

# RAIN BARREL ART PROJECT – 2019

## Artist Guidelines

EcoSuperior will provide each participant with one rain barrel, primed in an off-white colour. In exchange, the artist must be willing to donate their time, creativity, paint and a spray finish. This year Michaels will give every artist participating in the event a 15% off discount on already discounted items for your supplies. This means you could get up to 75% off of some items. Just head into Michaels and tell them you are painting a barrel for our event and they will give you a discount of at least 15% off.

As a selected artist, your work will be featured on our website, and will be displayed during the Painted Rain Barrel Auction event at **The Spring Home and Garden Show** April 5, 6, and 7th. The event will be widely advertised and we are preparing for large crowds at this year's venue. Attached to each barrel will be a sign including the artist's name(s), brief biography, and interpretation of the work.

### Important Dates

**February 20:** EcoSuperior will notify successful candidates. Selected artists will be required to pick up their rain barrel at EcoSuperior's office, 562 Red River Road, no later than March 1st after which it may be given to a runner up artist.

**March 27:** Supporting information is due, including title of work, short artist bio and descriptive interpretation of the work (200 words or less). Email it to Jenelle ([customerservice@ecosuperior.org](mailto:customerservice@ecosuperior.org)) or deliver to EcoSuperior Environmental Programs, 562 Red River Road, P7B 1H3.

**April 5-7:** Decorated barrels will be displayed at the Home and Garden Show and open for bids in a silent auction until the show closes. All rain barrels subject to a \$75 reserve bid. Bid winner will be notified by telephone.

### Planning and Painting

- **Important note:** To help you plan the design of your barrel, please note that the small spigot hole at the bottom of the barrel will serve as the front and this side should be the focal point of your design. In most cases, when in use, the back of the rain barrel will be against the wall (large hole near the top of the barrel the back side).
- Please do not adhere anything, such as paper, embellishments, etc. to the barrels.
- Please do not paint any part of the black lid. The paint won't adhere to it.
- Remember you are only limited by your imagination! Art work does not need to have an environmental theme. However, please avoid topics of a political, religious or sexual nature.
- Outdoor acrylic craft paint or small amounts of exterior latex house paint work best.
- Acrylic craft paint may be purchased at the following stores: The Painted Turtle, Michaels Arts & Crafts, Wal-Mart or Dollarama.



## Artist Guidelines, continued

- You must complete your rain barrel with at least 2 coats of polyurethane spray or roll-on coating. Provide at least 48 hours of drying time after completing your painting before applying the spray. After 48 hours, apply two coats of polyurethane—allow it to dry between coats as directed. *Clear polyurethane spray or coating may be purchased at the following stores: Maier Hardware, Auto Home Paints, Home Hardware, Michaels Arts & Crafts, Canadian Tire, or Wal-Mart.*

### **Two suggestions for the protective coat:**

- Flecto Varathane Waterborne Diamond Wood Finish for Outdoors.
- OR
- Krylon Indoor/Outdoor spray clear coat in either satin or gloss finish

**NOTE:** The application and drying of the protective top coats can take 1-2 days, therefore you should aim to have your painting finished at the latest by April 2. Proper application of the protective coats will help ensure your artwork will last for years.

**SET-UP** – Artists are responsible for storing their finished barrel until the Home and Garden Show, we will provide delivery details once we have a date and time for set up at the show.

## Prizes

The prize categories are as follows:

- Highest Silent Auction Bid\* - top prize wins 50% of its auction bid
- Best Individual Work –cash prize, judged by EcoSuperior staff
- Best Group Work – cash prize, judged by staff
- Best Environmental theme - cash prize, judged by staff
- Children’s Choice – cash prize, determined by popular vote

*\*In the case of more than one rain barrel earning the same highest bid, a random draw will be held to determine the winner and a runner-up prize will be awarded.*

We thank you for your participation and greatly appreciate the donation of your time and talent in our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Rain Barrel Art Project.

**GOOD LUCK!**

**For more information please contact Jenelle at:**

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