

**Press Release**  
**Auburn: Vault Gallery**  
**Contained Radiance by Kelly Haejung Paik**

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The City of Auburn and the Auburn Arts Commission are pleased to present an art installation, *Contained Radiance*, by Kelly Haejung Paik at the Postmark Center for the Arts Vault Gallery, on view January 15<sup>th</sup> – April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

*“This installation begins with a single form: the Korean moon jar, a vessel that holds more than volume. At the center stands a sculptural version built from polyurethane, its surface woven with strips of tinted hanji—Korean mulberry paper—and painted in colors that echo the surrounding paintings. Color is embedded within the structure through this woven patchwork rather than applied as surface decoration.*

*Each surrounding painting takes this same vessel and pulls out a single color, amplifying it through layered brushwork. The paintings echo the soft tones woven into the physical vessel, transforming them into saturated declarations. The vessel forms emerge dimensionally against flat backgrounds. Some paintings show the jar resting quietly on a pedestal. Others bring in koi fish, drawn from Asian decorative traditions, their fluid bodies suggesting energy held within or released from the container.”* -Kelly Haejung Paik



“Contained Radiance”  
Kelly Haejung Paik, 2026

**The Vault Gallery, The Postmark Center for the Arts**, 20 Auburn Ave, Auburn, WA 98001  
The gallery is viewable Wed 12-4, Thur 12-6, and Fri 12-4.

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

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