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AS I WRITE THIS, we have just said farewell to winter and are only a few days into spring. It may seem like a sleepy time of year, but the Friends of Arrow Rock are not sleepy or slow right now!

This is the time for meeting, planning, and putting into motion the activities that will fill our days and nights in the village—and many of yours, too, we hope—before we know it.

This spring, we will continue to introduce young history-lovers to Arrow Rock and its past through the Children's Education Program. Busloads of school-children will descend on the village, whose streets and historic buildings will be filled for a while with shouts and chatter. Young minds will learn about Missouri's past in ways that spark their imagination and ignite a love of learning about our shared past. First Saturday Lectures have resumed for another year, and



we will have new episodes of the *Voices of Arrow Rock* to entertain us and challenge us to think about Arrow Rock's past in different ways through new acquaintances.

This summer will be hard-hat season as we carry out preservation work on a number of our historic buildings, including historic Lawless Farmstead. Thanks to our generous donors, these properties will continue to receive the attention and care that make Arrow Rock an authentic place to visit and learn about the past.

While we will celebrate the 65th anniversary of the founding of the Friends of Arrow Rock this year, it is also a time of transition for us as we get to know our new interim executive director,

Julie Warm, and plan for the next chapter of leadership for the Friends. Julie is a delight to work with, and she is providing guidance as we prepare the Friends of Arrow Rock for a bright, exciting future. Please come to Arrow Rock and meet Julie!

We hope you'll join us for all we have in store this year. You are all our donors, whether it is with your volunteer efforts, your financial support, or your choice to spend your precious time and attention with us in this remarkable place. We appreciate all you do for Friends of Arrow Rock.

**SEE YOU AROUND
THE VILLAGE!**

Toni Blackwood, President

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

Hello, Friends! You have welcomed me with bear hugs, offers of housing, wine, laughter, and support. Arrow Rock is a place of endless fascination and boundless beauty. Thank you for sharing it with me. As our president said, we are busy preparing for the upcoming season, school-children being transported back to 1837, and the town's Birds, Bees, and Blooms Festival. Plus, we have an exciting lineup for First Saturdays and a special treat in store for our Legacy Society members. (You'll find the dates for all those events on the following page.) In our spare time, we are casting our eyes toward 2029, the 200th anniversary of Arrow Rock. Please drop by the Friends of Arrow Rock headquarters on the boardwalk and see what's new. **Julie Warm**, Interim Executive Director



◆ THE 2024 ARROW ROCK CALENDAR ◆



A row Rock is the place to be this year! The village calendar is filling up with interesting, entertaining events sponsored by Friends of Arrow Rock, Experience Arrow Rock, Persimmon Creek Writers and Artists Residency, and Arrow Rock State Historic Site. Visit the events calendar at ArrowRock.org for full details and updates as new events are added throughout the year.

April 6 **First Saturday Lecture:**
 "ARCHITECTURE OF THE BOONSLICK"
 by James M. Denny
 10 a.m. at the Arrow Rock State Historic Site Visitor Center

April 27 **Birds, Bees & Blooms Festival**
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the village

April 28 **Friends of Arrow Rock Legacy Society
 Event & Cocktail Party** (See Page 7 for details.)

May 4 **Voices of Arrow Rock:**
 "CONSUMMATE SHOWMAN,"
 Playwright: Glenn North
 10 a.m. at the Old Schoolhouse

June 1 **First Saturday Lecture:**
 "19TH CENTURY MISSOURI SILVER" by Bill Tempel
 10 a.m. at the Arrow Rock State Historic Site Visitor Center

June 9-23 **Persimmon Creek Writers and Artists Residency:**
 BRIAN PALMER, writer and image-maker



June 15 **Arrow Rock Through the 1800s**
 Vignettes throughout the village, times vary

June 16-30 **Persimmon Creek Writers and Artists Residency:**
 BYRON SMITH, painter

June 21-23 **"A Show of Hands"**
 Fiber Arts Exhibit




June 22 **Persimmon Creek Presentations:**
 BRIAN PALMER & BYRON SMITH

July 4 **Impromptu Parade** 2 p.m. along Main Street

July 6 **First Saturday Lecture:**
 "THE CALDWELL POTTERY" by Deb Thompson
 10 a.m. at the Arrow Rock State Historic Site Visitor Center

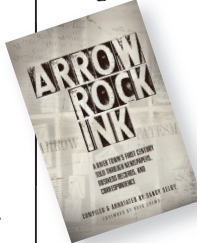
August 3 **First Saturday Lecture:**
 "A NEW LOOK AT BINGHAM'S ELECTION SERIES"
 by Joan Stack, Ph.D., Curator of Arts Collections, State Historical Society of Missouri
 10 a.m. at the Arrow Rock State Historic Site Visitor Center



