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OUR MISSION

The mission of the Friends of Arrow Rock is to share the Missouri frontier experience with current and future generations. As stewards of its history, the Friends of Arrow Rock safeguard the memories of the village by preserving its buildings and artifacts. Through exhibits and educational programs, the Friends of Arrow Rock convey the history of the area to children and adults, grounding them in the past to prepare them for the future.

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CHET BREITWIESER

Happy 60th Birthday to The Friends of Arrow Rock! We are grateful to our Honorary Co-Chairs, former First Ladies of Missouri, Mrs. Carolyn Bond and Mrs. Jean Carnahan, in addition to our generous sponsors for their support. And thank you, Past President Huston, for your leadership, dedication and care for the FAR.

To say the least, it has been an extremely busy spring and summer in the village. Let's just say a "trial by fire"!

Just five short days after our memorable 60th Anniversary Celebration, we experienced the devastating fire at the J. Huston Tavern. Little did we realize, until after the smoke had cleared, that we had received blessings after all. We were blessed by Ivy (a whimpering, persistent fire-alarm dog), and the well-trained and quick response of the Arrow Rock firefighters who suppressed the fire, in addition to the fine assistance of others from the Saline County Fire



Incoming FAR President Chet Breitwieser accepts the gavel from Past President Donna Huston. This gavel was given to FAR's first president, Louise Eads.

Protection District. These dedicated firemen saved our beloved Tavern and we gratefully thank each of them. Yes, that wonderful dog received many bags of doggy treats! Having patiently served guests beneath a large tent on the east lawn the past two months (thanks to Missouri State Parks who loaned us the tent and did all the hard work of building a platform and setting it up), we have now returned to serving inside the cleaned and freshly painted interior of the Huston Tavern. This was only possible due to the remarkable support of Missouri State Parks, Arrow Rock State Historic Site, hard-working Tavern management and staff, dedicated FAR staff, inspiring volunteers and generous donors who helped cover expenses during the time we were closed. We look forward to completion of our new kitchen and additional renovations in 2020.

Our Spring Education Programs continued to be well-attended this year. These memorable experiences are a unique educational opportunity. The thank-you notes received from the students are charming and prove history can be fun!

Our Events Committee is hard at work on our two-day Antebellum Homes Tour, September 28th and 29th. Can you believe it has been 20 short years since our last two-day Homes Tour? We are extremely grateful to the homeowners who are opening their beautifully restored homes, and know you will enjoy touring each of them.

It is my sincere honor to be serving as your president, working alongside our dedicated staff, board of trustees, members and volunteers. Thank you for your continued support. **We look forward to your next visit.**

A MESSAGE FROM PAST PRESIDENT DONNA HUSTON

Congratulations, Chet Breitwieser, on becoming the new president of the Friends of Arrow Rock. I personally felt being president was an honor, educational and very rewarding. Our board and staff is made up of some very artistic, intelligent, devoted, hard-working, creative and generous people. We have accomplished a great deal in the past two years. My presidency will be remembered as the time we took over the Tavern management. Of course the reason for that and any other successes was because I was surrounded by knowledgeable and generous people. I thank them all for their advice and support.

Chet will make an incredible president. Our 60th anniversary celebration on May 5th was a marvelous event, thanks to Chet's planning. He lined up speakers from all over the state from organizations that have ties with the Friends of Arrow Rock, which has never been done before. The event was followed by champagne and chocolates, good conversation and excitement about the future of the Friends of Arrow Rock. **Best wishes for continued success, Chet!**

Our 60th Annual Meeting & Celebration

When Friends of Arrow Rock members and supporters took their seats in the Arrow Rock Lyceum Theatre on Sunday, May 5, they could feel it in the air: Something special was about to happen.

The crowd had gathered to celebrate the achievements of the organization and to commemorate all those who made that good work possible — from the visionary members of the Daughters of the American Revolution who spun off an organization in 1959 to safeguard the historic buildings and preserve Arrow Rock's stories, to those still working today to uphold those ideals.

In her final act as president, Donna Huston welcomed the attendees and, following the invocation by Rev. Patrick Overton of the Arrow Rock Federated Church, introduced Chet Breitwieser as FAR's new president. Friends of Arrow Rock Executive Director Sandy Selby recapped the momentous year since the last annual meeting, which included a new partnership with Missouri State Parks to take over operations at the J. Huston Tavern.

