

# BARRELS OF FUN!

## Environmental Literacy Comes to Art Class

Every fourth-grade student in Anne Arundel County visits Arlington Echo, but their environmental learning doesn't have to end there. Have your students express what they learned and experienced on their trip by painting rain barrels! These barrels are a fun and unique canvas for artistic expression, and, once installed on a building, can capture and slowly release stormwater to help improve the state of our waterways.

### THEME FOR DESIGN:

**Illustrate how humans can have a POSITIVE influence on our waterways.**

Illustrations may feature rain barrels, rain gardens, native plants and trees, forests, marshes, living shorelines, eating local food, and MORE!

Participating schools may have their barrels displayed on Artsonia.com! Winning designs will be celebrated at an event in fall 2012. After the celebration, schools may keep and install the barrels or auction them off to parents or community members as a fundraiser.



### ROLE OF SCHOOLS:

- Register for the program using the attached form. *Schools may choose to order more than one barrel if desired.*
- Purchase and pick up materials: rain barrels (\$60/barrel purchased from Arlington Echo) and art supplies (\$40/barrel purchased through your school).
- The art teacher will deliver the attached art-aligned Environmental Literacy lesson plan with 4th-grade classes. Schools will choose designs to be painted on rain barrels.
- The art teacher will arrange for students or team of students to paint their design. Please refer to the rain barrel painting instructions attached.
- Painted barrels will be displayed on Artsonia.com. Top winners in AACPS will be awarded in Fall 2012.
- Want to learn more about rain barrels or environmental issues? Master Watershed Steward, John Wright, can coordinate presentations or assistance to: install rain barrels, help with environmental festivals, or learn more about watershed issues. *Contact John at [jhwright14@verizon.net](mailto:jhwright14@verizon.net).*

— See attached instructions and form for more information! —

If you have any questions, please call Suzanne Etgen at Arlington Echo, 410-222-3822.