

Work of artist Hillsbery part of WSO exhibit

FLORENCE — Nationally acclaimed watercolorist and Florence resident Carole Hillsbery had her painting “Jewel Of India” accepted into the Watercolor Society of Oregon’s Experimental Convention recently held at the Oregon Garden Resort.

“Jewel Of India” was painted from a photo her daughter, Mary, took on a trip to India this past year. It is watercolor with India ink and gouche touches.

Hillsbery has been painting for more than 40 years, although she has been painting, exhibiting and teaching professionally since 2003.

She studied with Kathryn Davis, Ted Nuttall, Charles Reid, Lien Zieg, Robert Wood and many other well-known artists

Hillsbery is also announcing a Figurative Watercolor Workshop to be held in Florence on Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11, at the Cross Road Church.

Many artists tighten up and struggle when painting figures in watercolor. This workshop is designed to teach how to loosen up and explore color while communicating a story or feeling.

Hillsbery’s many techniques, demonstrations, and candid conversations with artist will be sure to inspire as she encourages each student to discover their own



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unique painting style.

The group will paint the whole body (or 3/4 of the body) in motion or in an interesting pose and background. Artists can either draw or trace the figure using their own photos. Some knowledge of water-

color is needed.

Hillsbery is a national award-winning artist and a signature member of Transparent Watercolor Society of America, Northwest Watercolor Society, Western Federation of Watercolor Society,

the Arizona Watercolor Association and a member of the Watercolor Society of Oregon.

For more information and a registration form, contact Charlene Wilson via email at charwilson66@gmail.com.

‘Strong Walk’ to commemorate UCC victims, community

ROSEBURG —

Remember. Move. Unite.

Those three words have inspired the communities of the Umpqua Valley to launch the Umpqua Strong 9k & 5k Run/Walk and Community Festival on Saturday, Oct. 1.

The event takes place on the one-year anniversary of the Umpqua Community College (UCC) campus shooting.

On that tragic day nine lives were lost and nine others were injured. The run recognizes the lives of each those individuals with a unique 9k distance, dedicating a kilometer to each victim.

The post-race festival will include many activities including a Kids’ Fun Run and live music.

“This area is a very special place because of the people that live here,” said Seth Buechley, the event’s co-founder. “We really want to demonstrate that we’re more than a senseless tragedy.



The Saturday, Oct. 1, event honors lives lost and community.

We’re coming together as an expression of our community’s hope and determination.”

Beyond the organizers’ intent to unite people in the region, all of the events proceeds will fund UCC Student Scholarships in honor of each victim and in recognition of those that survived.

“On behalf of the UCC educational community, we appreciate the scholar-

ship support from the Umpqua Strong 9K that will help the students who grace this campus achieve their dreams and aspirations,” said Dr. Walter Nolte, interim President of UCC.

The event also includes a unique virtual run aspect offering those with connections to the region, or for anyone interested in supporting the Umpqua Strong mission, an opportunity to join as a remote runner.

Event management professionals, Soul Focus Sports, have been tapped to lead this virtual element as well as the overall event promotion.

“My team has been completely inspired by the strength of the Umpqua Valley communities and we hope to share that passion with the entire country via this event,” said J.T. Service, Soul Focus CEO who recently visited the area to begin event preparations.

Event organizers hope to put the town on display with courses beginning in

Stewart Park highlighting lush park trails and the historic downtown of this Southern Oregon gem.

“While we will always remember those lost on October 1,” said Roseburg Mayor Larry Rich. “Positive events like this help our community heal and also move forward. We’re excited to welcome visitors to the area.”

Registration for the event opened in May.

Those interested in participating, volunteering, or sponsoring the race can learn more at www.umpquastrong.org or contact Race Director Randi Feland at rfeland@umpquastrong.org

Umpqua Strong is an official 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation with a mission to honor the lives of the nine UCC shooting victims by uniting the people of the Umpqua Valley through positive community activities that overcome negativity, isolation, and violence through hope and determination.