A succession of special guest speakers followed, each offering warm congratulations and recounting the importance of FAR to the work of their own organizations. Those speakers included Missouri State Parks Director Ben Ellis; Arrow Rock State Historic Site Administrator Michael Dickey; Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent Cindy Suich; Missouri Press Association Past President Doug Crews; Missouri State Historical Society Curator of Art Collections Dr. Joan Stack; and Missouri Preservation Executive Director Bill Hart.

Broadway performer and part-time Arrow Rock resident Tim Shew regaled the audience with an inspiring rendition of "The River Song," from the *Tom Sawyer* musical that was filmed in Arrow Rock in 1972.

This year's keynote speaker was John Ashford, Chairman and CEO of The Hawthorn Group, a Marshall, Missouri native who came in from Washington, D.C. just to take part in our 60th anniversary celebration. His speech, "A Plea for Civic Engagement: The Arrow Rock

Model," inspired the audience to continue the work that had brought them all together and to take that spirit of involvement to other communities, our state and nation.

President Chet Breitwieser closed the meeting by inviting all guests, including current and former board members, for a champagne and chocolate reception.

"The 60th Anniversary Celebration was an exceptional day to share our bountiful history and the inspiring beauty that is Arrow Rock," Chet says. **Cheers to 60 years!**



FAR President Chet Breitwieser serves as master of ceremonies for our 60th Annual Meeting.

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Keynote speaker John Ashford, a Marshall, Missouri native and founder of The Hawthorn Group, a Washington D.C.-based international public affairs firm, inspires the audience with his message.



Judy Smith, secretary of the FAR board of trustees, serves chocolate truffles to guests at a reception following the annual meeting.

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President Breitwieser invites current and past board members to come to the front of the auditorium for recognition.

GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE, GOING FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

The volunteers for this year's Arrow Rock Antiques & Collectibles Auction sang more than a few choruses of "Rain, Rain, Go Away," during the soggy weeks leading up to the June 24 event. On auction day, all their sunshine wishes came true! The weather was ideal and we filled the yard of the historic Miller-Bradford House with treasures galore that had been donated by generous members and friends especially for this fundraiser. The auction raised more than \$10,000 for our historic preservation and history education programs. Friends of Arrow Rock is deeply grateful to the crew from the Iman Auction Co., who donated their professional services to make this event such a success. Our team of auction volunteers, led by FAR Trustee Toni Blackwood, are already talking about the next auction, tentatively scheduled for 2021.



Above, the 1961 Arrow Rock Country Auction draws a crowd.

Below, the Miller-Bradford House lawn is filled with thousands of beautiful, donated items for the 2019 Arrow Rock Antiques & Collectibles Auction.



UPCOMING FAR EVENTS Y O

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During our 60th Anniversary year, our events committee has looked to some of the most popular events from our past and revived them for a new generation.

Already this year, we've enjoyed the modern-day version of the Arrow Rock Country Auction, the very first fundraiser for the Friends of Arrow Rock.

On September 28 and 29, we'll celebrate our heritage in grand style with the Antebellum Homes Tour— a nod to the two-day homes tours that helped support the organization in its early years. The 2019 tour takes you inside three of the most exquisite examples of pre-Civil War architecture in mid-Missouri. Ticket holders will enjoy guided tours of Prairie Park, Lo Mismo, and the Oak Grove Plantation.

Tour hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 29.

Docents will be on hand in every home to describe the furnishings, art and design details. Tour at your own pace and take in the magnificence of days gone by. Water and light refreshments will be available at each home.

On Saturday evening, ticketholders who choose the Tour + Dinner option will gather at the Old Schoolhouse in Arrow Rock for a joy-filled evening of food, wine, beer, and silent and live auctions. This portion of the evening has been part of our "Sip & Stroll" tradition for the past several years and is a much-loved event by all who attend. It's worth the price of admission just to watch Chet Breitwieser work the crowd as our auctioneer, with able assistance from Kathy Digges, our own "Vanna White."

We extend special thanks to the honorary co-chairs of this event: former Missouri First Ladies Carolyn Bond and Jean Carnahan.

