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Arrowmont's National Historic Register Status Approved

Gatlinburg, Tenn. – The National Park Service announced earlier this week that Pi Beta Phi Settlement School buildings on Arrowmont's campus dating back to the early 1900s are now included on the National Register of Historic Places, the Nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. The nominations had to first be approved by the Tennessee Historical Commission before getting final approval from National Park Service.

The approval was for the first of two nominations to be considered, "The Settlement School Dormitories and Dwellings Historic District" that include Teachers' Cottage (1916), the Red Barn (1923) Stuart Dormitory (1941) and Staff House (1952).

"The next nomination for a public outreach historic district for the structures that face the Parkway—Arrowcraft Shop, Ogle Cabin and the Jennie Nicol Health Clinic [currently Arrowmont's Business Office], will be reviewed May 16," said Susan Knowles, Vice President of Arrowmont's Board of Governors. Knowles, along with Carroll Van West, Professor of History at Middle Tennessee State University and Director of the Center for Historic Preservation, an agency housed at MTSU that serves the state, worked on the nominations.

"Achieving historic status is an important one in my goal to have Arrowmont and Pi Beta Phi recognized for its long history in Gatlinburg, and Susan has done an outstanding job throughout this lengthy process," said David Willard, Director of Arrowmont. "It's another piece of a larger pie that has included digitization of the school's archives through the grant received from the Institute of Museum and Library Services as well as active work on the school's Permanent Collection and preservation of our structures," said Willard.

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