



Geauga Soil and Water
Conservation District

2024 Rain Barrel Yard Art Campaign

"The Guardian"

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This barrel represents the dynamic relationship people have with trees. Trees are a natural resource that we have used throughout human existence. Trees clean the air, capturing carbon dioxide among other pollutants, while providing us with oxygen. They regulate surface temperatures, providing food in the forms of fruits, nuts, seeds, berries & leaves. They offer fuel for cooking & heat, construction materials and tools, and countless products from violins to paint brushes. Trees manage soil erosion with their root systems, regulate wind, and aid in purifying water. Not to be overlooked is the waste from trees – fallen leaves, branches, twigs, and the decay of the fallen trees – providing nutrients for the entire understory and feeding our diverse biomes. It is our duty to replenish what we use from trees. In turn, trees will continue to sustain and protect us.

- Julie Bell

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