

SPRING FORWARD

Our weather got stuck in a rut in April, with cold dreary day after cold dreary day, but as I write this, it appears that spring has finally arrived, bringing sunshine, warmer temperatures and visitors to this delightful historic village.

We're glad the visitors are here, because Friends of Arrow Rock has much to show off. With last year's completion of the Jeffris Preservation Project, our cluster of buildings along the Fifth Street corridor (the Sites House, Sites Gunsmith Shop, Masonic Lodge and Odd Fellows Lodge) have never looked better. And that's just the beginning of the projects we accomplished last year. See Page 8 for a look back at our fine historic preservation efforts in 2017.

Now it's time to look ahead. Anyone who owns a home knows that maintenance is a never-ending responsibility, and for Friends of Arrow Rock, that responsibility is multiplied by 13 properties. Not



Sandy Selby Executive Director Friends of Arrow Rock

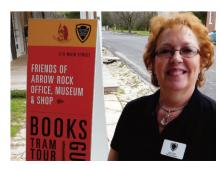
every project results in a dramatic "before-and-after" change, but the work we do today will protect our buildings tomorrow. In the near future, we will be replacing the sidewalk and repairing pest damage to the front of Brown's Chapel, installing new roofs at the Christian Church and the Arrow Rock Post Office, and making improvements to the upstairs space in the Masonic Lodge. If you would like to know more about any of these projects, I'd love to visit with you about the work we are doing to protect the architectural treasures in our care. Or come to Arrow Rock and take one of our Preservation Tours to see firsthand what cutting-edge

preservation work can accomplish.

I'm so proud of Friends of Arrow Rock's education programs, and I hope you are, too. Our spring education programs for children are simply outstanding. We hope the seeds we plant today will take root, and grow into an appreciation and passion for history as these youngsters grow up. It's always gratifying to visit with the adults who come to Arrow Rock to attend one of our fascinating First Saturday Lectures, or take a tram tour with our expert interpreters. Our themed walking tours and the downloadable tour app are some of the new ways we're sharing the story of this village and its history with our visitors. Each of these experiences is a road to fresh insights and information for our guests. I hope you'll join us at our 59th Annual Meeting on June 3, and celebrate all our recent accomplishments. It will be a joy-filled day, and then it's right back to work for this organization as we continue the gratifying mission of sharing the Missouri frontier story.

▶ Meet Sue Day - FAR welcomes its new historical interpreter.

Sue Day joins Elaine Breshears and Bob DeWitt on Friends of Arrow Rock's team of historical interpreters for 2018. Sue recently retired as the director of food service for the Pilot Grove School System, and she has been a faithful volunteer for the Cooper County Historical Society. She is a friendly and energetic presence on our staff, and is already hard at work as a leader for our spring education programs. Sue, Bob and Elaine will be on a rotating schedule as they lead our tram tours and man our museum shop. Stop by and introduce yourself to Sue on your next visit to Arrow Rock.



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Join us as we celebrate

Friends of Arrow Rock's 59th Anniversary
at our Annual Meeting
2 p.m. on Sunday, June 3, 2018
at the historic 1872 Christian Church,
711 Main Street in Arrow Rock.
This year's guest speaker is Michael Sweeney,
the State Historical Society of Missouri's Bicentennial Coordinator,
who will tell us about plans
for our state's 200th birthday celebration in 2021.
This is a free event. No RSVP is required.

You are cordially invited to a pre-meeting luncheon at noon at the J. Huston Tavern. Luncheon tickets are \$25 per person.

There is no formal program during the luncheon ...

just good food with good Friends!

RSVP for the luncheon and make payment arrangements by calling Mandy Dorrance at the Friends of Arrow Rock office, 660-837-3231.

Reservation deadline is Tuesday, May 29.

2018

y name is Donna Huston, and I regard being elected president of this fine organization to be a true honor. I have now completed my first year, and with a talented board and staff, I look forward to a new year. I want you to know the Friends of Arrow office and museum shop is open year round. Please call for information anytime. And don't forget that as a member, you are entitled to 20 percent off in the shop and two complimentary tram tour tickets each year.

