

# RAIN BARREL DECORATING COMPETITION

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**ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- Entry Fee:** \$23.00 allows entries throughout the Erie County Fair. A promo code redeemable for three (3) admission passes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Entry Arrival:** Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> between NOON and 8PM
- Entry Removal:** Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> between 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Prize Checks:** Available Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> between 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM at the Creative Arts Info Desk along with satin ribbons earned. Checks remaining after this time will be mailed.

Rain barrels are above ground storage containers designed to capture rainwater for reuse. They reduce the rainwater runoff that is polluting our waterways with fertilizers and pesticides. Placing a rain barrel under your gutter's downspout lets you collect the runoff from your roof. From a spigot near the bottom of the barrel, you can hook up a garden hose, open the valve, and use the water for a wide variety of applications. Many homeowners rely on harvested rainwater to water their lawns, nourish their plants and gardens and to wash their cars! This steady supply of free water may even help you save money on your water bill. Rain barrels save the average homeowner about 1,300 gallons of water during peak summer months!

Rain Barrel Entries will be on display in our Urban Garden Walk!

## Rain Barrel Competition Rules

1. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair rules and regulations.
2. Anyone who is over 13 years old is eligible to enter this contest.
3. Designs must be entirely original and the sole art work of the entrant.
4. Entrants can decorate a purchased rain barrel or build their own out of a recycled plastic barrel.
5. **Rain barrel décor must include at least one educational fact about the benefits of a rain barrel or water conservation.**
6. All entries must be dry and ready for display.
7. Maximum size of a 55-gallon barrel.
8. Only plastic barrels will be accepted, no metal or wooden barrels.
9. Rain barrels will not be used during the competition or connected to a downspout.
10. There will be a limit of 10 entries in this contest.

## Judging Criteria:

Innovation & Originality  
Degree of Detail  
Visual Presentation  
Education & Creativity

Example:



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Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> place \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$8

## Class #1 – Decorated Rain Barrel

Erie County Fair Dates: August 9-20, 2023