



## COLLEEN POLYCHRONIOU

This talented artist was born in Saskatchewan. Colleen did any sport from baseball, track, swimming etc. in school and the University of Saskatchewan. You can safely say that the first love was sports, and art was part-time. Art at the time went on back burner.

Upon moving to the Okanagan in 2003 from Vancouver, Colleen taught fitness in Oliver for 5 years and another 6 years in Osoyoos.

### THE GIFT OF ART:

"One trip to Cuba with my husband (Demetre) and boys, we saw a painting of a horse in gift shop. There was nobody around to purchase it from so I took a picture of it. I told my son that I will paint it for him. The doubt in his voice as he told me I could never do it – inspired me!

2006 was the year that my love for oil painting started and the horse is cherished today. I have entered many Art Shows in the next few years and did place First & Second – First and Second at the same time when I entered two pictures in the show.

My goal was to eventually to paint portraits, but had no teacher at the time. I eventually found Gillian Rau from South Africa to help with skin tones. I started by painting people I didn't know and then moved on to Friends and family. The last 5 yrs ,I have painted 87 portraits. With few commissions and lots of gifts.

It was my absolute pleasure and honor to paint the Greek Heroes of the 1821 Greek Independence. SUCH A JOY!!!!"