

NICHOLS FEATURED ARTIST AT BACKSTREET

FLORENCE — Multimedia artist Karen D. Nichols will celebrate her 10-year membership with Backstreet Gallery as the featured artist in October.

Her reception is Oct. 8, from 3 to 5 p.m., during the Second Saturday Gallery Tour and the Wine Walk.

One of Nichols' favorite media is paper-painting collage, a sculptural relief art form that gives spirit and 3D shape to her many birds in flight, colorful florals and interesting people.

She also enjoys painting in watercolors, oils and acrylics.

Nichols is a member of the Watercolor Society of Oregon and a founding member of the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), where you can also find her art work, including her Pocket Poem books for an infusion of uplifting messages.

Her fifth book, "The Moral of the Story," has just been released. This new book is a collection of stories that may elicit a tear or a belly laugh and a few emotions in between.

Her previous novels are all set in Florence, have a dog nosing its way into the story and range from mystery and



adventures to inspirational stories.

Find her books at Backstreet Gallery, FRAA and on Amazon.com.

Nichols is also on the board for the Florence Festival of Books. She recently spoke at the Writer's Salon at the Florence Regional Arts Alliance and has taught classes in drawing, portraiture and writing.

Come enjoy a reception with food, fun, wine tasting as well as blues guitar music and singing by David Wiegand, executive director of



Karen D. Nichols (top left) specializes in mixed media artwork.

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