



# Master Gardeners Etc. & UW-Richland present: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Expo



**Where:** UW-Richland Wallace Student Center

**When:** Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 4pm

**Cost including lunch:** Pre-registration: \$10 At the door: \$12

- **Workshop Class \$20: Food Preservation, Presenter Chelsea Wunnicke** **8:00am – 9:00am**  
During this workshop you will see different preservation equipment. View the difference between frozen, dehydrated and canned produce. You will also practice making a recipe for freezer storage and leave with a half-pint of jam!
- **Starting a Vegetable Garden, Presenter Rueben Yoder** **9:30 am**  
Rueben Yoder owns Ross and Supplies in Hillsboro and is a long-time gardening enthusiast and is particularly fond of vegetable gardening. Join Rueben to learn more about companion vegetable gardening, beginning seeds in small containers for optimization, and how to get the best vegetables you can.
- **Small Fruit Growing, Presenter Jay O’Connell** **11:00 am**  
Jay O’Connell is back to share his extensive knowledge about small fruit growing. This year he will concentrate on sharing information and husbandry on growing strawberries, raspberries, and blueberries in Richland County. He will also share various information on grapes and juneberries with time permitting.
- **Marvelous Monarch Butterflies, Presenter Judy Kesser** **1:00 pm**  
Judy is a longtime member of Wild Ones, as well as a retired teacher. Judy will speak about her personal journey of learning about the monarch, which is the flagship for all pollinators. Judy has traveled to butterfly sanctuaries in the mountains of Mexico to see where the monarch winters and will share about the monarch programs at the University of Kansas. Leave with milkweed seeds and what you can do the help create more desirable habitats for the butterflies and other pollinators.
- **Straw Bale Gardening, Presenter Melody Bahr** **2:30 pm**  
Learn about using straw bales as a medium for growing produce. Perfect for those who do not have access to an appropriate spot for a traditional garden, do not want to do the usual garden prep or pull weeds, or are not able to easily get up and down from the ground. Straw bale gardening allows you to grow both bedding plants and to start plants from seeds. At the end of the season, the straw bale, that has now de-composed, can be used as mulch and by the next spring, it is well incorporated back into the ground.

## Also featuring:

- Vendors offering plants, seeds, honey, garden tools and supplies, and artwork
- Lunch, parking, and expert booths included
- Breakfast and snacks available for purchase
- Door prizes and raffle

You can pre-register for the event online at [ce.uwc.edu/richland-center/admin](http://ce.uwc.edu/richland-center/admin), by phone at 608-647-6186 x 4, by email at [RLNCE@uwc.edu](mailto:RLNCE@uwc.edu), or in person Monday – Friday from 8:00 – 4:30 pm in Melvill Hall, room 428.

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