuvers by our intrepid planner Donna Huston and our Philadelphia tour guide Sherry Devilbiss, we were able to see all planned sites but one. The brunt of the storm missed Philadelphia, and, amazingly, we experienced little rain and wind even though the entire city was shut down on Sunday. Highlights of the trip included dining on the Mushulu, (a tall mast sailing ship), touring Winterthur, Longwood Gardens, the Brandywine River Museum, visiting the village of New Hope on the

Delaware River and enjoying the hospitality of Friends of Arrow Rock Life Members Ann and Lanny Patten in their Gladwyne, PA home. Other notable experiences were attending services at Christ Church, viewing the Liberty Bell, touring Independence Hall and dining at the City Tavern, all sites associated with the birth of our nation.

Special thanks to Events Fundraising Chairman Donna Huston who has planned all four “Friends on the Go” trips and to our many participants. We also extend thanks to Ann and Lanny Patten for their help in planning the visit and for their wonderful hospitality. The trip netted the Friends \$5,700.

Our 2012 trip to Charleston, SC is set for April 22-26 and is currently full. However, we are accepting names for a waiting list. | ☞> |





*Arrow Rock Chapter
D. A. R. members
Left to Right,
Mary Kathryn Feuers,
Rosemary Kelly,
Mary Burge &
Barbara Thieman*

*The Old Tavern,
Arrow Rock, c. 1912*



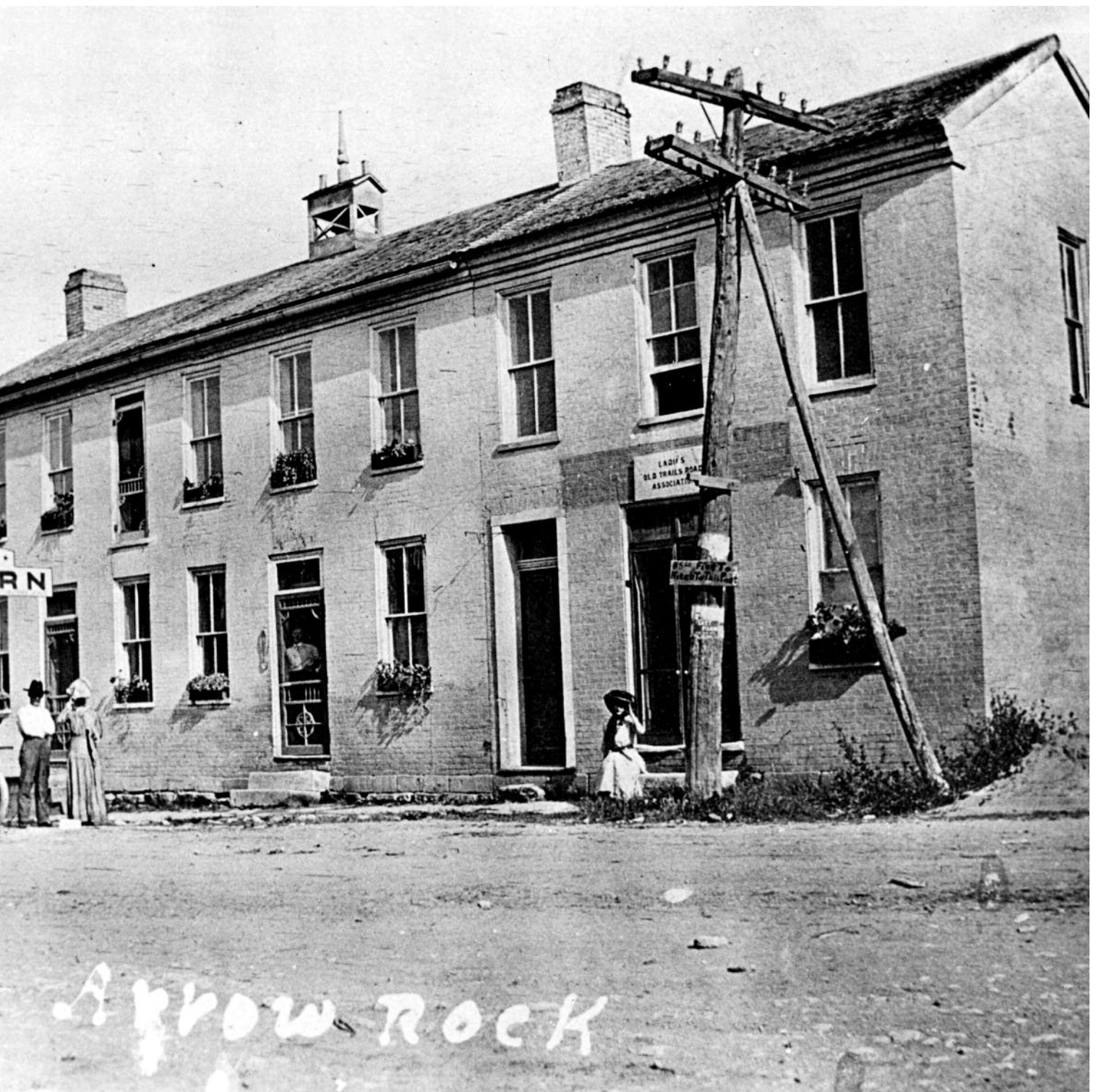
HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO THE ARROW ROCK CHAPTER D. A. R.

