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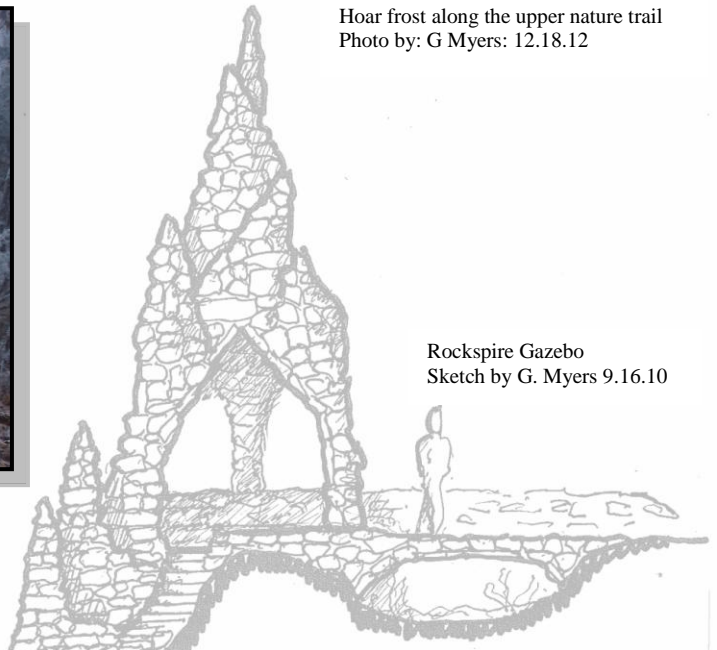
JYNX AND GEORGE took their regular early morning walk on the upper nature trail and encountered hoar frost blanketing the valley and forest. Tiny crystals nestled in the ether, hushing all sounds. The atmospheric conditions were perfect that December morning for the phenomenon, leaving strange fluffy deposits on the vegetation. Their crystalline beauty was breathtaking and fleeting.



Hoar frost along the upper nature trail
Photo by: G Myers: 12.18.12



Hoar frost along the upper nature trail
Photo by: G Myers 12.18.11



Rockspire Gazebo
Sketch by G. Myers 9.16.10

A FUTURE STONE GAZEBO OVERLOOK will be located near the east end of Rockspire where it will take full advantage of the magnificent view to the north - overlooking the Nature Conservancy's Kings River Preserve. This sketch represents how the gazebo will use natural stone to create a series of "rock-spires" making their way up the mountainside to the pinnacle. The stone structure is conceptualized to rise over 100 feet from its base on Highway 221. When lit at night the structure will be visible for miles from the north, probably as far as southern Missouri, much like a beacon. The gazebo will be reached by crossing a bridge over the water garden near the top or by hiking up the rock-faced staircase from parking at its base -- leave the luggage behind!

Construction of the gazebo will need approval by the State Highway Department and funding. Stay tuned.



At Rockspire
December 2006



Landscape
Oil on canvas
circa 1990



Abstract
Oil on canvas
circa 1995

All of us at Rockspire are saddened by the recent passing of Marjorie Jones, "**MobbyMac**". Marjorie was Deborah Myers' mother and one of the founding members of Rockspire. She served as an inspiration to us all through her dedication to the concepts of Rockspire and her talents as a musician and artist. Marjorie passed away April 17 at age 90 in Dallas.

The family requests any donations be made to the Center for Brain Health in Dallas at www.brainhealth.utdallas.edu/index.php.



At Chartres Cathedral, France
Marjorie also played the organ at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris
circa 1988



Self portrait
Oil on canvas
circa 1964

THE ROCKSPIRE MANIFESTO, sets the vision for sustainable living "*where material, physical, emotional, and spiritual needs are enhanced by guaranteeing the sustainability of life's basic needs of water, food, health, shelter and community.*"

George Myers has led discussion groups with those who have shown an interest in sustainable living and is writing a Manifesto on the subject. Since the concepts can be applied anywhere, not just Rockspire, the philosophies and principles in the manifesto should be of interest to all.

A companion blog at www.rockspire.com is intended to create a virtual forum to help in the evolution of the Manifesto.



Log being hauled from the woods to the mill
Photo by: G. Myers 4.6.12



Logs waiting to be milled
Photo by: G. Myers 4.7.12

In addition, *The Rockspire Forum for Sustainable Living* will sponsor group meetings at Rockspire to discuss sustainable lifestyle issues with invited authorities on related topics.