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“IF WHAT WE BUILD, our interventions in the natural situation, aligns itself with the attributes of nature, perhaps it can in some didactic or other contributing way – as model, as symbol – inspire the inhabitants to align themselves in a more beneficial and meaningful way with the natural forces, the natural conditions, the natural rhythms of life. Surely there are benefits to be derived from living close to, and in harmony with nature.” Fay Jones, Architect

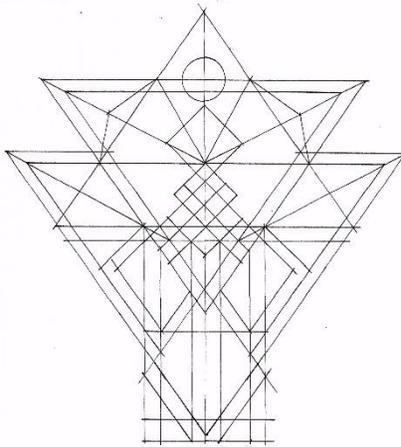


Betty's Birdhouse Cabin - Built 2005-2006
Aerial photo by: F. Leyba, 11.6.10

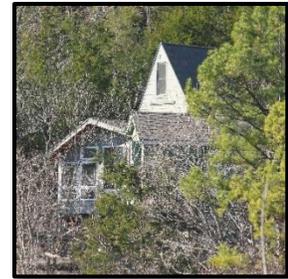
As design work begins on two Rockspire member homes, Fay Jones' quote looms large. As with the existing cabin (Betty's Birdhouse), these designs will take maximum advantage of mountainside, deep-woods surroundings. By locating them on the "eyebrow" of the hillside, the homes will be protected from harsh winds and storms yet have spectacular views of the valley below. Instead of building a fortress against natural forces, we choose instead to embrace and use the natural conditions of the mountainside to protect and nurture us.



Betty's Birdhouse Cabin
Rockspire Archive Photo



Conceptual Masterplan for
Myers' Residence at Rockspire,
Sketch by G. Myers 11.4.17



Betty's Birdhouse Cabin
Photo by: A. Bevil 11.26.09



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CONTROLLED BURNING will begin in selected areas at Rockspire as research has proven that burning helps restore forests to their natural condition – before mankind intervened. After consultations with The Nature Conservancy and the Arkansas State Parks, Rockspire has decided to use this effective method of forest restoration.



“*MOVIE NIGHT*” at the MobbyMac Carriage House is turning into an event not to be missed. On average, 15 to 20 people have been coming to the monthly viewing. Some attendees come from as far as the Fayetteville, Springdale, Rogers area, some from the Eureka Springs, Berryville area, and some come from just down the road from Rockspire to enjoy the unique, comfortable setting, good food and wine, and the shared movie viewing experience.

Some might wonder what a movie night at Rockspire has to do with creating a “*Living Laboratory for Sustainable Lifestyles.*” Well, one of the main aspects of a sustainable lifestyle as defined at Rockspire, is the creation of a community of like-minded individuals, whether they live at Rockspire or not. The viewing and discussing of movies has proven to be an entertaining way to interact and engage in dialogue.

Each month, attendees vote for the movie they would like to see at the next movie night. Featured movies have been:

- January – *Midnight in Paris*
- February – *Words & Pictures*
- March – *Bernie*
- April – *Young Frankenstein*

If you are not already receiving movie notices and would like to receive notifications of up-coming movies, you can email us at managers@rockspire.com.

Movies at the MobbyMac are free and open to all.



The MobbyMac Carriage House
Lit-up for Movie Night
Photo by G. Myers. 3.31.18



The MobbyMac Carriage House
Watching the movie, *Bernie*
Photo by G. Myers. 3.31.18