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*FREE WATER FOR YOUR GARDEN: RAIN BARREL & RAIN GARDEN WORKSHOP*

 *MANITOWOC, WIS –* Join the Friends of the Manitowoc River Watershed at a free seminar, Wednesday, April 8, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, 75 Maritime Drive, to learn aesthetic, cost effective ways to slow storm water down with rain barrels and rain gardens.

 Jessica Schultz, director of the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance in Appleton, will offer participants all the information they need to create their own rain gardens to slow runoff from storms and keep our creeks, streams and rivers cleaner. With rain barrels to catch and store rainfall, residents can access free water for their gardens and again help reduce pollution from runoff in our region’s waterways and ultimately Lake Michigan.

 Participants will have the opportunity to win (one or two) hand-painted rain barrel(s) at the end of the presentation.

 The volunteer Friends group has hosted educational seminars, beach and river clean-ups and experiential events for Manitowoc County since first forming in 2013 to inspire appreciation of Lake Michigan and the Manitowoc River.

 For more information, contact Kim Kettner, kkettnerm@gmail.com. The seminar series is funded by a Wisconsin DNR grant and supported by the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership.

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