The Arrow Rock Chapter of the Daughters of the America Revolution (D. A. R.) celebrated its 90th birthday on Oct. 2 with an open house held at the Arrow Rock Tavern. A short program about the history of the chapter was given, followed by refreshments and banjo music with songs from the 1921 era.

The Arrow Rock Chapter of the D.A.R. was organized at the Old Tavern, September 17, 1921. The Organizing

Regent was Mrs. Nettie Morris Dickson, who was at that time Mrs. Frank Proctor. Mrs. Paul Kitt, the State Regent, was the guest of honor. The chapter was known as “The Mothers and Daughters Chapter.”

Under Mrs. Dickson’s leadership, the chapter was very active. One of their greatest accomplishments was to have the State of Missouri purchase the Arrow Rock Old Tavern for \$5,000. By the terms of the law, the governor was required to place the Tavern in the custody of the



Missouri State Society of the D.A.R. for “preservation and maintenance in its present condition without cost to the State.”

In a congratulatory letter sent to the chapter, Friends President Tom Hall wrote, “As you know, our organization, the Friends of Arrow Rock, Inc., was founded on June 14, 1959, at the J. Huston Tavern, during a joint meeting of the Old Tavern Board of Managers of the Missouri State Society of the Daughters of the

American Revolution, and the Tavern Advisory Board. Several members of the Arrow Rock Chapter, D.A.R. were present at that meeting....We have always had a very special relationship with the Arrow Rock Chapter, D.A.R., and we have always been grateful to the Missouri State Society, D.A.R. for really bringing our organization into existence.” | < > |



An Invitation to Join the Friends of Arrow Rock

The Friends of Arrow Rock safeguard the history, historical artifacts and 13 of the historical structures of the village of Arrow Rock, a National Historic Landmark, through ongoing education programs and preservation initiatives. **Please join us in 2011, our 52nd year,** and help us share the Missouri frontier experience with this and future generations. Memberships may be deductible for income tax purposes.

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Thank you to

To the **Arrow Rock Cemetery Association, Mary Burge, President, Joyce Boland, Treasurer,** for the gift of a screened-in tent.

To **Jim and Emily Bird** for helping Marty Selby and Kathy Borgman move the gun collection while new exhibit space is being built.

To **Emily Bird** for keeping membership records updated.

To **Katy Selby** for helping transport the golf cart when repairs were needed due to an electrical storm.

To **Larry Vanice** for a copy of the History of Missouri Vol. I & II by David D. March.

To **Anna Mae Hodge** for donating a set of gold rimmed china that belonged to her mother Kate Burgin Woods Besgrove for use in the Lawless House.

To **Tom Beamer** for repairing a fan, and **Bruce McGlaughlin** for hanging pictures in our office.

To the **maintenance staff at the Arrow Rock State Historic Site** for making new sticks for our sticks and hoops game.

To **Rosemary Kelly** and **Leslie Anderson** for helping staff the office on weekends.

To the **I.O.O.F. Grand Lodge** for a new American and I.O.O.F. flag and stands.

To **Lola and Dale Spradley** for two Bingham prints of The County Election and Stump Speaking

To **Phyllis Saathoff** and **Dawn Riske** and **Sarah Riddick** for the gift of digital photo frames.

To **Jim Duncan, Brian Flowers, Brad Harriman** and **Jim Bird** for volunteering at the Gun Shop, to **Mary Burge** for volunteering in the Sites House, to **Cindy Nold** for volunteering in the Print Shop and to **Leslie Anderson** for volunteering in the Office during the October Craft Festival.

Congratulations to Michael Dickey, Site Administrator, Arrow Rock State Historic Site, whose new book, *The People of the River's Mouth, In Search of the Missouri Indians*, is now available in Arrow Rock or through the University of Missouri Press.

On the cover The Federal-style architecture of the Tavern (1834), a cornerstone of Arrow Rock's historic renewal, demonstrates the southern heritage of early settlers. Visitors may view the restored 1840 Huston Store, summer kitchen and upstairs ballroom and bedrooms. The Tavern continues to serve country-style meals.

We Remember Our Friends The Friends of Arrow Rock are honored to receive memorials in memory of loved ones. Unless designated for special projects, all memorial gifts are placed in the Endowment Fund. | *In memory of Bob Sellmeyer* Tom Hall. | *In memory of Ken Parsons* Pat & Charlie Cooper and Richard & Nelda Forry. | *In memory of Phillip Reeter* Kathy Borgman, Mary Burge, Pat & Charlie Cooper, David & Nancy Finke, Tom & Margaret Hall, Pam Parsons, Richard & Carol Pemberton and Kevin & Pam Riggs | *In memory of Harold Armstrong* Kathy Borgman, Pat & Charlie Cooper and Forrest & Carol Strobel | 