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Halstead develops programs and educational activities for all ages. She also leads presentations, workshops, and retreats that focus on the visual arts, creativity and spirituality. Halstead is co-author and illustrator of *“Drawing Nearer, Devotional Workbook of Creative Prayer”* with Wanda Schwandt. She has written curriculum for several of the New Earth, Christian Resources for Outdoors publications. She is author of two booklets for the American Camping Association’s Healthy Learning, Grab and Go Activities series: *Teaching Children About God Through Creative Art & Teaching Children About God Through Creative Art on Nature Hikes*.

Halstead received a BFA in Studio Arts and Art Education with a concentration in printmaking and photography from Syracuse University, NY. She has taught art in public schools, colleges, studios & galleries and museums over her career. Halstead’s call as an artist and educator is to encourage and empower others to explore their creative potential.

Halstead currently teaches art classes for the Institute of Learning in Retirement through Baldwin Wallace University and offers arts, creativity and spirituality workshops and retreats at various settings throughout Northeastern Ohio. She lives & works, in her home studio, with her husband in Berea, OH.