

Backstreet Gallery features watercolorist Carole Hillsbery

Nationally acclaimed watercolorist Carole Hillsbery will be spotlighted during May at Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St.

Her reception will be held on Saturday, May 9, from 3 to 5 p.m., during the Second Saturday Gallery Tour.

Originally from Florence, Hillsbery lived in Arizona for 30 years then returned home to her beloved Florence.

“It’s a great place to slow down and a great place to paint and draw,” she said.

Her expertise in painting started over 40 years ago when she began painting with oils. She continued painting while

she homeschooled her children.

After taking a workshop from Katheryn Davis, Hillsbery found her chosen medium of watercolor. A prolific painter, she set high goals. In 2003, she began entering competitions.

She continued perfecting her signature style, which is loaded with rich color and impressionistic forms.

Her paintings draw the viewer in emoting the joy that radiates from her personality. She’s a storyteller so watch for the tale that each of her paintings impart.

A unique aspect of Hillsbery’s work is executing watercolors on canvas. The

painting is coated with beeswax that seals the canvas, bringing back the look of watercolor wetness.

Her goals included becoming a signature artist in several national art societies, and she’s on her way to achieving her goals.

“As soon as I learn something new, I want to turn around and teach it,” Hillsbery said.

In April, she held a one-day workshop at Kenneth B Gallery.

She conducts workshops at all levels. If interested in attending one of these workshops in Florence, contact her manager and close associate,

Charlene Wilson, at charwilson66@gmail.com.

Her Backstreet reception includes refreshments and Denny Weaver playing acoustic guitar.



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