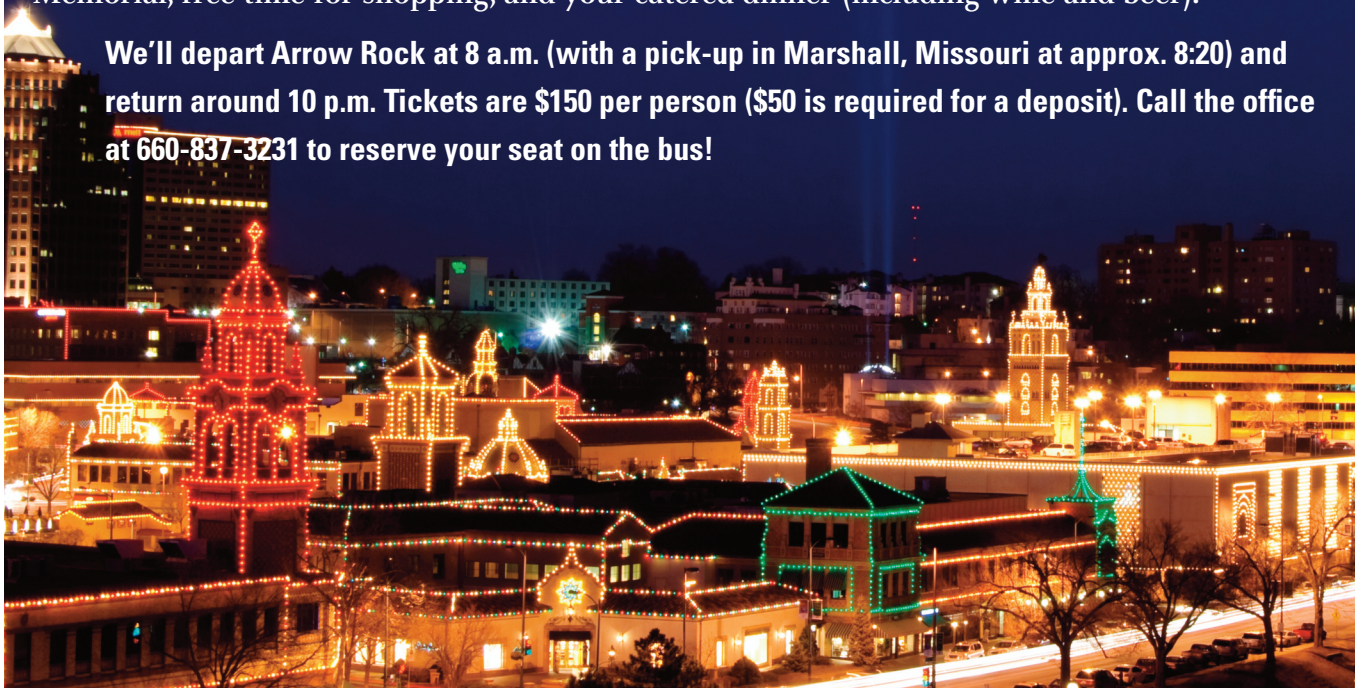
Tickets for the Antebellum Homes Tour are available now at FriendsOfArrowRock.org/homestour or by calling the FAR office at 660-837-3231. Ticket buyers will receive a map to the homes by mail or email prior to the event.



YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

Friends On The Go: Plaza Lights Trip An ice storm forced us to cancel this trip last year, so we're trying again, and this time we're not inviting Old Man Winter. Catch the bus to a holiday adventure as we journey to Kansas City on Tuesday, December 3. All are welcome to join this fun, one-day getaway, whether or not they are members of Friends of Arrow Rock. The outing will culminate with dinner in the 10th floor conference room of the Polsinelli Law Firm, which overlooks the fabulous Plaza lights! The day will include a private tour of the historic Wornall House, lunch at Grünauer restaurant, a visit to the National World War I Museum and Memorial, free time for shopping, and your catered dinner (including wine and beer).

We'll depart Arrow Rock at 8 a.m. (with a pick-up in Marshall, Missouri at approx. 8:20) and return around 10 p.m. Tickets are \$150 per person (\$50 is required for a deposit). Call the office at 660-837-3231 to reserve your seat on the bus!