August 3 **Boardwalk Concert/Main Street Dance**
 7 p.m. on Main Street

August 31 **Voices of Arrow Rock:**
 "THE PROFESSOR," Playwright: Gary Bradley-Lopez
 10 a.m. at the Historic Christian Church on Main Street,

Sept. 7 First Saturday Lecture:
 "THE FORGOTTEN STORIES OF ARROW ROCK" by Sandy Selby, author of *Arrow Rock Ink* (publishing Summer 2024)
 10 a.m. at the Arrow Rock State Historic Site Visitor Center



Sept. 28 **Sip & Stroll**
 3:30 p.m. at designated homes in the village

Oct. 5 **First Saturday Lecture:**
 "POINTS, POTS, PIPES, AND POW WOWS,"
 by Greg Olson
 10 a.m. at the Arrow Rock State Historic Site Visitor Center

Oct. 12-13 **56th Annual Heritage Festival**
 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday, throughout the village

Oct. 26 **Spooktacular**
 4-7 p.m., Arrow Rock State Historic Site campground




Nov. 1-3 **Merchants' Open House** Merchant hours vary

Nov. 2 **First Saturday Lecture:**
 "AN AMERICAN STORY: THE REDD FAMILY PAINTINGS,"
 by Macklin Cox
 10 a.m. at the Arrow Rock State Historic Site Visitor Center

Nov. 23 **Hanging of the Greens**
 2 p.m., Arrow Rock Boardwalk

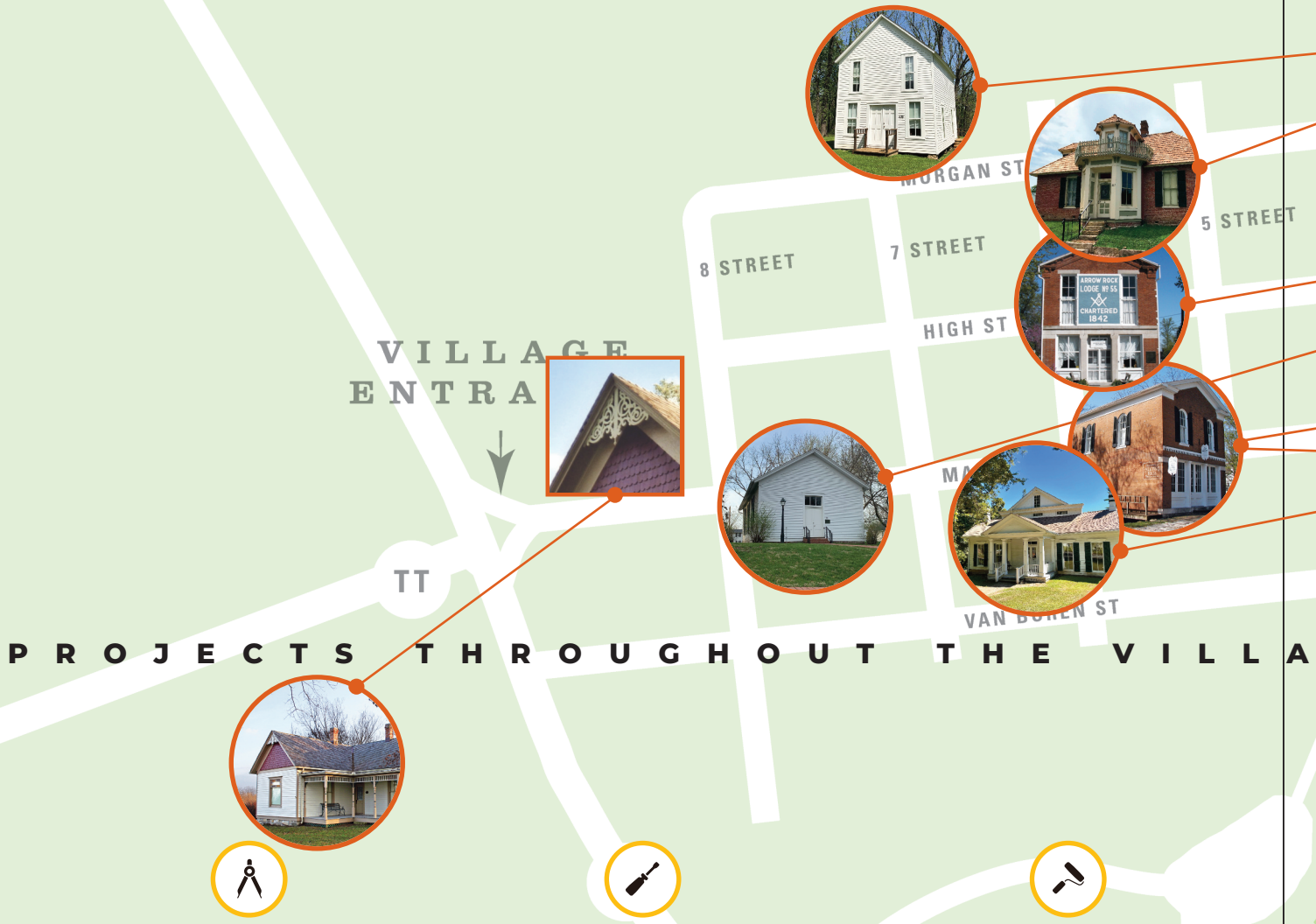
Dec. 7 **Old-Fashioned Christmas in the Village**
 6-8 p.m., throughout the village

