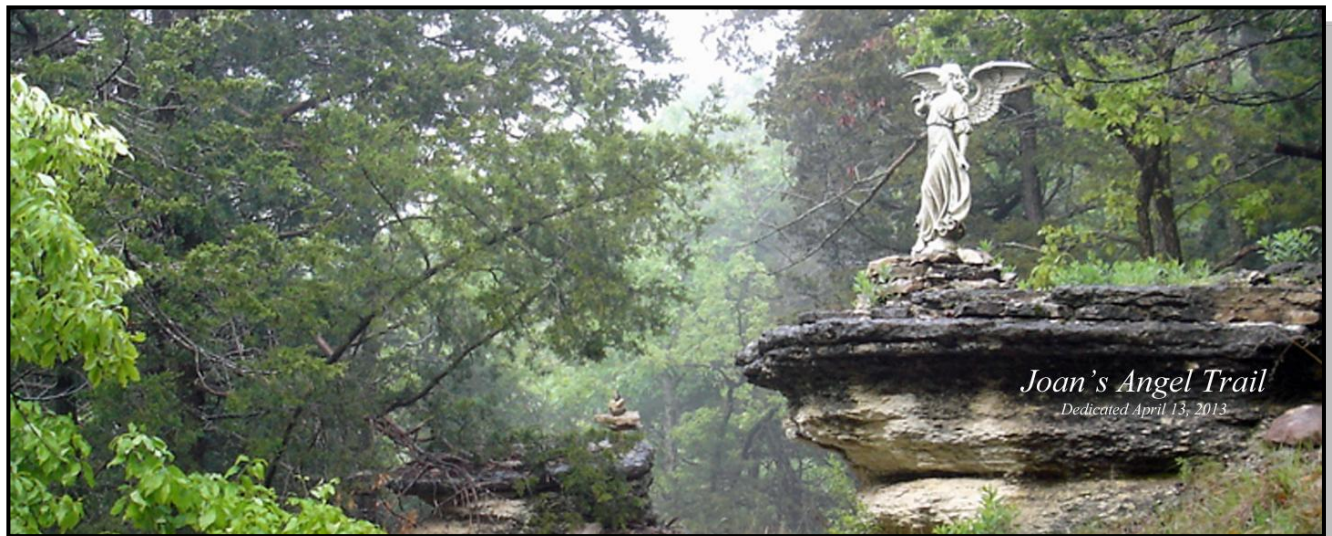


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JOAN'S ANGEL TRAIL, previously known as the Upper Nature Trail, was dedicated on April 13, 2013 and we've been installing sculptures along the two mile long trail during the last few months. The feature sculpture, L'Inspirateur Angélique (French for "Angelical Inspiration"), has taken a prominent position midway along the trail. The sculpture sits atop one of the trail's most prominent rocks as it faces south overlooking the trail and the valley below.



L'Inspirateur Angélique
Photo by: G. Myers 5.10.13



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L'INSPIRATEUR ANGÉLIQUE **ROCKSPIRE**

As you walk beneath the sculpture it's difficult to keep your eyes off the angel as she appears to be taking in the beauty of her surroundings with a small bird perched on her right arm. On a recent hike in June, beautiful wildflowers were blooming at the base of the angel's rock adding to the breathtaking beauty in every direction and helping to make this a truly inspirational place for all who pass by. Come hike Joan's Angel Trail anytime as we intend to add to the collection of angel sculptures. It is our goal to have a commemorative angel sculpture every few hundred feet as you hike Joan's Angel Trail.

The sculpture, L'Inspirateur Angélique was given to Rockspire by Joan's brother and sister-in-law, George and Deborah Myers. And others have asked if they could contribute to the angel sculptures collection in memory of Joan. If you would like to do so, email us at angels@rockspire.com.

MASTER STONE MASON, Alan Vennes has begun work at Rockspire's MobbyMac Carriage House with the installation of three dry stack, stone pilasters that flank the main entrance. Eventually the Carriage House's north and east exterior walls and some interior walls will be clad in stone. The north stone wall will also tie into a stone fence that will work its way toward Rockspire's front gates.

We were fortunate to find Alan as we plan to use stone in many of the buildings and landscaping at Rockspire, both as structural elements and decorative features. As one of Eureka Springs' most accomplished stone masons, Alan brings 30 years of experience as a stone mason working in Atlanta, GA, Austin, TX, and Barcelona, Spain. Alan and his wife Karen Jo recently returned to Eureka Springs where Alan also performs as the bass guitar player and vocals for his band, **The Skinny Gypsies**. Alan perfected his craft as a stone carver while working with the well known stone sculptor, *Joseph Kinncanon* of **Kinncanon Studios** in Austin, TX. Recently, Alan has been doing a lot of stone carving of his own by creating stone bowls, one of which will be made into a sink for the restroom in the MobbyMac Carriage House.



Alan Vennes at the MobbyMac Carriage House
Photo by: G. Myers 7.22.13

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ROCKSPIRES

SEEN 'ROUND THE WORLD!

Since the sustainable lifestyle being envisioned at Rockspire is not intended to be limited to a specific location, we thought it would be fun to leave small hints in the form of temporarily constructed **Rockspires** in locations around the world. When presented with the opportunity to stack a few of the native rocks and photograph, we are reminding ourselves that part of a sustainable lifestyle is to experience new and beautiful areas of this great earth! The diversity found throughout our travels reinforces the notion that it is through experiencing diversity we are able to build on the basic concepts of sustainability.

We will be publishing more of our Rockspire Photos in future Rockspirian Newsletters and we would love for you to construct and photograph your own Rockspire(s) for us to publish.



Rockspires seen 'round the world!

The Rockspire on the left was constructed along Joan's Angel Trail and on the right at a beach near Santa Barbara, CA

Photos by: G. Myers