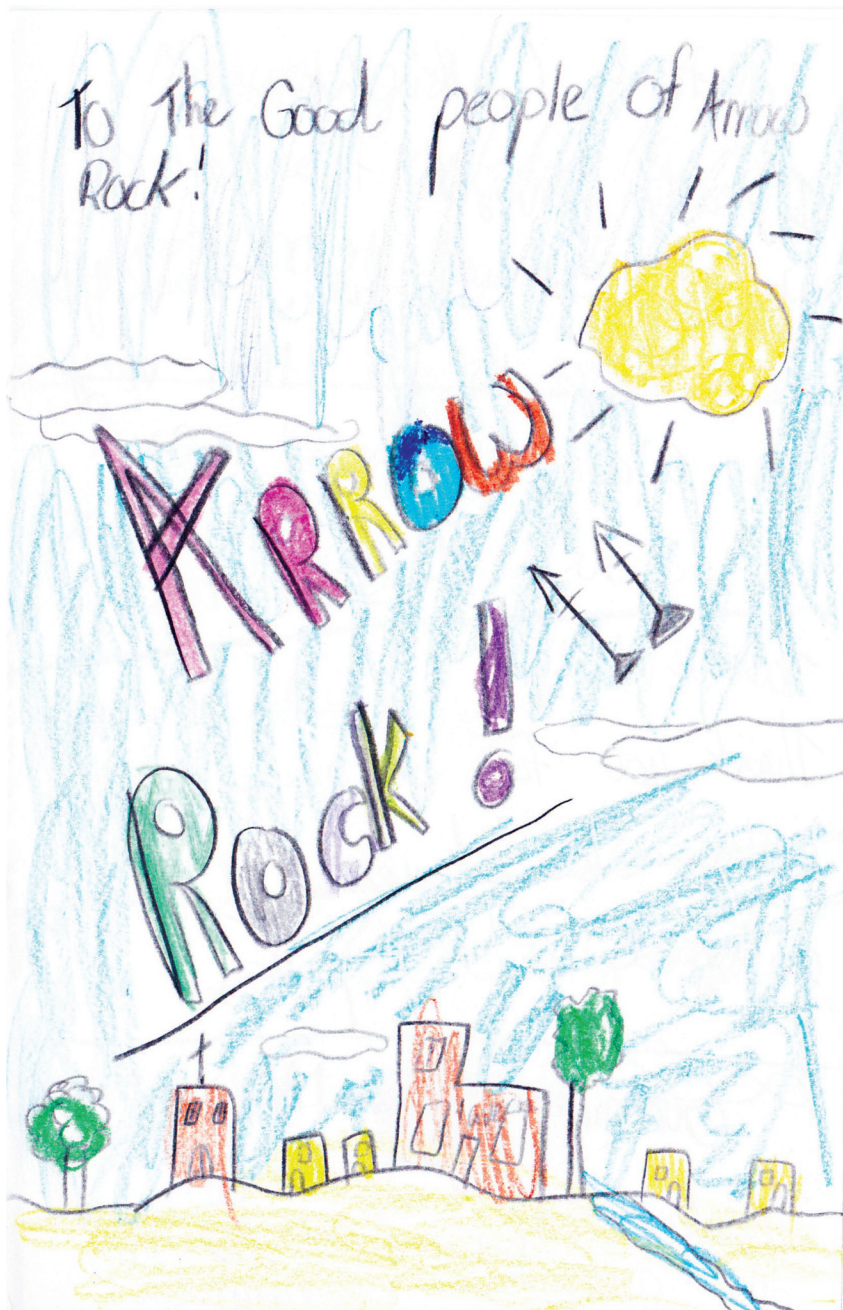
Night Walks Night Walks are history lessons punctuated with ghost stories, and they've become wildly popular since we began them three years ago. This two-hour, $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile walking tour travels through the village with stops at some of our most historic (and dare we say haunted?) buildings. Along the way, FAR Executive Director Sandy Selby will share some of the darker stories from Arrow Rock's past and yes, a few tales of the unexplained. We offer Night Walks every Friday and Saturday in October and most dates sell out well in advance. **Tickets are \$20, and this year we're offering an all-inclusive ticket that combines the tour and a pre-tour dinner at the J. Huston Tavern for \$40. Find out more at FriendsOfArrowRock.org/nightwalks or call 660-837-3231.**

Holiday With Friends

There's no better way to celebrate the holiday season than to spend an evening with Friends! Save the date for Sunday, December 8, and watch for your invitation in the mail.



Kid Stuff: Our Spring Education Programs Make An Impact



One of the last groups to visit this year toured the J. Huston Tavern the day before fire destroyed the kitchen. A few days later, Operations Director Mandy Dorrance received a packet of homemade greeting cards wishing the Tavern well as it recovered from the fire.



