April Lippet-Faczak:

April Lippet-Faczak’s journey into rain barrel land began as a Certified Master Gardener. April has been trained to present rain barrel programs, fills in on the help line, writes articles and takes photos for The Garden Spade (Middlesex County Master Gardener’s newsletter) and produces the monthly calendar and events list for her fellow Master Gardeners. At home, April enjoys reducing stormwater runoff with three-rain barrels, reusing leaves in four-compost piles and recycling vegetables in her worm bin.

Gardening is a big part of April’s journey which includes interning at farms, worm farming, writing and photography. The interesting plants April has grown are amaranth, cotton, luffa, oats, upside down tomatoes and yucca. She also attends NOFA conferences (Northeast Organic Farming Association).

When not gardening, April is a fiber artist who spins yarn, weaves, felts and dyes. She is Co-President of the South Jersey Guild of Spinners and Weavers. April teaches Weaving on Nature’s Looms for Middlesex County Community College and local Gardening Clubs; Making Terrariums, and Gourd Crafting at Cheesequake State Park. As a Certified Kayak Instructor, April teaches basic paddling skills, safety and interprets salt hay, marsh mallow, phragmites, and clay as the Kayak Instructor/Resource Interpreter for the State of New Jersey on the Cheesequake Creek Kayak Eco-Tours. April has worked in the past as a graphic artist.

With an eye for new challenges, April is excited to participate in this “One Barrel at a Time Co-Op” because it will show people the effects of conserving rain water.

**Short description of barrel design:**

A fantasy daisy uses a kayak and paddle to remind us of the ripple effect reducing, recycling, and reusing rain water produces. Money is made and saved when it rains because the rain drops are pennies from heaven.