**“A commissioned portrait is a window to the past, and an heirloom for the future.”**

.My goal is to create a piece of art that is beautiful, original, and a true likeness of the individual.

Prices:

Formal oil portrait-

1. Head and shoulders- $1000-$3500, depending on size, and complexity of background.
2. ½ figure- $3000 to $7500, depending on size, and complexity of background.

Price does not include framing, tax, or shipping.

Informal watercolor portrait-

1. Head and shoulders- $600-$1800, depending on size, and complexity of background.
2. ½ figure- $850 to $2400, depending on size, and complexity of background.

Informal pencil drawing-

1. Head and shoulders- $80 to $300. This is for a short (2 hours maximum) sitting for the subject OR a photograph provided by the client.

The Process:

* A commissioned portrait begins with a discussion about size, setting, clothing, and composition.
* Once a general concept for the painting is established, I conduct a photography session, in my studio or on location in the client’s home or place of business.
* I like to paint a small oil sketch of the subject if possible. This helps me with color and detail.
* Back at the studio, I fine-tune the photographs, editing to make sure the portrait is exactly what you want.
* Once the photographic image is approved, I create a drawing in pencil. This is the exact size of the finished portrait, and is important to make sure the likeness is true and all the details are accurate
* Upon approval of the drawing, 50% of the total fee is due.
* I begin painting, and the process may take 2-6 months, depending on complexity of background, etc.
* When the painting is nearly finished, I will contact you for approval. Any changes to the painting need to be addressed at this point.
* When the painting is complete, another 3 months is required to let the paint totally dry, then I will varnish it.
* The remaining fee is due upon completion of the artwork. Delivery of the artwork is arranged at this point.