

# HOT SPRINGS DOCUMENTARY

## 22ND ANNUAL

### Man dedicates his life to find answers of B-17 crash

Award-winning travel writer Erin Byrne will screen her documentary "The Storykeeper" at the 22nd Annual Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival at the Arlington Resort Hotel & Spa, 239 Central Ave.

Byrne and filmmaker Rogier van Beeck Calkoen wrote and produced the documentary that looks into how one man took an event that had a great impact upon him as a child in his Paris suburb, the crash of a B-17 of the USAF 96th Bomb Group in 1944, and spent years assembling the story with a wider view.

The documentary will screen at 12:30 p.m. Friday with a Q-and-A after the screening with the producers and director.

A second screening of the



Erin Byrne

film begins at 1 p.m. Saturday with closing night awards at 6:30 p.m.

This short documentary fol-

lows the journey of René Psarolis as he searches for and finds the documents, eyewitness accounts, photographs and details that are the pieces of this puzzle, and fits them together with intricate care.

He presents these details to the families of the crew.

He has plaques displayed to honor the fallen, and brings two survivors back to honor them, offering healing and closure.

"The Storykeeper" is an official selection for the documentary short section of the festival nominated for Best Documentary Short.

It won Bronze in the 2013 So-las Award for Travel Story of the Year, and recently placed second in Winning Writers.

#### Today's schedule

Films are screened at the Arlington Resort Hotel & Spa, 239 Central Ave.

**9:45 a.m.** — "Finding Hillywood," a feature documentary about the beginning of Rwanda's film industry and a real-life example of how art heals.

**10:15 a.m.** — Shorts: "Faraway Lives."

**11 a.m.** "The Editor and The Dragon: Horace Carter Fights the Klan." A young newspaper editor ignores death threats and constant intimidation from the Ku Klux Klan in the early 1950s as he editorializes against its "Reign of Terror" in the coastal border region of North and South Carolina.

**12:15 p.m.** — "Tiny: A Story About Living

Small." One couple's attempt to build a tiny house from scratch with no building experience.

**12:15 p.m.** — "After the Tsunami." Indonesian college graduate students come to United States' universities on scholarships following the 2004 tsunami that killed 173,000 in Banda Aceh.

**1:10 p.m.** — "The Night the Blackbirds Fell" presents media coverage, expert testimony and diverse theories the public and officials have about the 2010 New Year's sudden death of red-winged blackbirds and drum fish in Arkansas.

**2 p.m.** — "Out of the Fire," world premiere with filmmaker Courtenay Singer attending takes festival goers inside the life and work of potter Kevin Crowe.

**2 p.m.** — Shorts: "AETN Arkansas Arts Project."

**4 p.m.** — Shorts: "Life As It Is."

