How to encourage gifts of experience, farmer’s market gifts, alternative gift wrapping

Wondering just how to encourage your audiences to reclaim their holidays? You could develop a display for your local library or nature center featuring some of the resources from the RYH web site. Gifts of Experience offers ideas for just about any age; Farmer's Market Gift Ideas will come in handy for those last markets of the season; Alternative Gift Ideas provides a quarter-sheet with gift ideas on one side and green gift wrapping suggestions on the other --- all perfect to hand to your audiences as they're thinking about winter holidays.

Discover Most Useful RYH resources

More than 50 educators who use Reclaim Your Holidays resources told us which resources they found the Most Useful. Check out the list and make a plan to try out 2-3 of them with your own audiences this year. Then click on our new searchable database to find many more resources to use this holiday season.

Thanksgiving makes perfect day for Iowa grown meals!

Gather family, friends, and others together and try making a few recipes from the RYH Iowa grown meal. Take a walk to enjoy whatever the weather brings for the day, and wind down by sharing holiday memories and thinking of what makes you flourish.

Looking for RYH partners? They're mapped out for you!

Our map is growing and offers a quick way to find naturalists, extension specialists, librarians and others using Reclaim Your Holidays resources who are possibly looking for partners. For example, in 2012 the Marshall County naturalist and recycling director partnered on a highly successful drop-in holiday event at
the local library. Eighty event participants made mixes in a jar to give as gifts and learned alternative ideas for the winter holidays. To add your name to the map, email carole.yates@uni.edu.

Thank you for your interest in helping Iowans create more meaningful, fun, and environmentally friendly celebrations,

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