

Hillsbery's work to be included in national show

FLORENCE — Local watercolorist and teacher Carole Hillsbery was recently accepted into the 95th National Watercolor Society's International Show in San Pedro, Calif., for her painting "Morning Paper."

It is a high honor to be accepted as one of only 80 national and international paintings chosen to hang in this month-long show.

"Morning Paper" features one of Florence's unique individuals perusing the newspaper while enjoying the morning ambiance that the community has to offer. In it, Hillsbery invites the viewer to look and think of the underlying idea she is sharing in her painting as she views herself a storyteller — and water and paint her medium.

To celebrate her acceptance into this prestigious show, Hillsbery invites the public to share her exploration of artistic vision at a free watercolor demo in her home studio.

During her Absolute Beginner's watercolor demonstration, Hillsbery will paint a fun loose watercolor demonstrating the various watercolor techniques and bright colors she uses.

She will also start with the basics of getting started: what materials to purchase and where; a discussion of what watercolor is all about; terminology; color washes; mixing and more.



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Artist Carole Hillsbery with her award-winning painting.

It's a relaxed time to ask questions. This demo workshop is free and participants will not paint.

Hillsbery has set up Monday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to noon for prospective students and interested people to come to her

home studio and learn about this exciting medium.

Hillsbery has helped multiple students conquer their fear of making a mistake by painting wet on wet with a lot of splattering and flinging of paint. Such jubilation is at the very core of her artistry.

She paints with vivid colors, shapes and a sense of light with an edgy impressionistic approach, and executes her watercolors on both paper and canvas.

Future Absolute Beginner classes will be held Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., from March 10 through 31.

The first session will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to give time for additional instruction.

There is a limit of eight students in this set of classes, so register early by emailing Charlene Wilson at charwilson66@gmail.com, or call 541-997-8676.

You can view Hillsbery's work at the Artists' Co-op in Lincoln City, Earthworks Gallery in Yachats, Backstreet Gallery in Florence, the Mind Power Gallery in Reedsport or on her website at www.carolehillsbery.com

Hillsbery is a national award-winning artist and a signature member of the Transparent Watercolor Society of America, Western Federation of Watercolor Societies, the Arizona Watercolor Association, and the Watercolor Society of Oregon.

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR SECOND ANNUAL 'SHARE YOUR HEART'

FLORENCE — Anyone who's ever had a really big dream knows that the word "impossible" can't be part of the vocabulary.

Artistic director and CROW (Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops) founder Melanie Heard said that big dreams "bring a rare combination of feeling excited and terrified at the same time."

It was Heard's dream of establishing and renovating a building to house the program's many set pieces, as well as rehearsals and workshops, that led to purchase and renovation of the new building CROW was able to establish last year — thanks in large part to funds raised during the 2015 Share Your Heart event.

On Friday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. CROW will present an incredible opportunity for the Florence community to become per-

sonally involved in continuing to support the dreams of local youth and the arts.

"Share Your Heart is a fundraising party like nothing you've ever attended," said Heard.

"It's designed to raise funds for our nonprofit to continue pursuing our dreams for CROW."

Reservations are required for this event at the Florence Events Center.

Single tickets are \$39 for adults and \$25 for youth (12 and under). A full table of eight can also be purchased for \$285.

Tickets include wine (adults only) and hot hors d'oeuvres, as well as a chance to bid on the amazing baskets, prizes and desserts up for grabs.

For tickets, visit the Florence Events Center box office, 715 Quince



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Members of CROW participate in last year's Share Your Heart fundraiser.