

Art for Human change can Help stop climate change Rain Barrel Art contest and Exhibition

Deep Cut Gardens invites all youth ages 8-18 to participate in a rain barrel painting contest. We believe in the innovative power of our young leaders and their potential to reverse the course of climate change. As an ethically responsible organization, our mission is to model and encourage the public in making responsible choices. Installing a rain barrel saves precious water and helps the home gardener. The Rain Barrel Art Contest offers students and youth group members a way to creatively express their appreciation for nature by incorporating art with sustainability. Each proposed design should communicate clearly the author's passion, vision and solution to the issue. The Rain Barrel Challenge aims to involve young people in climate change, through environmental education and community service, engaging them in natural resource stewardship and conservation.

Entry Details

- **Theme:** Climate Change
- **Ages:** 8-18
- Entrants may submit a maximum of two sketches using any artist medium, including but not limited to watercolors, acrylic paints, oils, pastels, colored pencils, and markers.
- Designs must be original, innovative and most of all capture the passion of its creator. We ask each passionate individual to showcase their knowledge, leadership and individuality by focusing on a current climate change issue of local or global nature with the idea of depicting their artwork onto a rain barrel.
- **Submissions Accepted:** January 10-March 10
- All submissions are final. Once submitted entries cannot be exchanged or changed.
- Entries can be:
 - Hand-delivered: Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown
 - Mailed: Monmouth County Park System, Deep Cut Gardens, 805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ 07738
 - Emailed: Tanya.Dinova@co.monmouth.nj.us

Winning Entries - From Sketch to Rain Barrel Design

- Three winners will be chosen based on their creative design, theme interpretation, and innovation.
- Winning artists will receive a 55-gallon, fully assembled plastic rain barrel to paint their winning design on and a \$25.00 gift card for art supplies.
- Completed rain barrels are to be delivered back to Deep Cut Gardens at the beginning of June.
- The finished rain barrels will be featured during three public events where the winners will have the opportunity to raise awareness and share their ideas with our community. Winners are invited to each of these events with the opportunity to speak about their designs and promote community service, stewardship and individuality!
 - Deep Cut Garden's Open House
 - Monmouth County Fair
 - Friends of the Parks Annual Meeting
- When not at the above listed events, the rain barrels will remain at Deep Cut Gardens to be used to collect water for the gardens.

We encourage parents, teachers and communities to incorporate environmental lessons wherever possible. Together we can reverse the damage and preserve our natural world.

For further information, please visit the Deep Cut Gardens page at www.MonmouthCountyParks.com or call 732-671-6050.