

Artistic Rain Barrel Program: Application for Participation

Calling all artists - We want to feature your rain barrel artwork as part of the 2011 Artistic Rain Barrel Program!

The Northern Virginia Rain Barrel Program partners invite you to submit a design and application to have your artwork featured in the 2011 Artistic Rain Barrel Program. Each selected artist will turn a rain barrel into a work of art as part of a fun way to educate the community on the benefits of using rain barrels to improve water quality. Potential artists are required to submit a short summary and sketch of their intended design (see below). The Northern Virginia Rain Barrel Program will choose artists based on the creativity of the design and the relevance to the program's goals. Teachers who wish to apply for their class must submit a short description of how they will use the painting and/or decorating of the rain barrel as a teaching tool in their classroom.

The 55-gallon plastic barrels will be provided to the artist fully assembled, together with a \$25 stipend to help cover the cost of supplies. **To apply for this program, please complete and submit this application by January 14, 2011.**

Thousands of people will be exposed to your artwork. All artistic barrels will be on display with interpretative signage at local libraries, nature centers, community centers and businesses throughout Northern Virginia in spring 2011. The Artistic Rain Barrel Program will be publicized via newspaper and radio. Photos of all decorated barrels will be posted on the web. The barrels will be sold through a silent auction following a week-long exhibition open to the public, with proceeds benefitting the Northern Virginia Rain Barrel Program. A portion of the sale may be allotted to the artist if they so choose.



Credit: Corinne de Jesus

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Are you a single or group artist? Single ___ Group ___

Are you a student? Yes ___ No ___ Are you a teacher applying for your class? Yes ___ No ___

School/Organization/Company (if applicable): _____

In the space below, please *describe* your artistic rain barrel design.

Please provide a preliminary sketch of your artistic rain barrel design on a separate 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper.

Please return the completed application with your rain barrel design sketch to:

**Artistic Rain Barrel Program
12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 905
Fairfax, VA 22035
or to rainbarrel@fairfaxcounty.gov**

Artist Guidelines

Artists considering participation should review the following guidelines. Artists must be willing to donate their time, personal creativity, a personal interpretation and biography, and the use of brushes or other tools for decorating the barrel. In exchange, the Artistic Rain Barrel program will provide a fully assembled rain barrel, a \$25 stipend to cover supplies, free publicity, a location to display your work and an Artists' Reception. The artist must cover the cost of additional paint or other supplies exceeding the \$25 stipend.

Timeline

Applications together with the design sketch are due by: **January 14, 2011**. In total, 30 artists and/or teachers will be selected for this year's program. The Northern Virginia Rain Barrel Program partners will choose artists based on the creativity of the design and the relevance to the program's goals.

Once participants have been chosen, artists will have 4-5 weeks to paint and return their barrels and supporting information, including the title of the work, artist's biography and a short written interpretation of the piece. After barrels have been returned, they will be displayed around the Northern Virginia area in March and April at local libraries, nature centers, community centers and businesses. In May, the rain barrels will be exhibited and sold at a combined artists' reception and silent auction event.

Painting and Planning Guidelines

- To help you plan your barrel, the spigot on the rain barrels will serve as the front. Usually the back will be against a wall. The barrel must be returned to the Northern Virginia Rain Barrel Program with the spigot and overflow parts in place.
- All completed rain barrels must be functional and able to withstand the weather. If any materials are attached to the rain barrel, they should not interfere with the function of the rain barrel or substantially increase the weight of the barrel.
- Artwork does not necessarily need to have an environmental theme. Art can include one small signature or logo (if desired), but theme cannot be commercial or advertisement. Please avoid topics of an overtly political, religious or sexual nature.
- The finished barrel must be approved by the Artistic Rain Barrel selection committee before it is displayed at a commercial location.

Legal Guidelines

- Each artist is limited to **one barrel**.
- Decorated rain barrels will be on display throughout the Northern Virginia area during spring 2011. Each barrel will be displayed with interpretive signage and handouts that will explain the benefits of rain barrels and the date of the auction.
- The Northern Virginia Rain Barrel Program Partners are not liable for any damage to the barrel during the display period.
- Once the artistic barrel has been auctioned off, artwork on the barrel becomes the property of the purchaser. The artist relinquishes ownership of his/her artwork upon delivery of the finished barrel to the program.

For other questions:

Contact Taylor Beach at rainbarrel@fairfaxcounty.gov or (703) 324-1428.