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A close-up photograph of a man with a beard and a straw hat, wearing a white shirt and a red vest. He is playing a yellow acoustic guitar and singing into a microphone. The background shows green foliage and a white building.

THE YEAR  
(SO FAR)  
IN PICTURES

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# PICTURE THIS

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I spent most of my pre-Friends of Arrow Rock career working with words as a writer, editor and publisher. As much as I adore words, I learned long ago that pictures are the attention



*Sandy Selby*  
Executive Director  
Friends of Arrow Rock

magnets. They're what people look at first when they pick up a magazine; pictures can transport a viewer in an instant. In this issue of the Friends of Arrow Rock newsletter, we hope to use pictures to bring you to this village and put you right in the middle of the action during a busy year. There will be more words in our winter issue as we start sharing plans for Friends of

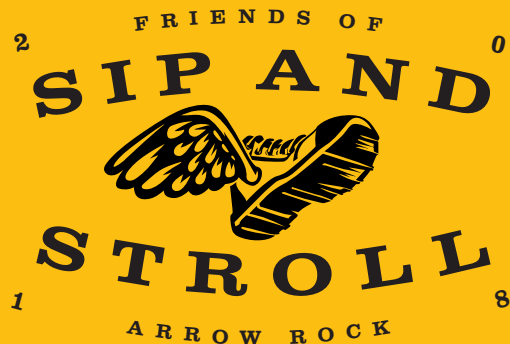
Arrow Rock's 60th anniversary year, but for this issue, I'm stepping away from the keyboard to let the pictures do the talking. ▶

## WOOD & HUSTON SPONSORS SIP & STROLL

Friends of Arrow Rock's annual Sip & Stroll fundraiser got a big boost this year, thanks to the generosity of Wood & Huston Bank. The bank signed on as the exclusive sponsor for the event. That sponsorship means that every dollar FAR raises through ticket sales and the silent and live auctions will benefit our historic preservation and history education programs. Please join us in saying thank you to our friends at Wood & Huston Bank. Learn more about the bank and its services at [woodhuston.com](http://woodhuston.com).



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"We're here for good!"



# At Work With Bingham

**B**ingham, a large white cat with orange spots, sits patiently on the Arrow Rock boardwalk as visitors stroke his head and snap his picture. He takes it in stride. He's used to being adored and tolerates it with admirable patience. He only has one rule: no belly scratches. Anyone who dares to tickle Bingham's tummy will get a gentle nip as punishment. The popular Arrow Rock cat belongs to Liz Huff Kennon and lives in her home on the east end of the boardwalk, but Bingham "works" at the Friends of Arrow Rock office. In fact, he is the organization's most loyal employee; he shows up for work seven days a week and is usually waiting at the door when Executive Director Sandy Selby arrives in the morning.



He spends his days enjoying the privileges of his high-level management position. His job duties include taking long naps and playing with a catnip mouse. Next time you're in Arrow Rock, stop by the friends of Arrow Rock office to say hello to the guy in charge. ▶

## — ONLY IN ARROW ROCK —

➔ **I**f you are attending one of the Friends of Arrow Rock's special events, or just visiting and wanting information, you may need to jump out of your car and ask someone. Cell service is spotty but the people are friendly!

If you are interested in purchasing home-canned goods, jellies, pickled beets, freshly picked-out pecans, needlework, baked goods, etc., stop by the Arrow Rock Craft Shop. While visiting the shop, you'll often see a "quilting bee." The women are laughing, sharing their joys and sorrows by communicating face-to-face. There's something to be said about that poor cell service.

Residents who don't have internet service at home know that the post office in this town of 56 is the central communication center. Notices are posted there with information on upcoming carry-in suppers, rummage sales and real estate listings.



*Donna Huston  
President  
Friends of Arrow Rock*

Arrow Rock has a lot to offer, historically and culturally. Book a tram tour and you'll learn a lot of history by visiting buildings owned by the Friends of Arrow Rock and Missouri State Parks, and you'll get an appreciation of the hard work it takes to save our historic buildings.

Plan to attend the Lyceum Theatre, shop at Arrow Rock's stores, dine at the local restaurants and enjoy an overnight at one of the fine bed & breakfasts or at the Arrow Rock State Historic Site campground.

I hope you will attend Friends of Arrow Rock's Christmas celebration on Dec. 9. Shops will stay open late that evening and you can enjoy beverages and snacks in the private home of Liz and Bret Kennon on the boardwalk. We'll dine across the street at the J. Huston Tavern, where you can bid on wonderful silent auction items. Call the FAR office for information: 660-837-3231. I often say if you choose to move to Arrow Rock, you'll have 56 new friends in a few weeks. Yes, it's a very unique village filled with wonderful, caring and hard-working people. ▶

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## THE YEAR (SO FAR) IN PICTURES

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Historic preservation and history education take time, money and dedication, but that doesn't mean we can't have fun along the way. Here are some of the highlights from 2018.

