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Welcome to A **GATHERING** of People, Their Minds, Their Fields

Registration	Name tag and event booklet.
Beverages	Stop by our beverage stations and sample local beverages.
Gathering	Browse exhibits of our work, view a map of our generous contributors of local and fresh food and beverages, and meet and share with others.
Presentations	Learn about macroinvertebrates and water monitoring activities; view a DVD with highlights of our work.
Small Plates	Mingle and taste the bounty of our local fields and pastures transformed into small plates of epicurean delight.
Silent Auction	Peruse our many Silent Auction items. Most are one-of-a-kind items that are offered for your bidding. The Silent Auction is ended when you hear the chimes.

Thank you for **GATHERING** with us.

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Larry and Regina Feldpausch  
Petersburg, Mich.

A **GATHERING** of Support: Silent Auction Items

Beaded bracelet designed and hand-crafted by Patricia Sanders	Gift certificate and tin from Shirley's Gourmet Popcorn Company
Gift certificate for Victoria Day Spa	Gift certificate to Roger's Place
Cedar bluebird houses crafted by Nick Assenmacher	Gift certificate for IHM Motherhouse Tour (group up to 10)
FOB Istanbul glass bowl made by Turkish artisans	Kindle wireless wi-fi reading device with sleeve
Wool knitted and felted hat hand-made by Regina Feldpausch	Gift certificates from Trendsetters Salon
Navajo creation story pendant made of handcrafted sterling silver	Soy hair products gift bag from Trendsetters Salon
2-person golf mini-cooler	Murano glass letter opener
Wooden decorative bowl hand-crafted by John Thibodeau	Reusable bag of Michigan-made products from Health Matters
Hand-drawn rendering of your home by architect Leo Babcock	Dried floral arrangement hand crafted by Mary Jo Windels
Hot pink boiled wool hat made by Zoey	Coby 1080P Upconversion DVD Player w/ HDMI
Hand-crafted blue pottery bowl	IAMS Proactive minichunk dog food
"Girlfriend Trio", a small metal sculpture designed by Bill and Marcia Fink of Primitive Twig, New York	30-minute massage with Suzanne Mayes, CMT of Affordable Therapeutic Massage
"Girls and Telephones", a large metal sculpture designed by Bill and Marcia Fink of Primitive Twig, New York	"Girl of Fashion", a small metal sculpture designed by Bill and Marcia Fink of Primitive Twig, New York
"Girl on Scooter", a small metal sculpture designed by Bill and Marcia Fink of Primitive Twig, New York	"Cool Cat", a small metal sculpture designed by Bill and Marcia Fink of Primitive Twig, New York
Framed embossed artwork signed by artist Pati Deuter, #92/700	

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We support the  
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and its Vision and Passion for

Sustainability Awareness,

Ecological Restoration and

Sustainable Living



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The River Raisin Institute is a nonprofit organization that sponsors educational works with the goal to respect, nurture, and promote the well-being of all creation.

The institute collaborates with others to promote transformational learning and sustainable community for the 21st century and beyond.

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A **GATHERING** of Talent and Generosity: Our Board and Staff

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\* Gathering Planning Committee

The River Raisin Institute develops and sponsors sustainability awareness programs rooted in the local realities and challenges of the place where we live. These include:



workshops where teachers learn how to teach students to evaluate and sustain the health of our waterways



workshops that present green building construction processes that support environmental responsibility, sustainability, resource efficiency, and cost-effectiveness



hands-on experiences in which we take action to control and eradicate non-native organisms harmful to the environment



collaborative experiences in which children and adults work together and learn new ways to create and build with only the natural materials at hand



communal experiences where we come together to listen, discuss, and learn ways to harmonize diversity with unity and the exercise of freedom with the common good

A **GATHERING** of Talent and Generosity: Our Chefs

**GATHERING** our local foods fresh at the last minute creates a special challenge to develop a menu “on the spot”.

**KEVIN THOMAS**



Kevin Thomas, instructor of culinary arts at Monroe County Community College, believes in supporting farmers and producers of fresh, local foods. Kevin has offered not only his skills to create small plates for this evening, but he has enlisted his second year culinary students to become involved. Establishing this kind of learning relationship is what contributes to Chef Kevin’s success.