Mother Nature did her best to interfere with our Spring Education Programs this year, but despite some rainy days, we were able to serve 1,143 students plus 343 accompanying teachers and parents who took part in our education program modules during April and May.

Our programs are designed to serve groups of children — sometimes individual classes, sometimes larger school groups — by giving them hands-on lessons in history. Among the offerings this year were the ever-popular Family Life and School Days program that gives children a glimpse of what it was like to be a child living in the mid-1800s; the Famous Missourians program that shines a spotlight on Arrow Rockers George Caleb Bingham and Dr. John Sappington; and Governing the Frontier — a look at how our government and elections have changed since pioneer days. Our friends at the Missouri River Bird Observatory provide valuable assistance (and lots of knowledge about nature) during our Natural and Cultural History of Arrow Rock program. And we rely on our partnership with the Arrow Rock State Historic Site for help with registration and group check-in.

We know these programs have lasting impact because every year we encounter adult visitors who share fond memories of a school trip to Arrow Rock when they were youngsters. With the teaching of history becoming a lower priority in schools, our Spring Education Programs are more important than ever. We are planting seeds in the hope of growing future history lovers!



All Aboard Our Brand New Tour Tram

This is how we roll! Visitors who take Friends of Arrow Rock tours this year are riding in style in our new tour tram. The 12-passenger electric vehicle is designed specifically for touring with easy access to all seats, on-board heaters and fans, and a sound system. Remember, as a Friends of Arrow Rock member, you are entitled to two free tram tour tickets per year. Our trio of experienced guides — Elaine Breshears, Sue Day and Bob DeWitt — bring history alive through their stories. Let your tour guide know when you sign up that you want to take advantage of your complimentary tram tour.

But our tour offerings go well beyond our guided tram tours.

Our October Night Walks are a chilling, thrilling way to spend an October evening and you'll learn a little Arrow Rock history along the way.

Historic Preservationist Marty Selby leads Preservation Tours by request. These walking tours take you to buildings and areas not normally shown on tour and give you insights into the techniques and strategies that go into conscientious historic preservation.

Guided tours of Oak Grove Plantation and Prairie Park give you access to two of the grandest homes in mid-Missouri. You'll marvel at the preservation efforts that brought those important, historical homes back to life.

To schedule any of these Friends of Arrow Rock tours, contact Operations Director Mandy Dorrance at 660-837-3231.

PRESERVATION
PROJECTS MAKE
OUR BUILDINGS
LOOK THEIR
BEST



This organization holds the philosophy that maintenance is preservation. So much of our day-to-day focus involves minor repairs or routine maintenance, and Historic Preservation Consultant Marty Selby's constant care of those important historic structures is what keeps them safe, sound and lovely for our visitors.

Occasionally, though, it's time for a big fix. This year, we've accomplished some major projects, thanks to a grant from the Sunderland Foundation. So far in 2019, we've stabilized the front wall of the Miller-Bradford House, making it possible for us to welcome a tenant for that building: The Missouri Folk Art Shop & Gallery (see the sidebar).

The Dr. John Sappington Medical Museum, the only modern building among our property holdings, looks as good as it did when it was constructed in the 1970s, thanks to a fresh paint job on the building's trim, and a new, long-lasting elastomeric coating on the metal roof. There's also a fresh coat of paint on the exterior of the Friends of Arrow Rock building that houses the local post office facility.



The project with the biggest "Wow!" factor is the new roof on the Sites House. The existing roof was at the end of its lifespan. The new wood shake roof, installed according to our careful specifications, should last around 25 years and will weather to a beautiful, soft gray.

Next up on our to-do list for 2019 is the installation of heating and air conditioning in the 1872 Christian Church, which will make that building more comfortable for weddings and other special events.

With the completion of these projects, along with major projects completed over the last several years, FAR's properties are in great shape. "These restoration projects could not have been possible without the generous support of the Sunderland Foundation of Kansas City, Irvin Foundation of Chillicothe, Buckner Foundation of Marshall, Jeffris Foundation of Janesville, Wisconsin, and individual donors," says FAR President Chet Breitwieser. "We are grateful to each, for the trust and commitment they place in our ongoing preservation projects."

If you're interested in an up-close look at Friends of Arrow Rock's preservation projects, call the office at 660-837-3231 to schedule a Preservation Tour.



