

What: 40th Anniversary Arrow Rock Christmas Folk Sing
When: Sunday, December 4, 2016 3:30 - 5:30 pm
Where: Arrow Rock Federated Church

PRESS RELEASE

The Village of Arrow Rock is hosting nationally celebrated Missouri Folk Artists Dave Para and Cathy Barton at their annual Christmas Folk Sing on Sunday, December 4th. This is the 40th Anniversary Program, with the two of them having performed in Arrow Rock the first Sunday in December every year since 1976. The program, called *Christmas with Dave Para, Cathy Barton, and Friends*, features traditional folk Christmas songs, poems and readings about Christmas with lots of audience participation. It will be from 3:30 - 5:30 pm and is open to the public free of charge. This start is ½ hour earlier than the 39 other programs. The event is sponsored by the Arrow Rock Federated Church located one block left of Main Street at the corner of Fifth and High.

Dave and Cathy have been visiting Arrow Rock on an annual basis during the Christmas season since 1976, becoming a folk tradition of its own. "It is hard to believe that this is the 40th year we have done this performance in Arrow Rock" stated Cathy Barton. She went on to say that this concert is their way of celebrating the music and cultural traditions of Christmas. "We think of ourselves as links in a chain, passing on the musical Christmas traditions we have received. That must be true if we've been doing it for 40 years."

Cathy Barton and Dave Para have received countless honors and awards in recognition of the important contribution they make to Missouri history and folk traditions. In 2012, this included receiving the prestigious Governor's Award from the Missouri Humanities Council for "Exemplary Community Achievement."

Visit the Village and start your Christmas season with Dave, Cathy and their Friends at the Arrow Rock Federated Church located on Highway 41, 13 miles north of I-70 between Boonville and Marshall.