## Press Release Auburn: Vault Gallery Vault Shapes by Amy Simons

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The City of Auburn and the Auburn Arts Commission are pleased to present a new art installation titled *Vault Shapes* by Amy Simons at the Postmark Center for the Arts Vault Gallery, on view July 20th - October 13th, 2024.

## **Artwork Statement:**

"These are woodcut collages. Woodcut prints because from each whole comes many parts, and collages because those parts together become another whole. They are shape shifters like us, navigating roles as both individuals and parts of collectives. Each print comes from the same block, but emerges with a unique impression, every color a mark from the moment of contact and a preservation of touch. The blocks are changed with each print too, recording, accumulating and transforming.

I am interested in how we organize ourselves, what patterns we generate intentionally, subconsciously, by luck or mistake. My studio practice is one of trusting and practicing emergence: working in simple, direct interactions that unfold into complex entanglements. I look at how bodies in proximity become shapes drawn together, repel one another, or hold tension in the space between. How do bodies become ecologies of mixed beings – assemblages of minerals, microbiomes and humanness, further mixed with memories of our past selves and promises of future ones?" – Amy Simons



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The Vault Gallery, The Postmark Center for the Arts, 20 Auburn Ave, Auburn, WA 98002 The gallery is viewable Wed 12-4, Thur 12-6, and Fri 12-4.

This art installation is coordinated through the City of Auburn, Parks, Arts & Recreation Department and with the support of the Auburn Arts Commission.

**Questions?** Contact Allison Hyde, Arts Coordinator or <a href="mailto:arts@auburnwa.gov">arts@auburnwa.gov</a>.

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