Dec. 8 **Holiday with Friends**
 4:30, Location TBA



SEE LYCEUMTHEATRE.ORG FOR A LISTING OF ALL ARROW ROCK LYCEUM THEATRE SHOWS.

◆ PRESERVATION IN ACTION ◆



The women and men who gathered at the J. Huston Tavern on June 14, 1959, to form a new organization, had an ambitious goal: to preserve the irreplaceable historic structures of Arrow Rock. Thanks to those visionaries, the Friends of Arrow Rock has spent the last 65 years preserving and maintaining an impressive collection of 19th-century buildings.

It is maintenance that determines the long-term success of a preservation project, because after the stabilization, repair, and beautification is complete, maintenance must begin. Without it, all that work and investment in a building's preservation is wasted. That's why Friends of Arrow

Rock is deeply committed to the ongoing care of its properties. Thanks to the hard work of our development committee members and the generosity of our donors, we have been able to complete several significant maintenance projects and are about to begin others. FAR's historic preservation consultant Marty Selby, at the request of FAR's properties committee, developed the scope of work for all these projects and is supervising the contractors to make sure they uphold FAR's high standards of preservation.

Last year, supported by a grant from the Buckner Foundation, we made repairs to the exterior of Brown Lodge No. 22 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, which houses the Arrow Rock

Black History Museum. The exterior is a frequent target of woodpeckers that carve holes into the wood siding and trim. Squirrels often follow behind, enlarging the holes to gain access into the walls and attic of the building. Contractors patched the holes and painted the entire exterior of this building, which holds such a significant place in the town's history.

Thanks to a grant awarded by the Sunderland Foundation, work is underway on several other FAR buildings. At the 1868 Odd Fellows Lodge Hall, which houses the Missouri Press Association's Print Shop Museum on the ground floor, cracks in the plaster ceiling in that museum space were repaired. The shutters on the second



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BOARDWALK

REET

WE ARE PROTECTING OUR HISTORY



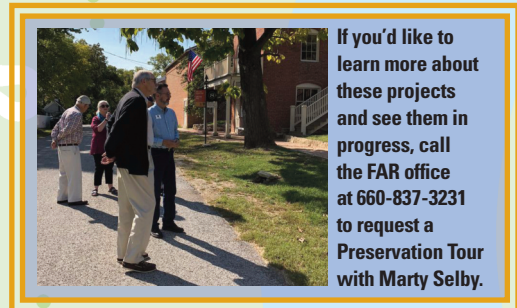
story windows were restored and anchored in place, and the failing gutters are scheduled to be replaced.

Other Sunderland-funded projects set to begin soon are repairs to the post office roof; repair of pest damage and exterior repainting at the Miller-Bradford House along with restoration of the detached garage; gutter replacement, pest damage repair, and exterior painting at the Christian Church; downspout replacement and brick repointing on the rear of the Friends of Arrow Rock headquarters on the boardwalk; downspout replacement and investigation of the rising damp issue that is damaging a small area of the exterior brick and interior plaster at the rear of the Masonic Lodge Hall;

exterior painting of the trim and porch of the Sites House; cleaning and applying a preservative stain to the exterior, repairing and reputtying windows, and installing basic electrical service to the Shelby Log Cabin.