POP-UP SHOP

ARROW ROCK WELCOMES THE MISSOURI FOLK ART SHOP & GALLERY



When Mindy Smith and Mary Barile signed up for a rug hooking workshop in Arrow Rock this spring, they came away with more than just rugs. They found the inspiration for a new business, and they had a dream location in mind: the Miller-Bradford House.

Recent work on that property, including structural and electrical repairs, made it possible for Friends of Arrow Rock to enter into a short-term lease agreement with the newly formed business. The Missouri Folk Art Shop & Gallery opened as a "pop-up" shop in August, and operates daily, except Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The shop features carefully curated items from some of the most talented artisans in the region. Offerings include paintings, photography, hooked rugs, quilts, ceramics, leather work, wood carving, jewelry, hand-crafted soap and more, with new artists coming on board weekly. Customers are raving about the quality and selection in the shop. Given the early success of the venture, Friends of Arrow Rock is hopeful that this "pop-up" will become permanent.



Photo courtesy of Kim Borgman

STANDING STRONG

RECOVERING FROM THE FIRE AT THE J. HUSTON TAVERN

By Sandy Selby, Executive Director

I figured it was another false alarm. It's not unusual for me to be awakened by a telephone call from the alarm company when a wasp has landed on a motion sensor or a low battery has sent an errant signal. When my phone rang shortly after midnight on May 18, I assumed it was just another false alarm.

An hour earlier, Arrow Rock State Historic Site Administrator Michael Dickey, who also happens to be our local fire chief, also received a phone call. It was from the alarm company reporting a fire signal at the J. Huston Tavern. Mike is also accustomed to false alarm calls but this was no false alarm. He saw the smoke rising from the back of the Tavern before he got to the building and immediately called in other firefighters from Arrow Rock and nearby communities.

THE OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING RESTAURANT WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI AND THE CROWN JEWEL OF ARROW ROCK'S PRESERVATION EFFORT WAS ON FIRE.

The fire began inside a small, under-counter freezer in the kitchen, eventually burning its way out and spreading through the center of the kitchen. The heat and smoke generated from the fire was tremendous, and,

according to Mike, when he and fellow firefighter Patrick Baker arrived with the local fire truck, the fire was just minutes away from the flashover point when the smoke itself would have ignited and spread fire throughout the historic portions of the building in a matter of seconds.

Serendipity was on our side that night. The Saline County Rural Fire Protection District truck stationed in Arrow Rock was equipped with a foam suppression system, which was exactly what was needed to bring a fire fueled with cooking oils under control. The Tavern staff had left an exhaust fan running in the back of the building to help mitigate some kitchen heat overnight, and that fan helped draw the fire away from the main sections of the building. And the doors between the kitchen and the Bingham Dining Room were closed, sparing the largest dining room from all but minor smoke damage.

There were anxious hours that night as a group of Friends of Arrow Rock and Tavern employees waited for word on the extent of the damage. We saw for ourselves when we walked through the building around 4 in the morning: the 1950s-era kitchen addition was a total loss and there was extensive smoke damage throughout the front dining rooms.

Friends of Arrow Rock took over operations on the Tavern on January 1, opened for business on March 1, and by mid-May, the hard work of those months had literally gone up in smoke. Saturday

morning dawned and we felt exhausted and hopeless. Was this the end of the story for the J. Huston Tavern? Starting on Saturday and over the next few days, I received visits from many representatives of Missouri State Parks, including Director Ben Ellis, and every one of them assured me that the Tavern would reopen and they would find a way to get us back up and running as soon as possible. In our wildest dreams, we didn't imagine that "as soon as possible" would be less than a month later.

The Missouri State Parks team scrambled into action, leasing a fully equipped mobile kitchen and building a carpeted platform as a base for an enormous tent. On June 15, we opened for business in what we called "The J. Huston Tavern Summer Kitchen." With seating for nearly 100, we were able to honor our reservations and continue to serve Arrow Rock visitors.

While the Summer Kitchen wasn't without its challenges, General Manager Karen Avery Miller, Kitchen Manager Janet Carmack, and the entire Tavern staff rose to the occasion beautifully. We are so proud of their can-do spirit in the face of adversity. Certainly none of them anticipated working in a kitchen trailer or serving outside during the hottest part of the summer, but they made the best of it and our customers appreciated the summertime fare, like the double-decker BLT and creamy chicken salad served in a farm-grown tomato.

