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DAVID TROWBRIDGE will show his work during an artist reception at Rob Trost Real Estate on Friday Nov. 25 from 4-7 p.m.

A splash of color

By TIM HIRSCH of the Sun

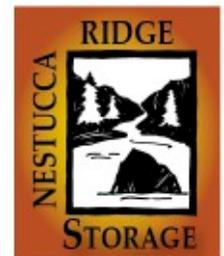
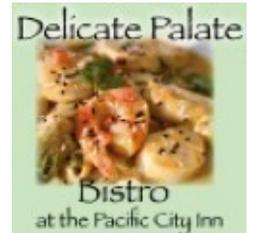
PACIFIC CITY — The world around us is many things, but to artist David Trowbridge, it's the foundation for his nature-inspired paintings — paintings that pay homage to the great outdoors, but also take on a life of their own.

Trowbridge and his art will be featured during an artist reception on Friday, Nov. 25, 4-7 p.m. at Rob Trost Real Estate.

Though he says he is a late bloomer in the world of art, his work has been featured at Portland's Gallery 114, as well as at his current show at Salem's Bush Barn Art Center. And now it's Pacific City's turn.

Though his abstract paintings start with the inspiration of the great outdoors, he says that on the canvas they are their own thing.

"I like to think of them as poems," he said. "A poem is short and so economical, but you get a lot of story from it. I like to think of my paintings that way."



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A native Oregonian, Trowbridge fell in love with the outdoors as a youth during frequent family trips to Lee's Camp, an old logging camp on the north fork of the Wilson River in the Tillamook State Forest.

"My love of nature was formed by those years among the trees and streams — a passion that forms the core of my painting today," he says. "My paintings are meant to evoke nature, but not be a copy of an image. I hope that viewers approach them first as paintings, as objects, and second as a representation of something. It's like hearing a song in a language you don't understand. You can enjoy its beauty, or even its emotional power without knowing what the words mean."

A graduate of the Pacific NW College of Art, he says his work is inspired by many masters — not the least of which is Dutch impressionist artist Willem de Koonig.

"He mastered being economical but still referring to something," he says.

And that simplistic, yet story-rich element is evident in Trowbridge's work — work that features a contemporary approach. He likes to use spray paint and modern home improvement tools. He says that approach allows his work to have a different feel than that of the classic impressionistic scene.

His Pacific City show will feature his "Avalon" series, which are different takes on the scene outside his Portland studio.

"I painted that scene about 30 times — each time trying to do something different every time."

He will also be displaying some regional pieces including impressionistic renditions of the Wilson River.

Rob Trost Real Estate is located near Cape Kiwanda at 33310 Cape Kiwanda Drive in Pacific City. For more information on the exhibit, call the real estate professionals at Rob Trost at 503-965-7777.

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