The Lawless Farmstead is a turn-of-the-20th-century property that, through an agreement with FAR and Missouri State Parks, serves as program space for the Missouri River Bird Observatory. It is set to undergo major repairs thanks to money allocated by the State of Missouri. The project, which is currently in development by Missouri State Parks and FAR's properties committee, will include repair and a fresh coat of paint for the house's exterior, installation of a new HVAC

system, filling in of two cisterns, repointing of the stone foundation, installation of a new roof and gutters, siding repair on the smokehouse, stabilization of the barn, and other projects to make the property safe and attractive for visitors.



If you'd like to learn more about these projects and see them in progress, call the FAR office at 660-837-3231 to request a Preservation Tour with Marty Selby.

In Arrow Rock, we know spring has arrived when we hear the cheerful sound of schoolchildren arriving in town for a morning of hands-on history lessons. Friends of Arrow Rock began its education programs in 1984, and we've been welcoming youngsters here ever since to get a real sense of what life was like for children in the 1800s.

This year's programs, which run from April 11 through May 26, include the popular "Family Life and School Days in the 1800s" program for students in grades 1-4, and "Natural and Cultural History of Arrow Rock" for grades 3-6.

The programs, which are led by trained, experienced interpreters, are a fun way to learn Missouri history. And these programs are so memorable that it's not unusual for adults to stop by the Friends of Arrow Rock office and share their childhood memories of a long-ago school trip to Arrow Rock where they wrote with a quill pen and learned how 19th-century children washed clothes using a washboard and tub.

FAR, in cooperation with the Arrow Rock State Historic Site (ARSHS), manages and staffs the programs. Missouri River Bird Observatory educators lend a hand with the natural history program.

Although most participants come from area schools, there is a day set aside for home-schooled students on May 1. Interested educators should call 660-837-3300. Reservations are required and there is a small participation fee for each student.



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**40 YEARS & COUNTING
GENERATIONS OF STUDENTS HAVE
ENJOYED OUR SCHOOL PROGRAMS.**



CHILDREN'S CRAFT FESTIVAL

FAR and ARSHS also collaborate for the biennial Children's Craft Festival. That's a one-day event held every other fall that brings hundreds of children to town for a one-of-a-kind history festival. Last year's Children's Craft Festival enjoyed some of the best weather that festival has ever seen, and the kids (and the adults who came with them) had a wonderful time. According to Betty Vollmer, historian and resource interpreter at the ARSHS, the 2023 event brought in about 830 elementary-age children, plus hundreds of teachers and parents who came with them. The activities of the day, which included craft demonstrations, tours, and old-fashioned games, were supported by 35 volunteers from in and around Arrow Rock. This year is an off year for the festival, but plans are already underway for the 2025 event.

A Legacy of Friendship

The Friends of Arrow Rock Legacy Society is a group of devoted members who have made accommodations for FAR in their estate plans. Each year, we hold an elegant, entertaining event just for those special friends.



This year's Legacy Society event takes place on the evening of Sunday, April 28, at Orchard Hill, the home of Aaron Dolan and Jon Trigg on the northern edge of Arrow Rock. You'll have the opportunity to explore this exquisite, recently restored home during this cocktail reception.

Legacy Society members who have already joined or anyone willing to make a commitment to FAR in their estate plan are invited to this year's gathering. Call the Friends of Arrow Rock office at 660-837-3231 or email admin@friendsofarrowrock.org to let us know if you plan to attend.



Marjo Price (pictured here with past-president Dr. Thomas B. Hall III) joined the Legacy Society along with her husband, Al. FAR recently received a generous bequest from Al and Marjo's estate.

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 Glenna S. Udre, 2013
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 Barbara Quinn, 2017
 Marge Fletcher, 2017
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 George Schler, 2017
 Charles W. Digges Sr., 2019
 Janet Reeter, 2019
 Irene Thomas, 2020
 Alex McBurney, 2020
 Barbara Armstrong, 2022
 Mary Younger, 2022
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SHARING THE MISSOURI LEGACY

An Invitation to Join the Friends of Arrow Rock



As curators of historic buildings and artifacts, the Friends of Arrow Rock will preserve and display our holdings in accordance with the best practices of historic preservation. In partnership with other groups that share a passion for the history of Arrow Rock, the Friends will work for the development and promotion of local and regional cultural tourism. As stewards of a public trust, the Friends is committed to providing the financial and administrative resources needed to ensure the future of Arrow Rock for generations to come. **Please join us** to preserve these ideals, for this and future generations. *Donations may be deductible for income tax purposes.



OUR MISSION
Share the rich and varied Missouri legacy with current and future generations.



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For more information contact 660-837-3231

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ON THE COVER The 1872 Christian Church is a lovely venue for weddings and other events.