All the while, clean-up inside the building was underway. With some reconfiguration of space, and with the continued use of the mobile kitchen, we moved back inside on August 7 and resumed service in our dining rooms, except for the Bingham Room which has been converted to a work area for food preparation and service. Missouri State Parks has committed funds and begun the design phase for a complete rebuild of the kitchen, allowing us to expand the space and rework the flow for a more functional kitchen. The new kitchen is slated for completion next fall.

They say that in times of trouble you find out who your friends are. We knew our friends were plentiful — it's in our name after all — but so many people rose to the occasion to help us this summer. Volunteers stepped forward to clean hundreds of soot-covered artifacts and décor items, members sent financial gifts to help offset the cost of payroll and other expenses during the month we were closed, and loyal customers remained loyal, despite a few inconveniences.

Our president, Chet Breitwieser, sums it up nicely: "The positive outcome of this tragic event has been made easier as a result of the fine working relationship the FAR shares with the Arrow Rock State Historic Site, Missouri State Parks, Department of Natural Resources, our hard-working Huston Tavern staff and FAR staff, plus dedicated volunteers."

We created an emblem for the Tavern T-shirts that commemorates the May 17 fire. It proclaims that the J. Huston Tavern has been "Standing Strong since 1834." We feel so fortunate when we say that the J. Huston Tavern is still the oldest continuously operating restaurant west of the Mississippi. **AR**



The May 17 fire completely destroys the mid-20th-century kitchen and everything in it. Smoke spreads through the rest of the building, but the historic structure is undamaged and furniture and artifacts just need a thorough cleaning



Representatives from the Missouri State Parks and Friends of Arrow Rock gather for a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 14 to mark the opening of the J. Huston Tavern Summer Kitchen, an expansive outdoor dining room that allows us to continue operating until the interior of the Tavern building is cleaned.

Once the kitchen project is wrapped up, the State will embark on a \$900,000 preservation project at the Tavern to address structural concerns, water mitigation, and other building issues identified by a conditions assessment conducted by our Historic Preservation Consultant Marty Selby last fall, while FAR was negotiating its partnership with the state.

"We are most thankful for this appropriation from Missouri State Parks," says FAR President Chet Breitwieser. "The new kitchen, in addition to the structural renovations, will allow the Huston Tavern to continue offering gracious hospitality and delicious meals for generations to come."



Arrow Rock State Historic Site Administrator Mike Dickey was named the Department of Natural Resources Employee of the Month for July, in part because of his actions on the night of the fire that ultimately saved the J. Huston Tavern.

DR. BLAINE MURRELL MCBURNEY GIVES FAR AN EXTRAORDINARY GIFT

One of the most extraordinary homes in all of Saline County (and a highlight of our upcoming Antebellum Homes Tour) is Oak Grove, a stately Greek Revival plantation home, built in 1854 by George Murrell.

Five generations later, George Murrell's descendent, Blaine Murrell McBurney, has restored the home and grounds to their original grandeur. Blaine's careful attention to authenticity in every detail, including the rugs, wallpapers and furnishings, have made Oak Grove a historical treasure.

"Oak Grove, at a certain point, became part of the local cultural heritage," Blaine says, "and deserves to be thought of and treated as such."

To ensure the cultural legacy of the property, Blaine has gifted it and the surrounding farmland to the Friends of Arrow Rock through the use of a charitable remainder trust. Under the terms of this trust, Blaine is able to continue living on the property and enjoying it during his lifetime, but will benefit from certain tax advantages because he made this gift. Blaine is obligated to maintain the property in the condition it was when he made his gift. At the time of Blaine's death, Friends of Arrow Rock will assume full rights of ownership of the property. Why make such a commitment?

"I support the Friends of Arrow Rock and always have supported their mission and their goals to preserve and protect local history," Blaine says.

Blaine encourages others to explore the

advantages of a charitable remainder trust, both for themselves and for the charities they support. "It's a win-win for the charitable organization and the person who also gets benefits during their life that they never would have seen if they would have donated it in their will."

He urges those who make such gifts to make provisions for maintenance and other ongoing expenses. "It is important when people are considering donating a property that they consider the costs of maintaining the property

and how to account for that so as not to leave the charitable organization in a tough place."

