



Geauga Soil and Water
Conservation District

2024 Rain Barrel Yard Art Campaign

"Off Season"

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This rain barrel is a sugarhouse during the summer season. A sugarhouse is in operation during the late winter and early springtime months. The maple tree's sap is collected when the daylight sun or warm temperatures warm the tree, then freeze again at night. This keeps the tree's sap moving. The sap is also collected before the maple tree starts to bud, which will result in a more bitter tasting syrup. We need to protect and preserve our precious commodity of clean water, just like the farmer preserves the integrity of the maple trees and their environment.

- Bob Kolcum

Bob is a freelance artist with a business, The Maple Palette. Known for his artistic contributions such as murals (most recently at Thompson Ledges Township Park), sketches, and prized sap buckets, he helps preserve & celebrate Geauga County's history. He and his wife, Mary, are residents of Hambden Township.