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KATIE SIMPSON PAINTINGS ON EXHIBIT AT SIMPKINS SWIM CENTER

An exhibition by mixed media artist Katie Simpson is on display at Simpkins Family Swim Center/Parks Department Headquarters through September 24. Members of the public are invited to this free show.

Simpson's mixed media acrylic paintings focus on the lush and diligent natural world, combining collage, drawing, relief printmaking and layers of acrylic paint. Overlapping images, color, memories and different art materials creates a stratum of ideas. Memory underlays all we do and see, under the surface of soil seeds wait to sprout. Many of the paintings wrap around the edges of their canvases, so check close to see what is hidden behind the layers and around the sides. Each painting is a celebration of the magical Central Coastal California, and the nature that thrives in unexpected spaces.

Simpson is from the redwood forest of Aptos, and has an MFA from the City College of New York and an BA from Portland State University. She is a nature enthusiast who works as a teaching artist with the Arts Councils of Monterey and Santa Cruz counties. Her work will also be on display at Open Studios this fall.

The Swim Center/Parks Office is located at 979 17th Ave., Santa Cruz. Visit scparks.com for hours.