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*HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO OUR ROCKSPIRE COMMUNITY
 OF FOLLOWERS, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY.*

We saw many new faces this year visiting Rockspire for the first time as well as many “regulars” who come to enjoy a beautiful, relaxing place for food, drink, and socializing. We are grateful for your friendship and hope 2024 brings you back to Rockspire many times.

ROCKSPIRE’S MONTHLY FORUMS for 2023 concluded with a review of where Rockspire’s projects have progressed this year and a lookback at some of the special moments we shared. The monthly forums date back to 2018, when prior to the forums, the entertainment featured “*Movies at the MobbyMac*.” Like other venues, the pandemic years changed the ways we were holding events. In 2022, we revamped the forums to tackle more in-depth topics of local interest and featured speakers with extensive local knowledge of Rockspire’s surroundings and history. This year the monthly events also featured musical performances by *Opera in the Ozarks* students and local musicians serenading attendees with live jam sessions. Next year’s events are already shaping up to offer interesting programs as well as an occasional improv night of music, food, and camaraderie. Many thanks to Gary Milczarek, David Williamson, and Steve Poynter for bringing their ideas and new energy to the forums.

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2023



January 21, 2023 – “*The Biggest Little Farm*” - Documentary

February 25, 2023 – “*What is a Sustainable Lifestyle?*” – Kate Raworth, TED Talk

March 25, 2023 – “*Starting from Place*” Regenerative Development and Design
 David Williamson

April 22, 2023 – “*Stories of Our Region*” – Ernest Kilman & Chris Ritthaler

May 20, 2023 – *Opera in the Ozarks*

June 24, 2023 – *HUB Talks*

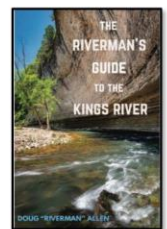
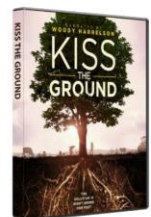
July 22, 2023 – “*Creating Positive Social Change Through the Art of Children’s Books*”
 Valerie Hubbard Damon

August 26, 2023 – “*Kiss the Ground*” - Documentary

September 30, 2023 – “*Fine Art in the Ozarks*” - Plein Air Painters of Eureka Springs

October 28, 2023 – “*The Riverman’s Guide to the Kings River*” – Doug Allen

November 18, 2023 – “*The Year in Review*” – George Myers, Mike Johnson, & Eric Chapman



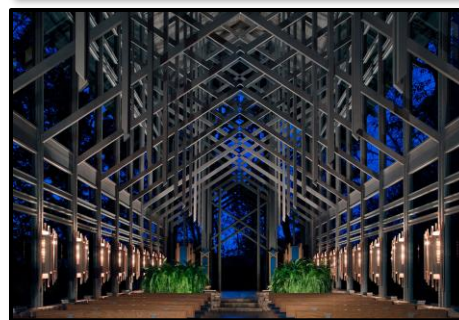
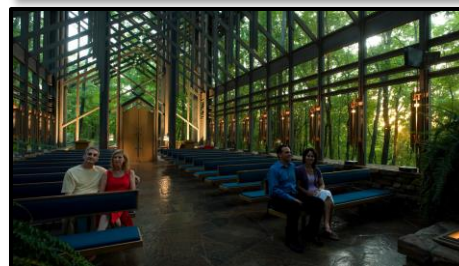
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NATURE, **A**RT, and **A**RCHITECTURE have been the inspiration behind Rockspire since its inception. We feature these two local treasures as the embodiment of all three. We are fortunate to have some of the most significant architecture in the country close to Rockspire where we can visit often and be inspired by their example.

THORNCROWN **C**HAPEL is located on Highway 62 West just outside of Eureka Springs and 12 miles from Rockspire. Since the chapel opened in 1980, over 7 million people have visited this woodland sanctuary. Designed by renowned architect E. Fay Jones, Thorncrown has won numerous architectural awards, among them the American Institute of Architects' Design of the Year Award for 1981 and AIA's prestigious 25 Year Award. Additionally, members of the American Institute of Architects placed Thorncrown Chapel 4th on its list of the top buildings of the 20th century.

“Organic architecture has a central generating idea; as in most organisms every part and every piece has a relationship. Each should benefit the other; there should be a family of form, and pattern. You should feel the relationship to the parts and to the whole.” Fay Jones

CRYSTAL **B**RIDGES MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART, opened in 2011 in Bentonville, AR, an hour's drive from Rockspire. The architecture of Crystal Bridges is as stunning and inspirational as the artwork housed inside. In a ravine surrounded by native Ozark forest, the museum's muscular gray concrete walls rise up from the bedrock, banded in rough-hewn cedar and curved to echo the hilly terrain surrounding it. The roofs of the museum's bridges, covered in deep brown copper, rise like mounds of earth across the still ponds. Designed by architect Moshe Safdie, the structures are meant to provide views of the surrounding landscape and play up the interaction between architecture, art, and nature.



Thorncrown Chapel

Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art

