Helen Haniffy:

Helen Haniffy was born in Trenton, New Jersey in 1974 and has enjoyed drawing and paintings since she was a child. Raised in Mt. Holly, she was given an opportunity while in high school, to attend a summer scholarship program at the Moore College of Art. She strayed from her usual drawing and painting to experiment with ceramics. Primarily self taught, pencil drawing and acrylic painting continues to be her passion.

In 2001, Helen married her husband and began her family, returning to Trenton, New Jersey where they still reside to this day. Relying on her amateur photography as inspiration, and using her mixed media skills, she received my first mural commission. Since, 2003, she have received several more private mural commissions. In 2008, she was hired for a position creating Pen and Ink renderings of Colleges and Universities located all over the Country

It was not until 2008 Helen's career in juried arts shows began. She participated in the Sugarloaf Craft Festival, Cape May County Art League Fine Art Show, Ocean City Boardwalk Art Show, Cape May County Fine Art Show and several other shows in the state New Jersey.

Cape May County Art League introduced by application the One Barrel At a Time project. This conservation project has allowed Helen to focus on her impressionistic style of painting. The volunteer program is also giving her an opportunity to teach children about conservation as well as painting. The barrel represents yet another favorite past time, traveling the Delaware River and appreciating its inhabitants. It is Helen's hope that this barrel as well as all of her art is enjoyed as much as she has enjoyed creating it.

Short description of barrel design:

I am attempting to capture waters reflections underwater. The trompe’l’oeil underwater scene complimented the water collection theme.