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A celebration of collection,
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Capture Free Water from the Sky

4th Annual Rainwater Revival Shows Ease of Harvesting Rainwater for Indoor and Outdoor Use

Austin, TX -- On November 2 in Boerne, Texas, the Hill Country Alliance will once again host its annual Rainwater Revival – a lively, free event for novices and wannabe harvesters of rainwater. A full day of speakers, exhibitors, food and fun is planned to help homeowners and businesses reduce their impact on the environment, save money on their water bills and learn the joys and deliciousness of captured rainwater.

Homeowners who live entirely on rainwater, along with experienced professional catchment system installers and do-it-yourselfers, will share information throughout the day.

Event-goers can admire and purchase rain barrels that have been turned into functional works of art by Hill Country artists. The barrels, on display now at locations throughout Kendall and Kerr counties, will be offered for sale during a live auction at 1 p.m.; proceeds go to a grant program that funds catchment and conservation programs at Hill Country schools. Children will learn about conservation at the event's Raindrop Stop, which offers hands-on, fun-filled activities for the younger folk. Food trailers and live music round out the event, set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“Our continuing drought situation makes it even more important for people who live anywhere in Texas to learn how they can use water provided directly, free of charge from nature,” said Karen Ford, event chair. “Wells go dry, surface water evaporates, but just one inch of rain on a 1,000-square-foot roof can provide 600 gallons of soft, mineral-free water.”

[4th annual Rainwater Revival is Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013, at Boerne Convention Center](#)

Presentations are designed to help any rainwater user or potential user take the next step in developing their systems. Learn from homeowners who will discuss what to expect when living on rainwater, get tips for financing a system, see first-hand a complete rainwater system, and learn how and why to build a rain garden at your home, school or business. These are just a few of the topics to help attendees learn more about the many advantages of rainwater catchment.

“Setting up a rainwater catchment system is much less complicated than people tend to think,” Ms. Ford continued. “The Rainwater Revival was originated as a ‘celebration of collection, conservation and common sense,’ and thanks to wonderful sponsors there is no admission charge.”

HCA’s Rainwater Revival has won the Envision Central Texas *Community Stewardship Award for Public Awareness* and the Texas Water Development Board’s *Rain Catcher Award*. Recipients of the 2012 school grant program will be recognized at the event, as will other *Rain Catcher* winners – the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District, Willow City Fire & Rescue, and presenter Billy Kniffen.

More information about the Rainwater Revival, a full schedule of speakers, photos of the art barrels, and information on rainwater harvesting is available at www.rainwaterrevival.com.

About the Rainwater Revival

The Rainwater Revival is an annual celebration of collection, conservation and common sense designed to help individuals and businesses learn how to capture rainwater for in-home and outdoor irrigation. The free event is sponsored by the Hill Country Alliance and will be held Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013 at the Boerne Convention Center.

The Hill Country Alliance is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to raise public awareness and build community support around the need to preserve the natural resources and heritage of the Central Texas Hill Country.

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Editors: A complete program follows this page. Additional rain barrels are shown online.

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TOPICS, SPEAKERS & MORE
Nov 2, 2013 - Boerne, TX

8 am **On-site tour of Champion HS Rainwater Capture & Use System, Boerne, TX**
Sponsored by Texas Rainwater Catchment Association (TRCA)

Boerne Civic Center

AUDITORIUM STAGE UPSTAIRS STAGE

10:30	Rainwater Homeowners Panel Moderator: Ben Eldredge Milan Michalec, residential Ken Kattner, rancher Karen Huber, rural subdivision	Financing, Incentives & Appraisals for RWH* Teresa Lopez, Green Energy Money, Inc. * RWH=rainwater harvesting
11:30	How & Why to Build a Rain Garden Billy Kniffen, ARSCA	Low Impact Development Paul Barwick, City of Boerne
12:30-1 pm	LUNCH & MUSIC: Food trailers and tunes.	
1pm	LIVE Auction for Art Barrels. All funds support the Hill Country Alliance School Grant Program. Bob Webster, auctioneer <i>Rain barrel Raffle #1</i>	
1:30	Rainwater Harvesting Basics Chris Maxwell Gaines, P.E. Innovative Water Solutions	Landscaping with Native Plants Weston Neiman, Native American Seed
2:30	Know Your Groundwater Micah Voulgaris, Cow Creek GCD <i>Rain barrel Raffle #2</i>	RWH for the Do It Yourselfer John Kight, P.E.
3:30	Imagine a Rainwater-Only Subdivision David Venhuizen, P.E.	Build Your Own Rain Barrel Bryan Davis, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

MORE:

THE EXHIBITOR AREA: more than 25 vendors and promoters of rainwater harvest and water conservation.

Raindrop Stop, fun-filled, water-aware, activities for kids. **Sponsored by HEB.**

Billy Kniffen's Mobile Rainwater Catchment System Demo **Exhibitor Area**
300 gal tank, first-flush, pump, filters, UV, etc.

2012 Rain Catcher Award Winners **Exhibitor Area**
Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
Willow City Fire & Rescue

School Grant Recipients from Art Barrel Fund **Exhibitor Area**
Student Project Displays

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