

HILLSBERY FEATURED ARTIST AT BACKSTREET GALLERY

FLORENCE — During the month of November, Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St., will feature nationally acclaimed artist and teacher Carole Hillsbery.

Her reception will be held Saturday, Nov. 12, from 3 to 5 p.m., during the Second Saturday Gallery Tour.

While living in the dry deserts of Arizona, Hillsbery was still able to capture all the colors of the rainbow as though she brought them from her original home in Oregon. She then mixes them with splashes of desert colors that radiate off her canvasses and watercolor paper like magic jewels.

She enjoys going back to Arizona for a bit of that warm sunshine.

While adept at oils and acrylics, most of her works are her vivid watercolors. Hillsbery fills a brush loaded with color. After a few masterful strokes of strategically placed paint, she brings to life the people, scenes, animals, buildings or florals that make up her subject matter.

Her use of plenty of water helps define her loose signature style as it moves across the page.

Since she loves nature, you might see her out with her camera catching enough pictures to keep her painting for a long time.



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Carole Hillsbery

For Hillsbery, teaching is as much fun as painting. Beside her incredible talent, she teaches with a cheerful positive vibe that motivates her students. As much a part of her teaching is the personal relationships that she develops in her classroom.

She values the wonderful friends she has made through teaching.

In mid November, she will be teaching a pet portrait class. Register on line at www.carolehillsbery.com.

Hillsbery has won numerous awards for her outstanding work and is a Signature Artist in several National Art Societies, which meant multiple submissions juried in for each award.

Her Signature Memberships are Transparent Watercolor Society, Western Federation of Watercolor Societies, and Arizona Watercolor Society.

In the 2014 Watercolor Society of Oregon's traveling show Carole took a fourth place. She is also a Signature Member of Northwest Watercolor Society (NWS).

Join her Nov. 12 and learn more about her work. There will be food, drink and fun.

Backstreet Gallery is on winter hours and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Local author, syndicated columnist's latest offering is for writers

In his 16 years as a writer, journalist and syndicated columnist, Siuslaw News editor Ned Hickson has garnered multiple awards in all three writing genres from the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association (ONPA) and Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ).

As a blogger, he has been "Freshly Pressed" by Wordpress three times and has more than 8,000 followers.

In his latest book, "Pearls of Writing Wisdom: From 16 shucking years as a columnist," Hickson has created a writer's survival guide, offering insights, tips and

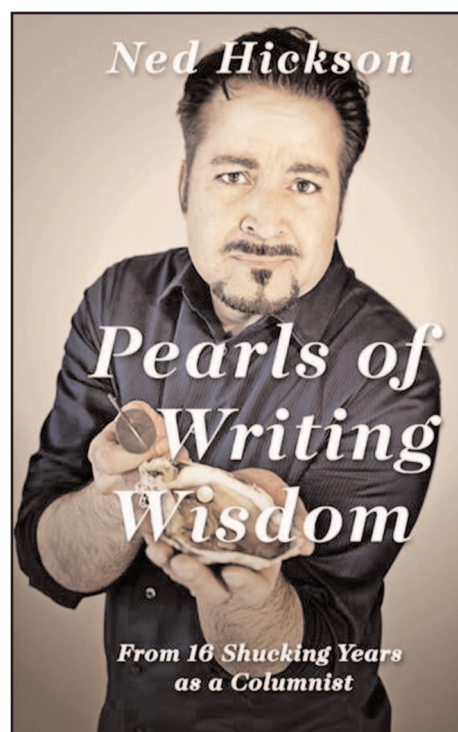
inspiration gathered through personal experience.

"Writers are just like painters or sculptors; they have at their disposal tools to help them create and communicate in ways which — depending on how they use their tools and in what sequence — will resonate their own unique voice," Hickson says in his book. "Establishing that voice not only takes understanding the tools you have and becoming proficient with them, but also being able to wield them with confidence.

If you are a writer, or fear you might be one, I wrote this book for you."

Hickson says many of the writing insights he shares in his book are things he wishes someone had told him sooner, while others are the result of trial and error — and a few are simple truths that helped me keep perspective through all these years as a writer."

"I think of this book as the conversation we'd have about writing if we were sharing a cup of coffee or a cold beer," he says. "We'd talk about technique, style,



Ned Hickson's latest book is available online at www.PortHoleBooks.com

personal experience and hopes. We'd encourage each other and share a few laughs. We might even get a little rowdy and start using air quotation marks. But in the end, we'd feel inspired about our love of writing."

In his weekly, nationally syndicated humor column, Hickson writes about daily life and important social issues, such as glow-in-the-dark mice, injuries caused by overheated pickles in fast food and raising teenagers. His first book, "Humor at the Speed of Life," (Port Hole Publishing, 2013) is a collection of his columns over the last 16 years.

"His new book is full of helpful hints on how to get started writing," says Tom Cheronis, Emmy Award-winning director of "Seinfeld." "Both humorous and instructive, it could inspire you to finally write that book that's been in the depths of your brain for too long. Plus, it's just a good read."

Hickson's latest book, as well as "Humor at the Speed of Life," are available online at www.PortHoleBooks.com.

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