



Geauga Soil and Water
Conservation District

2023 Rain Barrel Yard Art Campaign

"Bend To Your Will"

By: Julie Bell



This barrel is a collaborative illustration of managing earth, air, water, and soil to reduce erosion. The design illustrates how using proven land management techniques reduces soil erosion from wind and water, also how plantings of various species of trees, shrubs, grasses, and native species are beneficial to small home gardens up to mass food production. Some visuals depicted include: riparian buffer plantings for shoreline protection, terraced plantings, cross contour plantings, crop rotation, retention ponds, the planting of wind breaks using deciduous and coniferous native plants to help prevent the dust bowl affect. The animals illustrated are just a small portion of the fauna found in our area. The abundance and health of the wildlife that thrives is reflective of the land management practiced. The barrel was conceptualized by Julie Bell and three of her talented daughters - Heather Mance, Raygen Bell and Morgan Bell.

- Julie Bell

Julie was born and raised in Geauga County, raised 4 talented daughters, is a graduate of Lakeland CC -magna cum laude- majoring in graphic design and multiple certifications in advertising, marketing, plant science and lawn care. She loves sharing her passion for nature with others through her art.