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### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES RETREAT**

*The hard-working Friends of Arrow Rock board of trustees devoted a day to planning for the organization's future during a retreat on March 10. Day and Whitney Kerr opened their beautiful Prairie Park home for the meeting.*



### **SPRING EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

*Friends of Arrow Rock is fortunate to have talented staff and volunteers who conduct the Spring Education Programs in April and May, and we have come to depend on Paige Witek, a knowledgeable educator with the Missouri River Bird Observatory, who leads our Natural History of Arrow Rock module. Kids love Paige, and so do we!*





**LEGACY SOCIETY RECEPTION** *Members who have made provisions for Friends of Arrow Rock in their estate plans are part of Friends of Arrow Rock's Legacy Society, and were invited to an elegant reception at Day & Whitney Kerr's Prairie Park on June 9. Mike and Sally Reid generously provided food, drink, and a talented musician to entertain the attendees. New Legacy Society members introduced during the event were Lloyd Parker & Leo Andrade; Mandy Dorrance & Bruce Satterlee; Kevin & Pam Riggs; and Blaine & Stephanie McBurney.*



**FRIENDS ON THE GO**  
*FAR Past-President Paul Ratcliffe organized a delightful Friends on the Go excursion to Nauvoo, Illinois. Our group enjoyed informative tours and good food in the Mississippi River town that is central to Mormon history.*



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### NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION

*Friends of Arrow Rock welcomed three new members to its board of trustees: Mary Keller of Nelson, Davoren Tempel of Leawood, Kansas, and Joan Foster Menser of Columbia. The three new trustees came to Arrow Rock on July 27, for an afternoon orientation session that included a tour of all the FAR properties.*



### PROPERTY PROJECTS

*Thanks to a generous gift from the Buckner Foundation, FAR has been able to get two important projects underway. At the Christian Church, we've painted the pews and are in the process of repairing and repainting the interior walls. Roofers are set to arrive any day now to replace the building's failing roof. Brown's Chapel will get a new sidewalk, steps and handrail, and foundation repairs.*





#### 4th OF JULY

*Friends of Arrow Rock takes a leadership role in making sure Arrow Rock looks its patriotic best for Independence Day. This year, we hung new decorative fans on the boardwalk and other historic buildings. Interpreter Elaine Breshears decorated our tram to make it fit for Grand Marshals James and Elana Barker, owners of the town's newest restaurant: The Badger's Hideaway.*




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*In memory of Dennis Blossom:* Pat & Charlie Cooper; Kathy & Charlie Digges; Sally & Michael Reid | *In memory of Marge Fletcher:* Mary Pat & Doug Abele | *In memory of Betty Bob Jones:* Pat & Charlie Cooper; Audrey Jones; Sally & Mike Reid | *In memory of Bob Lee:* Donna & John Huston | *In memory of Floyd Marcum:* Chet Breitwieser & Rod Starns | *In memory of Betty McPheeters:* Jan & Dale Hinnah; Donna & John Huston | *In memory of Hal Sandy:* Mary Pat & Doug Abele | *In memory of Elizabeth Gentry Sayad:* Chet Breitwieser | *In memory of Betty Sue Simonson:* Arrow Rock Craft Club; Chet Breitwieser & Rod Starns | *In honor of James I. Spainhower:* Jill & Leland Shurin | *In memory of Ina Jean Strobel:* Chet Breitwieser & Rod Starns | *In memory of Eugenia & Lyt Tough:* Jennifer & Bill True | *In memory of Mary Ann Turley:* Jennifer & Bill True

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Our Mission: Sharing the Missouri Frontier Experience



### An Invitation to Join the Friends of Arrow Rock

The Friends of Arrow Rock safeguards 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 2018, our 59th year,** and help us share the Missouri frontier experience with this and future generations. Memberships may be deductible for income tax purposes.

**FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION** →

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### Thank You to ...

**Dan Auman** for his talented design work on our newsletters and invitations.

**Dr. Tom Hall** for Arrow Rock-related memorabilia.

**Diane Benedetti** for flower garden maintenance at the Shelby Cabin.

**Paul Ratcliffe** for volunteering at the Museum Shop.



All the Friends of Arrow Rock education programs for children include interesting activities that help them connect with history in an enjoyable and memorable way.

**CHECK OUT** our Web page at FriendsOfArrowRock.org and "like" us on Facebook.

➔ ~ FRIENDSOFARROWROCK.ORG ~ ⚡

**OUR VISION:** To develop Arrow Rock into one of the premier historic destinations in the country so that the important lessons of our past will not be forgotten.

**On the cover** Is the next George Caleb Bingham among us? Students who participate in the Famous Missourians education program practice sketching the local landscape.