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CULINARY STUDENTS TO PREPARE LOCAL ORGANIC FOOD FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING EVENT SATURDAY

MONROE, Mich. – Monroe County Community College’s sophomore culinary skills and management students have gathered and will prepare a bounty of organic food from local farmers and area markets at a sustainable living event Saturday at the college.

“GATHERING” – sponsored by the River Raisin Institute – is a social, educational and fundraising opportunity for people interested in sustainability awareness, ecological restoration and sustainable living.

It will take place from 5-7:30 p.m. in the MCCC Dining Room, which is located in the Warrick Students Services/Administration Building.

GATHERING will feature a harvest-tasting of locally produced wine, beer, non-alcoholic beverages and locally grown food prepared by the culinary students. There will also be several presenters, a silent auction and the opportunity to tour MCCC’s new vineyard.

The MCCC culinary students were tasked with contacting farmers and local markets to gather donated food ingredients and prepare a buffet dinner for the event. Chef Kevin Thomas, instructor of culinary skills and management, said the sustainability efforts that will be highlighted by the GATHERING event are a nationwide trend in culinary arts that his students feel passionate about.

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“The best thing about the GATHERING is that it gives the students an opportunity to show the community what the culinary program is all about,” he said. “Right now, the buzz is all about supporting local farmers, because they’re becoming few and far between and without them we only have large food corporations that aren’t organic.”

Tickets for GATHERING are \$25 and can be purchased at the door or online via at <http://www.rriearth.org/friendraising.html>. Sponsorship opportunities are also available, and donations toward the silent auction are still being accepted.

The River Raisin Institute is a non-profit environmental education organization that works to inspire and support a sustainable community through transformational educational programs.

“One of the goals of the RRI is to inspire and support people in becoming active participants to create a sustainable community within the River Raisin watershed,” said Danielle Conroyd, executive director. “We hope that by bringing like-minded people together, we’ll be able to share information that will further collaboration to accomplish our goals.”

Additional sponsors of GATHERING are MCCC, Monroe County Community Credit Union and La-Z-Boy, Inc.

For more information on GATHERING or the River Raisin Institute, contact Danielle Conroyd at (734) 240-9750.

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