Several organizations provide planned activities for your enjoyment and education in Arrow Rock, including the Arrow Rock State Historic Site, the Experience Arrow Rock tourism committee, the Arrow Rock Lyceum Theatre, and of course, the Friends of Arrow Rock.

FAR has monthly First Saturday lectures, tram tours, and day trips. From mid-April through late May, our Spring Education Programs serve more than 1,000 school children. In May, there's a Mother's Day walk



Donna Huston President Friends of Arrow Rock

called "A Mile In Her Shoes" that celebrates women's influence in Arrow Rock. In June, attend our annual meeting at the historic Christian Church; it's for all members of the Friends. This year's speaker is Michael Sweeney of the State Historical Society of Missouri, who will speak on plans for Missouri's bicentennial in 2021. The annual Arrow Rock Writing Workshop takes place in August. On Sept. 22, see some of Arrow Rock's most beautiful homes at our Sip & Stroll fundraiser. Just a few days later, we'll host hundreds of children at our biennial Childrens' Craft Festival. You won't want to miss our popular Night Walk tours on Friday and Saturday nights in October. And in December,

celebrate a "Holiday with Friends" at our annual Christmas gathering. See our full calendar on the next page of this newsletter.

Friends of Arrow Rock, along with other local organizations and merchants, have teamed up to form the Experience Arrow Rock tourism group. That group plans activities such as the Easter Parade, the Spring Garden Market and Vintage Bazaar, the 4th of July Impromptu Parade, the Ice Cream Freeze-Off, the Heritage Festival (which is celebrating its 50th year in 2018!), and the Hanging of the Greens holiday event. The Arrow Rock Lyceum Theatre offers wonderful theater productions from June through December, ending with "A Christmas Carol." The theater's board also books trips and special events throughout the year. Arrow Rock offers wonderful shopping, with unique selections, and the Arrow Rock State Historic Site's camping facilities get rave reviews.

I encourage you to stop by the office to pick up a brochure and to visit with our Executive Director Sandy Selby, Operations Director Mandy Dorrance, and our friendly historical interpreters.

I hope to see you in Arrow Rock.

A friend of mine said,

"I always have a good time in Arrow Rock."

Mark Your Calendar!

You won't want to miss these Friends of Arrow Rock events.

Sunday, May 13: A Mile In Her Shoes walking tour of Arrow Rock, featuring stories of Arrow Rock's most influential women; \$15; 2 p.m.; call 660-837-3231 or visit FriendsofArrowRock.org/walkamile for reservations.

Sunday, June 3: Friends of Arrow Rock Annual Meeting, featuring keynote speaker Michael Sweeney who will tell us about plans for the upcoming Missouri bicentennial; free; 2 p.m.; Christian Church, 711 Main St. (See more about the annual meeting on Page 3 of this newsletter.)

Saturday, June 9: Legacy Society reception at Prairie Park; free for Legacy Society members; 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 19: Friends on the Go Day Trip to Nauvoo, Illinois. See at right for more details.

Friday & Saturday, Aug. 10-11: Arrow Rock Writing Workshop, featuring special guest Jonelle Patrick, author of the "Only in Tokyo" mystery series. Learn more and register at FriendsofArrowRock.org/writingworkshop, or by calling Sandy Selby at 660-837-3231.

Saturday, Sept. 22: Sip & Stroll homes tour and silent/live auction. Watch for your invitation to arrive in the mail in August!

Friday, Oct. 5: Arrow Rock Spirits Walk; \$45/person; 6:30 p.m.; an Arrow Rock Night Walk featuring pre-walk drinks and hors d'oeuvres plus signature cocktails along the route. Learn more at FriendsofArrowRock/nightwalks or by calling the FAR office at 660-837-3231.

Every Friday & Saturday in October (beginning Oct. 6): Arrow Rock Night Walks; \$15/person. For tickets call 660-837-3231or visit FriendsofArrowRock/nightwalks.

Sunday, Dec. 9: Friends of Arrow Rock Holiday Party. Watch for your invitation to arrive in the mail in November!