Friends of Arrow Rock is honored to receive this generous gift from Dr. McBurney. "This remarkable gift is a testament to the fine preservation work and engaging education programs achieved by the FAR," says FAR President Chet Breitwieser. "We are sincerely grateful for the generosity of Dr. and Mrs. Blaine Murrell McBurney and the trust they have placed in us."



The Friends of Arrow Rock's Legacy Society is a group of passionate supporters who have made provisions for the Friends of Arrow Rock in their estate plan. Gifts can be of any size and the details of the gift do not need to be disclosed in order to join the Society. Financial bequests are added to our endowment fund where they will provide perpetual support for the historic preservation and history education projects of the Friends of Arrow Rock. Each Legacy Society member receives a commemorative, mounted piece of flint rock from the Arrow Rock bluff — a visual representation of their gift's longevity. Contact the Friends of Arrow Rock Executive Director at 660-837-3231 for more information.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGACY SOCIETY

Leo Andrade & Lloyd Parker
 Barbara Armstrong
 Jim & Marcia Atkinson
 Richard & Rita Barger
 Elizabeth (Ibby) Barrett
 Kathy Borgman
 Chet Breitwieser
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LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS IN MEMORIAM

William M. Huston, 1973
 Dr. & Mrs. Thomas B. Hall Jr., 1982
 Edwina M. Eubank, 1983
 Isabel B. Browning, 1984

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 John Irvin, 2016
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 Barbara Quinn, 2017
 Marge Fletcher, 2017
 Hal Sandy, 2017
 Rev. George Schler, 2017
 Charles Digges, 2019



On left, Friends of Arrow Rock members enjoy a party at Prairie Park. Above, Betty Sue O'Dell (seated) and Donna Huston dress in period attire to serve as hostesses for a early FAR Homes Tour.

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A THANK-YOU NOTE TO THE FRIENDS OF '59

Some of my favorite people are people I never had the chance to meet. They are the men and women who cared enough about the history of this town and the preservation of its buildings to start the Friends of Arrow Rock 60 years ago. I wish I could go back in time to attend that first meeting on June 14, 1959, and I wish I could show those charter members what their bold vision has yielded six decades later.

It's hard for me to imagine, as I take in the beauty of Arrow Rock today, that it was crumbling and unkempt in 1959. Some of the buildings I cherish most, like the Sites Gun Shop and House, the Black Lodge, and the Christian Church, would have been lost to the elements or the bulldozer if not for the men and women of FAR who recognized their importance and set out to preserve and restore them.



Sandy Selby
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Friends of Arrow Rock

With all that has changed in the world since 1959, there's something reassuring in knowing that the original mission of the Friends of Arrow Rock remains its mission today. In some ways, we have it a lot easier; modern-day tools make it nearly effortless to invite the world to Arrow Rock. In many ways, the job is harder because we're competing with so many distractions, and there's fading respect for history.

That only makes what we do more urgent and important. Drive through rural Missouri and explore its small towns. Too often, you'll find boarded up storefronts, abandoned houses, and a scarcity of pride. Towns are dying and taking their history with them. Arrow Rock is a rarity, a time-capsule treasure to be protected, and we owe it to six decades' worth of Friends of Arrow Rock members, and to all who will come after us, to safeguard this place and its stories. Every membership gift we receive, every purchase made in our shop or at the J. Huston Tavern, every tour or event ticket we sell — they are all investments in maintaining Arrow Rock as a nationally recognized model of responsible historic preservation in a living village.

It's a privilege to walk in the footsteps of our founders and follow their example of painstaking historic preservation and compelling history education. Sixty years from now, I hope that our successors will look back with gratitude on all that this organization is accomplishing today.



Scenes from the village, clockwise from top:
An early Friends of Arrow Rock auction, happy children at a FAR education program, Lem Sheppard entertains a crowd at the Arrow Rock Heritage Festival, Missouri State Parks Director Ben Ellis congratulates J. Huston Tavern General Manager Karen Avery at the opening of the Tavern's Summer Kitchen.



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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 2019, our 60th 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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Former FAR trustee *Tempe McGlaughlin* and dozens of other Arrow Rock area residents joined us for a community night in the tent at the J. Huston Tavern Summer Kitchen.

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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 The beautiful Oak Grove Plantation is featured during this year's Antebellum Homes Tour, September 28-29. Photo by Julie Robertson, a descendant of George Murrell, the home's original owner.