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# 25 years

**CELEBRATING TWENTY-FIVE YEARS** of Rockspire’s progress since purchasing the 125 acres in Arkansas’ Ozark Plateau in October of 1997!

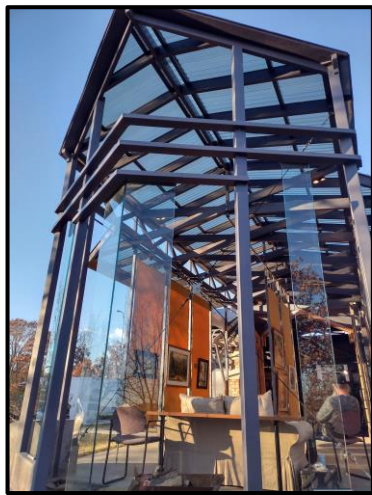
From its humble beginnings as a place to build two small, eco-friendly cabins, Mike Johnson and George Myers, Rockspire’s co-founders, have grown their vision for the property into the living laboratory for sustainable lifestyles it has become today.

The next 25 years will evolve in a direction that the founders and members can only imagine. But one thing is certain and that is it will be richer and stronger by having the contributions of more members, the surrounding community, and the involvement of many people who are helping us create something unique. Recent Forums have gathered ideas from the community, and we’ll be sharing some of their ideas in future newsletters. We will also engage with our advisors spread across the globe to help materialize some of those ideas. The future is bright, and we’re excited about what new chapters will be written in the future.

**CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING** takes on special meaning this year as we opened our doors with more events after two years of semi-isolation due to the pandemic. This year’s events at Rockspire attracted newcomers as well as regulars. We’re grateful so many of you expressed a willingness to participate in more activities. We hope all of you have a safe, healthy, and enjoyable season to celebrate the good things in life. We look forward to seeing you in 2023.



First snow of the season  
Photo by: C. Miskiel 11.15.22



Plein Air Painters of Eureka Springs  
Holiday Exhibit at Rockspire  
Photo by: S. Miller 11.6.22



Sunrise on the Plein Air Painters  
of Eureka Springs Holiday Exhibit  
Photo by: M. Johnson 11.6.22



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**THE NEWEST MEMBERS** of Rockspire, L.L.C. are **Cliff & Carol Wright** originally from Memphis, TN and more recently Eureka Springs, AR and **Eric & Alesia Chapman** of Green Forest, AR. Here are their stories about how they came to settle at Rockspire.



Cliff & Carol Wright  
Photo by: Purdy Art Company, Eureka Springs

### Cliff & Carol Wright

The Wrights' have been friends since first-grade. Sharing a life-long love of classical music, the French horn (which they both still play), dogs, historic buildings, and the outdoors. They enjoy Eureka Springs' natural beauty, arts, and architecture.

Cliff, a happily retired GPS Navigation Engineer, and UNIX Administrator, enjoys woodworking, hiking and volunteering. Carol "unretired", returning to a fundraising career at Opera in the Ozarks. *"We are woven into the fabric of the Rockspire Community and look forward to living a more sustainable, collaborative lifestyle while demonstrating the lifestyle to others, so they may understand the many benefits the lifestyle brings to individuals, communities and to our planet."*



Eric & Alesia Chapman  
Photo by: D. Myers

### Eric & Alesia Chapman

*"Having always had a strong desire to be part of a community that's also an extended family, we were very excited to become part of Rockspire."*

*We are looking forward to being involved in Rockspire's orchards, gardens, animals, events, and more. We are strong supporters of solar energy, rainwater collecting, raising our own food, and knowing exactly what we are eating.*

*Rockspire is an awesome opportunity to do just that as well as learn and teach with others. We highly recommend everyone get involved in one form or another."*



Soil reclamation area  
Photo by: S. Miskiel 11.12.22

**THE GARDENS** of Rockspire are beginning to take shape. Approximately 1/4 acre of the agricultural center is being cultivated under the guidance of Scott Miskiel. This first phase is dedicated to reclaiming and improving the soil by mixing leaves harvested from Rockspire's forested areas with organic chicken litter and sawdust purchased from nearby chicken farms. This mixture was tilled into the existing soil where it will "cook" over the winter months before raised beds are created and planted next spring.

