- Wine Barrel Cistern –

Children, teachers, parents, and all visitors can observe and use a working Rain Barrel as they first enter the Placer Nature Center grounds. This simple, functional, attractive display appeals to everyone on different levels. The homeowner loves the wine barrel’s style and flood control, the nature lover appreciates its role in water conservation, and the gardener loves its practicality. And kids of all ages, 5 to 85 love that it is so inexpensive and simple to build – it’s a great family activity! The “How to Build a Rain Barrel” information sheets and resource guide are at the exhibit and ready to take home.

Like all our exhibits, this Rain Barrel is both inspirational and educational. But this Eco-Friendly, working exhibit is especially empowering to our younger visitors. When they learn that this was created by a young woman who came to PNC for ideas and inspiration just like them! Julia Zasso was a former Nature Bowl participant who learned and competed here at Placer Nature Center as a 4th grader, then went on to win first place out of 90 teams at the State level in 2009. Julia gave back to PNC for the inspiration and support.

Like water itself, knowledge and caring also come full circle.