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ROCKSPIRE'S PUMPHOUSE is undergoing a transformation. The circa 1920's structure has long greeted visitors at the front gate entrance and up to now has been a storage facility that houses the wellhead for Rockspire's water well. Although the well is still active, the building is no longer needed for that purpose.

The structure is being remodeled to house a private internet workroom that will be made available by reservation and equipped with a computer, external monitor, printer, and secure Wi-Fi for connecting personal devices. The high-speed internet will be connected to the pumphouse via Rockspire's dedicated underground fiberoptic cable.



Rockspire's
Pumphouse - front
Photo by D. Myers
1.5.22



Rockspire's
Pumphouse - front
Photo by G. Myers
8.6.21

Rockspire's
Pumphouse - back
Photo by G. Myers
8.6.21



GUEST COLUMN

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Thoughts on Permaculture.

So, you want to "do" permaculture. What does that entail? Long hours studying lots of books, getting together with experts to come up with a best plan and use for the land? Well, yes, knowledge and study are good things, but we run the risk of getting stuck in that "analysis paralysis" phenomenon.

Unfortunately, out of modern convenience, many of the worst techniques such as use of pesticides and fertilizers have largely robbed the land of its ability to supply a sustainable healthy source of crops. Permaculture originated in the 1970s to do agriculture in a better, more sustainable way. And now we have to "work" to reap the benefits of going to a permaculture-based lifestyle. Let's start by doing Something!

- 1. Go one step at a time. Focus on small steps. Become aware of our reliance on non-permaculture-friendly habits. Start by cooking at home with the goal of creating delicious and nourishing food, which is one of the best methods to help break our bad food consumption patterns. Encourage thoughtful meal preparation and consumption.*
- 2. Look to what excites you – how about home brewing mead? (Ask me for personal experience!) Maybe add a couple of herbs in the garden? Start re-using bags?*

Incorporating simple joys into everyday life for sustenance begins with seeing the beauty and promise of life in everything we do as occupants of this permaculture-friendly world.

Share your experience and small steps with us!



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THE ROCKSPIRE SHOP COMPLEX is expanding soon, partially due to the need for additional shop space to build components for the increasing number of houses being built at Rockspire.



MobbyMac Carriage House fire pit
Photo by G. Myers 1.14.22

The expanded shop is also envisioned for woodworking classes taught by Eric Chapman of E&A Woodworking. The shop complex will be equipped for a range of crafts including woodworking, stained glass, fiber arts, and welding. When completed, it will be used by artists and crafts persons who want to learn and collaborate with fellow artisans in creating their own works or special construction projects at Rockspire.

Constructed of reclaimed materials from such as former chicken houses, the new shop will be split-level to accommodate the topography and diverse spaces and equipment needed for the various artistic disciplines.

Schematic of proposed Shop Addition
Sketch by G. Myers
1.18.22



PLEIN AIR PAINTERS OF EUREKA SPRINGS held their long-awaited exhibit at Rockspire on October 30th and 31st after postponements due to the pandemic.



Approximately 100 works of art by 19 artists were exhibited at the MobbyMac Carriage House on a beautiful October weekend. The indoor/outdoor exhibit, enhanced by the surrounding fall color, was well attended. Although the Plein Air Painters of Eureka Springs have visited Rockspire several times over the years to paint and conduct meetings, this was the first exhibit of their works at Rockspire. The exhibit was the brainchild of Plein Air artist and Rockspirian, Paul O'Neill.



Plein Air Painters of Eureka Springs
Fine Art in the Ozarks
at the
MobbyMac Carriage House
Photos by E. Chapman 10.30.21