Kevin is an alumnus of the Culinary Institute of America.

**2011 Sophomore Culinary Students**

Jazmyn Bartee  
Jonathan Boyer  
Shawn Crockett  
Sarah Dudley  
Kelli Geiermann  
David Harris  
Kristen Harrison  
Melani Haynes

Sharon Jackson  
Donald MacNeil  
Lamont Robertson  
Jena Schaarschmidt  
Dan Sutherby  
Mark Varner  
Sheree Weeks  
Jeremy Ramanos

At MCCC, students receive hands-on mentorship from faculty who understand the subtleties of effective student learning—both in and out of the classroom. The focus is on instructional excellence and the cultivation of informed, participating citizens.

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**St. Mary Organic Farm**

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**Honeybee Farms**

Ben Bowman

**Koch Greenhouse & Farm**

Petersburg

**DANNY'S FINE FOODS**

Monroe

**Garden to Go**

Petersburg

**Trentwood Farm Market**

Woodhaven

**Eureka Farm Market**

Southgate

**Macon Creek Honey Company**

Britton

**KREPS APPLE BARN**

LaSalle

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**Doug and Pat Wyman**

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**Ellen Wickenheiser**

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**Tom & Rosie Assenmacher**

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**Ruhlig Farms**

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**Yellow Farm House Garden**

Petersburg

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**HOWARD'S MEATS**

Lambertville

**Four Star Greenhouse**

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**Calder's Dairy**

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**Roos Roast**

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**THANK YOU**

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**John Jentze**

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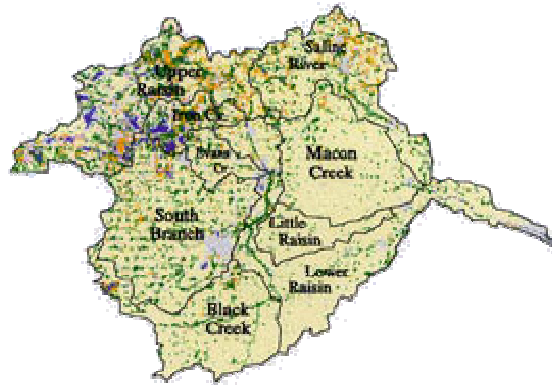
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A **GATHERING** of Small Plates

Cold	Roasted Corn and Tomato Salad
	Fresh Autumn Fruit Salad
	Honey Crisp Apple Sauce
	Fennel Apple and Cabbage Slaw with Cider Dressing
	Herbed Chicken Salad in Crispy Fillo Shells
Hot	Grilled Amish Chicken with Roasted Pepper Relish
	Roasted Pork Tenderloin Croustades with Rhubarb/Peach Chutney
	Braised Angus Stew w/Roasted Spaghetti Squash
	Roasted Autumn Vegetables with Toasted Sunflower Seeds
	Cornmeal Crusted Cauliflower with Apple Cider Reduction
	Corn and Ham Chowder with Spicy Roasted Peppers
	Lake Erie Perch Parmesan with Smoked Salmon
	Pan Seared King salmon with Concord Grape Syrup
Smashed Potatoes with Honey Mustard Glazed Fresh Ham	
Slow Braised Beef Brisket with Roasted Root Vegetables	
Beverages	Creamy Pumpkin and Apple Cider Punch
	Fresh Hop Dark Ale
	Dry Riesling, Dry Rose, House Red and Ice Cider Wines
Desserts	Warm Honey Crisp Apple fritters
	Pumpkin Whoopie Pies with Maple Cream Cheese
	Maple Walnut Fudge
	Mini Rhubarb and Streusel Tarts
	Peanut Butter and Homemade Concord Grape Jelly Bars
Autumn Pumpkin Spice Bars with Cinnamon Brown Butter Icing	

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