

Neiman to present at Rain Revival

Saving money on your water bill and saving precious water resources go hand-in-hand when you collect free water from the sky for your indoor or outdoor water use. The October 27 Rainwater Revival is set to help you learn from experts how to use rain catchment at your urban cottage, suburban homestead or home on the range.

"Water catchment makes sense no matter how big or small your house or property is," said Sky Jones-Lewey, Resource Protection and Education Director for the Nueces River Authority and President of the Hill Country Alliance (HCA) Board of

Directors. "It surprises people when they find out how easy and inexpensive a system can be." HCA sponsors the annual Rainwater Revival, which brings together knowledgeable speakers for all levels of interest in saving earth's resources while saving money.

In addition to speakers on two stages throughout the day, fest-goers will have the opportunity to bid on professionally decorated rain barrels at a silent auction. Hill Country area artists spend weeks designing and painting 55-gallon rain barrels, turning them into stunning works of functional art for your porch or yard.

"This is a one-stop place to

learn about water catchment from a variety of professionals and homeowners – some live entirely on rainwater, some use rain catchment only for outside irrigation," said Karen Ford, Chair of the Rainwater Revival and owner of a Hill Country public affairs company. "All are passionate about lessening their carbon footprints and saving water as well as money. In addition to demonstrations and usable information, there will be equipment vendors, and of course, music, food and fun. Children will especially enjoy the Rain Drop Spot for arts and crafts."

The Rainwater Revival will be under way from 10 a.m. to

4 p.m. Saturday, October 27, at the Boerne Convention & Community Center, 820 Adler Road. Admission is free.

Local Weston Neiman, of Native American Seed and winner of 2011 Texas Rain Catcher Award, will be speaking on stage #1 at the Boerne Conference Center Auditorium from 10-11 a.m. on The Basics of Rainwater Harvesting System Sizing & Pricing. Weston will also speak to the benefits of native plants, how to build a rain garden, and general good-to-know information from a common sense designer/entrepreneur.

For information about the event, the speaker lineup or to view the art barrels, visit www.rainwaterrevival.com.



On a recent fall equinox farm tour, Weston adjusts Native American Seed's rainwater system solar panel to maximize energy captured. This 185-watt solar panel is the only source of energy which moves pure rainwater to supply the headquarters. Weston designed the water supply to be completely off the grid, fully functioning since January 4, 2012.