First Saturday Lectures

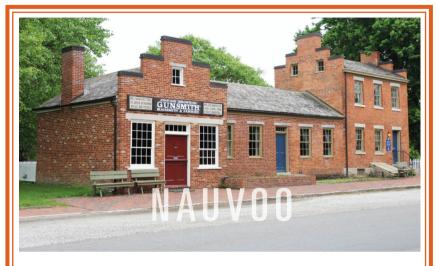
All First Saturday lectures begin at 10 a.m. in the auditorium of the Arrow Rock State Historic Site visitor center. They are free and open to the public. Come early for complimentary refreshments.

June 2: Jesse James, Jo Shelby and the War After the War, by Aaron Barnhart

July 7: Fiddler's Dream: Missouri's Continuing Heritage of Traditional Fiddle and Dance Music, by Howard Marshall

Aug. 4: Benton Paints Lewis & Clark, by Steve Sitton

Sept. 1: History Unearthed: Responsible Metal Detecting for Historical Treasures, by Jackalyn & Chadwick Oldham of Jackwick Metal Detecting (followed by a live demonstration on a nearby Friends of Arrow Rock property)



FRIENDS ON THE GO TRIP

he Friends of Arrow Rock has put together a day trip to historic Nauvoo, Illinois on Tuesday, June 19. All are welcome to join this fun one-day getaway.

Nauvoo's history dates to the 1840s when it was predominantly a Mormon community. Due to civil unrest, the Mormons headed west with the main church body settling in Utah and a smaller branch (The Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints, now Community of Christ) ending up in Independence, Missouri. Both church groups have done extensive restoration and reconstruction of nearly 40 buildings.

HERE'S THE PLANNED ITINERARY:

- **8 a.m.**, Tuesday, June 19, depart Arrow Rock on a Doc & Norm bus, arriving in Nauvoo at approximately 11:30 a.m.
- Lunch at Grandpa John's Cafe
- **1:30 p.m.** orientation film and guided tour from the Joseph Smith Historic Site. The tour includes the Mansion House, the Nauvoo House, the Homestead, and the Red Brick Store. The tour takes about 1.5 hours.
- 3 to 4:45 p.m. open touring of 30 Mormon restored/reconstructed buildings. All of these buildings are staffed by docents and they include houses, commercial buildings, public buildings, etc. The restored part of Nauvoo is separate from the present day part of Nauvoo. We will also have a personal van available to take those who want to shop before the bus takes everyone else from the restored area to the site for dinner.
- 5 p.m. Dinner will be at the 1840's Hotel Nauvoo. They have a great buffet and a cash bar.
- **Return** to Arrow Rock following dinner.



Tickets for this trip are \$150/per person (\$50 of which is required for a deposit) and this price includes transportation, meals (except alcoholic beverages), and the guided tour. Space is limited so reserve your seat by sending a check to Friends of Arrow Rock, PO Box 124, Arrow Rock, MO 65320, or by calling the FAR office at 660-837-3231. ▶





eading, writing, and 'rithmetic. They're all part of Friends of Arrow Rock's spring education program ... along with governance, nature studies, and Missouri history. We have been welcoming school children to the village to take part in springtime field trips every year since 1984, and nearly 1,300 children have registered for this year's offerings. That's a 30 percent increase in participation over last year!

Our professional staff, along with key volunteers, lead our programs, which have been designed to align with Missouri's educational standards. These are fun learning experiences, filled with hands-on activities and engaging lessons. This year's programs began in mid-April and run through May 25, and include Family Life and School Days in the 1800s, Famous Missourians, Governing the Frontier, and Natural & Cultural History of Arrow Rock. This year's schedule filled quickly with private and public schools from throughout the region. Sometimes the groups are small – just a dozen or so students – and other days it's all hands on deck to provide educational experiences for groups of a hundred children or more.

When Sandy Selby, FAR's executive director and leader of our Famous Missourians module, told a group of third graders that they were going to learn some interesting things that day, one boy complained, "We have to learn stuff?" Later in the day, he admitted, "This kind of learning is fun!"

Feeling Crafty?

Friends of Arrow Rock's biennial Children's Craft Festival takes place on Tuesday, Sept. 25, and we need volunteers to demonstrate heritage crafts, assist with registration, and handle other tasks during the event, which runs from approximately 9 a.m. through early afternoon. If you're available to help and would like to learn more, contact Mandy Dorrance at the Friends of Arrow Rock office at 660-837-3231.

