

# The ROCKSPIRIAN

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**ROCKSPIRE EVENTS** are picking up steam in 2023-24. Education Advisors Gary Milczarek, David Williamson, and Steve Poynter are planning a series of events at Rockspire including forums, educational programs, and musical and social events. So far, this year's Rockspire Forums have focused on Regenerative Development and Design led by David.

In May, Opera in the Ozarks is scheduled to delight and inform attendees with musical selections chosen for their second annual performance at Rockspire. Other events in the works are family picnics, musical concerts, advisory meetings, makers classes, and community gardeners "hands-on" events. Rockspire's website has added an events calendar where future happenings are announced.



The February Rockspire Forum  
Photo by: T Gordon 2.25.23

**IT'S SPRING** which means it's time to plant gardens. This year, Scott Miskiel is leading the way by planting two Rock Gardens and one Herb Garden at the MobbyMac Carriage House. Additionally, planting in the main vegetable garden in the Agricultural Center has begun.



Newly planted Herb Garden at the MobbyMac Carriage House  
Photo by: G. Myers 3.29.23



Newly planted Rock Garden at the MobbyMac Carriage House  
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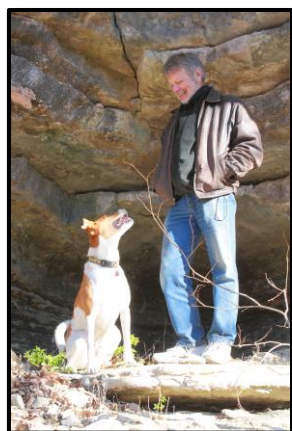
The focus in the main vegetable gardens this year will be soil remediation using special plantings. Last fall we concentrated on improving the soil by adding organic chicken litter and mulch, allowing it to "cook" over the winter. This Spring we will be seeding most of the 6,000 square feet garden with a cover crop of Sorghum Sugar Grazer II Sudan Grass. In addition, we will be planting 200 square feet of the garden with perennial plants such as asparagus, artichokes, horseradish, and Jerusalem artichokes.

The herb garden at the MobbyMac Carriage House hosts several perennials: English Lavender, Catmint Nepeta, Rosemary, and Chives. Mixed in with the perennials are a few annuals: Red Romaine Leaf Lettuce and Super Sweet Genovese Basil. The rock gardens are planted with perennials: Stonecrop Sedum, Sea Thrift, and Ice Plant.



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**THE ROCKPIRE WEBSITE** – [Rockspire.com](http://Rockspire.com) has been updated. Recently added to the website is the Rockspire Events Calendar which will list all public forums, events, and meetings. We have also added several photo galleries which feature photographs of the nature, art, and architecture at Rockspire.



Jynx & George Myers  
At Jynx's Bluff  
Photo by A. Bevil 11.26.09



Jynx at Rockspire  
Photo by A. Bevil 11.4.17

## JYNX

It pains Deborah and me to tell our Rockspire friends that our dog Jynx, who was ever-present in all activities at Rockspire, passed away March 25<sup>th</sup>. He was 16 years young! We have many fond memories of him joyfully romping his way through Rockspire's 125 acres. As a hound-mix full of energy, our adoption organization said when we adopted him as a puppy that "he'll run every bit of it!"

Jynx never met a stranger, and he appears often in this newsletter in photos we've shared over the years. We know he lives in spirit in this forever-land he loved.

George Myers

## CALL FOR GUEST COLUMN AUTHORS for future Rockspirian Newsletters.

Periodically, we try to incorporate a Guest Column in the Rockspirian to feature thoughts by people who are not necessarily involved with Rockspire. The Guest Column is usually about 3-4 paragraphs and can be about any subject that relates to Rockspire's mission of creating "A Living Laboratory for Sustainable Lifestyles".

Past Guest Columns' subject matter have included:

1. "Thoughts on Permaculture"
2. "What Rockspire means to me."
3. "Labyrinths – Purposeful Walking"
4. "The most interesting aspects of the World"
5. "Community Ecology"
6. "Resisting Success Through Growth"
7. "Big Homes can complicate retirement."
8. "City Girl with Country Heart"
9. "A Poem and Comments about Rockspire"

Guest columns are subject to editing for space limitations. Pre-publish approval for changes will be requested of authors. If you are interested in being a Guest Column author, please contact George Myers at [gmyers@rockspire.com](mailto:gmyers@rockspire.com).

