Directions

Buntrock Commons is the student center at St. Olaf College, Northfield.

From Interstate 35: Exit at Highway 19 and travel east about 6 miles to St. Olaf. Take a left at the entrance and follow the drive to the north edge of campus to the large parking lot in front of Buntrock Commons.

From Highway 3: If coming from the south, proceed through Northfield and take a left at St. Olaf Avenue (just past the Amcon). Go about 1 mile to the campus, then follow the drive to the top of the hill. Buntrock Commons is on your left.

Master Gardeners are volunteers trained by the University of Minnesota Extension. They serve the community by meeting requests from home gardeners for horticultural information. You can direct your gardening questions to your local master gardener by calling your county extension office. For Rice County, call (507) 332-6109, (507) 645-9576 or (507) 744-5185 or visit our website at www.extension.umn.edu/county/rice.
Putting nature to work for you in creating sustainable, beautiful spaces...

Saturday, March 12th
8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Buntrock Commons, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

8:30 a.m. **Registration** - Viking Theater Lobby
Continental breakfast. Enjoy our vendors and peruse silent auction items.

9:00 a.m. **Hugelkultur Gardening**
Karen O’Rourke - Goodhue County Master Gardener & Certified Permaculturist.
Ever wondered what to do with woody debris piled around your yard? Try hugelkultur! Hugelkultur is a German word for “mound gardening”. Learn how you can make beautiful raised beds in your own yard, as Karen explores creative garden possibilities using photographs of amazing local hugelbeds.

10:00 a.m. **Flowers for Beauty & Cutting**
Robin Trott - Environmental Educator, Market Gardener & Flower Farmer.
She is co-owner of Prairie Garden Farm, a cut flower farm in west central MN. She is also the UMN Extension Horticulture/Agriculture Educator in Douglas County.
Imagine a never-ending supply of beautiful flowers for your home, bouquets, and arrangements to give to friends! Explore cultivars and techniques that ensure a successful cutting garden. Robin will give you tips on post-harvest care that will keep your arrangements fresh for 7-12 days.

11:15 a.m. **Lunch–Stav Hall Cafeteria**
Enjoy an array of choices in the Stav Hall Cafeteria. After lunch visit our vendors and bid on silent auction items.

12:30 p.m. **Busting Buckthorn with Browsers**
Jake Langsleg – Pondologist, Goat Wrangler & Rice County Master Gardener.
Jake and his wife, Amanda, own Goat Dispatch, a company specializing in land and management and brush removal using Minnesota’s most overlooked and misunderstood animal workforce: goats!

1:30 p.m. **Climate & Mother Nature**
Dr. Kenny Blumenfeld - Senior Climatologist, MN Department of Nature Resources: Hazardous Weather Research Specialist, Hennepin County Emergency Management.
Kenny’s professional and personal interest in weather extremes and climatology stem from a lifelong fascination with the atmosphere and love of Minnesota’s resources; some of his childhood observations were the basis for his Ph.D. research on extreme rainfall and severe weather events in Minnesota.

3:15 p.m. **On your way…**
Happy Spring from the Rice County Master Gardeners!

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