**Giancarla Macaluso:**

Giancarla Macaluso was born in 1959. After earning her bachelor’s degree in journalism and marketing from Rider University in Lawrenceville, she studied graphic design at Parson’s School of Design in New York City.

This combination adds an interesting element to her work. “Words have always been a part of my life and so it follows that they often become a part of my artwork.”

During the week, she works as a Graphic Designer, creating ads and logos for business. “I try to bring the same artistic sensibility and passion to the computer as I do to more traditional media.” She works primarily with clay, creating both functional and sculptural pieces. But, also, enjoys exploring different media and various techniques from watercolor, pastels, markers and acrylics.

I have been involved with Artworks in Trenton, since the inception of **Art All Night-Trenton**, its 24-hour art event. This project is a community outreach designed to promote a love of art in all disciplines for all ages.

**Short description of barrel design:**

My concept involves the integration of all the earth’s elements-wind, sun, water, land-All working together to support life.

Destroy one and we’ll upset the balance of the universe.