Handled With Care

Our historic buildings get the TLC they deserve.

riends of Arrow Rock is responsible for 13 beautiful, irreplaceable buildings, and we don't take that duty lightly. We keep a close eye on all our properties, and our historic preservation consultant, Marty Selby, stays on top of maintenance and repairs.

We've talked a lot about the Jeffris Preservation Project over the last few years, and with good reason. That project was completed last spring. It was funded in part by the Jeffris Family Foundation of Janesville, Wisconsin, along with generous donations from other foundations, businesses, organizations and individuals, and it allowed us to make structural repairs and mitigate water issues at three of our properties: the Sites House and Gunsmith Shop, and the Odd Fellows Lodge. Tempting as it might have been to step back and admire that completed work and take a break for awhile, we forged ahead in 2017 with exterior paint projects at the Masonic Lodge, Brown Lodge No. 22, and the Sites House. Plus, we completed the installation of a new brick sidewalk at the Christian Church, featuring engraved bricks purchased by Friends of Arrow Rock members and others with strong ties to this village. We've kept the momentum going in 2018, thanks to

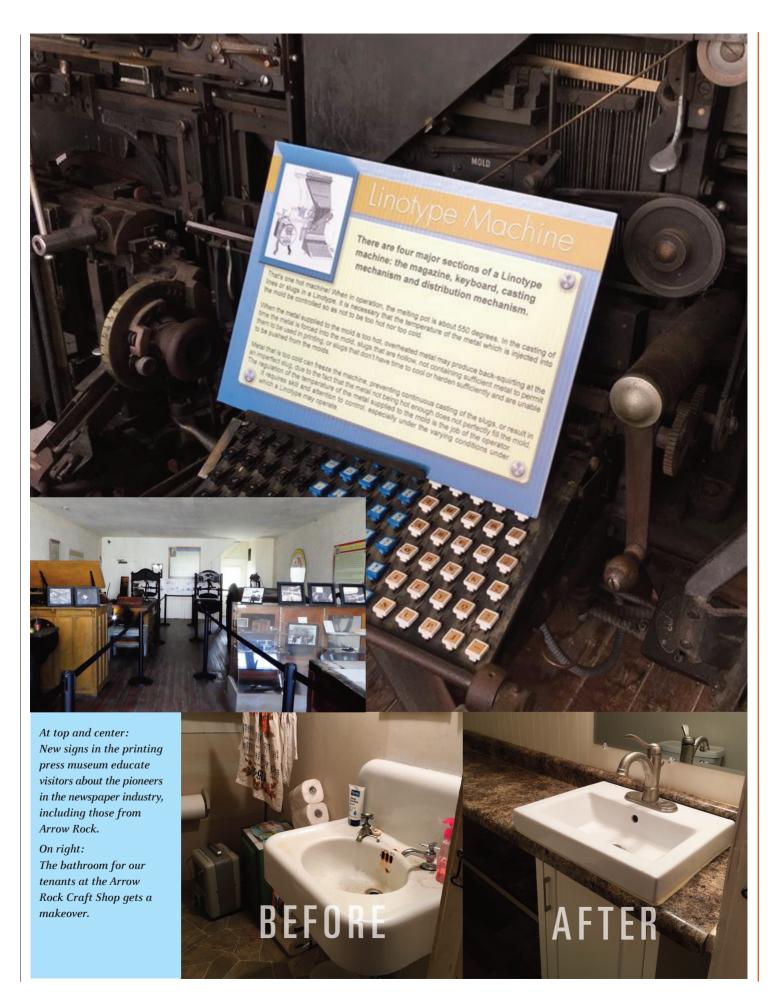
We've kept the momentum going in 2018, thanks to your generous response to the holiday wish list in our last newsletter. So far, we have renovated the restroom on the first floor of the Masonic Lodge, which houses the Arrow Rock Craft Shop; completed the electrical rewiring of the Christian Church (and are just days away from the installation of new light fixtures); and replaced an obsolete and potentially dangerous electrical panel in the Miller-Bradford House.

