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## Rainwater Revival Features Rain Barrel Art Auction – Beautify Your Landscape and Support Conservation Education in Schools



**Hays County, TX** – Back by popular demand for this year's October 8 Rainwater Revival is an auction of six rain barrels professionally designed and painted by area artists. Last year's spirited bidding raised \$4,500 for Hays County elementary school rainwater-related projects, and proceeds from this year's auction could benefit Hill Country area schools.



"We're gratified that once again area artists have donated their time and talent to creating stunning art work on rain barrels," said Rainwater Revival organizer Karen Ford, a Hays County marketing executive. "The 2010 auction of these works of art provided three grants for schools in Hays County so that school children could learn about the importance of rainwater in our ecosystem – lessons based on their teachers' innovative projects that children can build on throughout life."

With support from [Green Water](#), which donated half of the rain barrels, Sherwin Williams, which discounted paint and [Wesley Gallery](#), which picked up the tab for the paint, six artists from Austin, Dripping Springs, Johnson City and Spicewood used their talent to create their works of art, which can be seen in person at [various locations throughout the Hill Country](#), including Wimberley Community Center, Austin's Natural Gardener, Bee Cave Public Library, Pecan Street Brewing in Johnson City, Dripping Springs HEB and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center or on the Rainwater Revival website. Hill Country artists Cheri Merrifield, Susan Manzello, Martha League-Calhoun, Zena Stetka-Howe, Bridget Hauser and Lee Carrell all contributed vibrant works that will add a special twist to any urban or rural landscape. In addition, many of the artists will be showing their portfolios at a Rainwater Revival booth.

"Following this year's auction, we'll open up grant applications to schools throughout the Hill Country," Ford said. "We expect the auction to be as popular as last year's, given the unique designs of these barrels and area-wide interest in rainwater collection."

**2nd annual Rainwater Revival is Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, at Roger Hanks Park in Dripping Springs, TX.**

Find out how to beautify your landscaping and save on your water bill with a unique work of art. The rain barrel auction will begin at 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 8, and there is a “Buy Now” option on the website for enthusiasts who can’t wait. The free Rainwater Revival, co-sponsored by the Hill Country Alliance, Hays County and other water-conscious businesses and organizations, begins Saturday at 10 a.m. and runs through 7 p.m. at Roger Hanks Park, Highway 290 West, Dripping Springs. The separate home catchment systems tour, \$25, is Sunday, October 9, at 2 p.m. Learn more about the 2011 Rainwater Revival, home catchment system tour and rainbarrel auction at [www.rainwaterrevival.com](http://www.rainwaterrevival.com).