



PAINTED RAIN BARREL ART COMPETITION & SILENT AUCTION

August 1st- Painted Rain Barrel Display at Carmel Farmer's Market

August 1st-8th- Barrel display in Arts and Design District

**August 8th- IU Health North Hospital Gallery Walk
Painted Rain Barrel Silent Auction 5-8pm**

**Vote for your favorite in the "People's Choice" competition!
Place the winning bid and take home a one of a kind rain barrel!**



An exciting new event is coming to **the Carmel Farmers Market** and the **Carmel Arts & Design District Gallery Walk!**

Rain on Main, a painted rain barrel contest and auction will kick off on Saturday August 1st. The event will start with a display of the decorated rain barrels at the Carmel Farmers Market along with giveaways and water education information provided by the event organizers (City of Carmel Utilities, Dept. of Community Relations & Economic Development, Carmel Department of Storm Water Management and Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District).

The barrels will then move to Main Street in Carmel to be displayed during the week of August 2nd. On August 8th they will be auctioned off to the highest bidders via a silent auction at the Arts & Design District Gallery walk. The silent auction will end at 8:00 p.m. The barrel designs will be judged by an independent panel as well as have a "People's Choice" award. Net proceeds from the auction will be used to fund water education signage in Carmel Clay Parks.

The **Rain on Main** event is possible due to the sponsorship of [Woodland Terrace Senior Living](#) and in-kind support from Carmel businesses [Touch'N Go Collision](#), [Sherwin-Williams](#) and [White's Ace Hardware](#).

Rain Barrels continue to grow in popularity across the country and beautifully painted rain barrels increase their desirability and encourage water conservation by the use of recycled rainwater.

Rain barrels sit under gutter down spouts to collect and store rainwater from roofs that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains, streams and rivers. The collected water can then be used to water plants in the landscape instead of using treated water which saves water and energy.



Kathy Garnes

Kathy Garnes has grown up in Indiana and has spent her last 16 years in Carmel, Indiana. She studied Fine Arts at Bradley University in Peoria Illinois and has spent a semester studying art at Parsons in Paris, France. After graduating, she became a flight attendant. She enjoyed seeing many cultures and visiting art museums around the world. One of Kathy's most memorable trips was to Calcutta India. While there, she visited the Missionaries of Charity and presented them her painting of Mother Teresa. Kathy left the airlines after fourteen years to stay home with her twins. While they were young, Kathy taught summer art camps through the Hamilton County Art Association in Noblesville for 6 years as well as art camps with her church. Now that her children are growing up, she has become more active in creating public art. She enjoys creating murals and mosaics. She has recently completed a mural for Saint Elizabeth Seton Church, a rain barrel for Cool Creek Nature Center, and is working on a beer can mosaic for the Canvitational at the Arts Garden in Indianapolis this September. Kathy enjoys sharing her love of art with her family and the community.