Our friends at the Missouri Press Association pitched in with attractive new signage at their printing press museum on the first floor of the Odd Fellows Lodge. We added discreet up-lighting and a new stanchion and belt system to help guide visitors through the displays. High on our priority list for this year is a replacement sidewalk at Brown's Chapel, the historic black church that has become a popular meeting hall in town; and new roofs for the Christian Church and for the building that houses the Arrow Rock Post Office.

Our staff is understandably proud when awestruck visitors remark on our beautiful buildings. We know the work that went into their conservation and what it takes to keep them in good condition, but we are rewarded with the joy these buildings bring to all who see them. The work our members make possible today doesn't just help in the here and now; it is a gift to future generations who will come to Arrow Rock to see how history unfolded here on the edge of the Western frontier.

You Can Still Get Your Brick!

Thanks to the expertise of the contractor who installed the engraved bricks at the Christian Church, and the skill of our historic preservation consultant, we can remove blank bricks and add new engraved bricks whenever we want. That means that even if you missed last year's deadline, you can still purchase your engraved brick! Bricks are \$100 each and can include up to three lines of text, with a maximum of 20 characters per line. You can download the order form on our website at FriendsofArrowRock.org/brick, or call our office at 660-837-3231 to request an order form.



LEGACY SOCIETY RECEPTION SET FOR JUNE 9

Members of the Friends of Arrow Rock Legacy Society are passionate about the organization's missions of historic preservation and history education, and they have made provisions for FAR in their estate plans. Each year, we welcome members of the Legacy Society to a special event as our way of saying thanks.

This year's Legacy Society event is a cocktail reception at the magnificent Prairie Park Estate, 3:30 p.m. on June 9. Attendees will enjoy live music, delicious appetizers and drinks, and the breathtaking surroundings of one of the most exquisite antebellum homes in Missouri.

If you would like to become a member of the Friends of Arrow Rock Legacy Society, simply let us know that you have included the organization in your estate plan; we do not ask you to share the specific details of those plans. Contact Friends of Arrow Rock Executive Director Sandy Selby at 660-837-3231 to let her know that you would like to become a part of our Legacy Society, and to reserve your spot at the cocktail reception. Every new member receives a genuine piece of the Arrow Rock bluff in honor of their steadfast commitment to the Friends of Arrow Rock.

Members of the Legacy Society

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▶→ PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OUR LEGACY SOCIETY BY REMEMBERING THE FRIENDS OF ARROW ROCK IN YOUR WILL. 🚆

FRIENDS OF ARROW ROCK 2017 DONATIONS

YOUR PASSIONATE SUPPORT KEEPS A GOOD THING GOING!

ithout the consistent support and generosity of our members, Friends of Arrow Rock would not be able to accomplish its missions of historic preservation and history education in this extraordinary village. We sincerely thank everyone on this amazing list!

In 2017, we upgraded our recordkeeping to a new donor database. It is a marvelous system that not only keeps our records very secure, but provides us with new tools to use in our communication with our members. Although we were extremely careful as we moved to the new system, we realize that errors can happen and we ask that you let us know if your 2017 donation is not reflected accurately on this list. We will correct any errors in our next newsletter.

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2017 Financial Statement Friends of Arrow Rock Inc. Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2017

Assets	2017	2016
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$7,302	\$226,782
Endowments	\$1,335,640	
Total Assets	\$1,342,942	\$1,396,675
Liabilities	\$122,000	\$222,000
Total Net Assets	\$1,220,942	

Operating Receipts and Disbursements For the Year Ended December, 31, 2017

Receipts

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Gifts & Memberships	\$284,000
Endowment & Interest	\$89,633
Earned Income	\$72,594
Fundraising Events	\$52,534
Other Types Of Income	\$0
Total Income	\$498,761

Disbursements

Administration
Special Projects (Bingham Film) *\$7,910
Fundraising Events
Personnel
Professional Services
Risk Management\$26,406
Utilities
Development Expenses\$3,388
Education Programs & Exhibits\$7,527
Museum Shop & Tours
Building Maintenance & Restoration **\$49,409
Total Expenses
Unrealized Gains & Losses
Net Income

^{*} The Bingham Film project is made possible by a generous donor pledge, which will be repaid in in full by 2018.

^{**} Building Maintenance total does not include \$208,205 in expenses for the Jeffris Preservation project as all income to pay for that project was received in previous years.

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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.