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**Rachel Montroy: *Nascence***

March 1 - April 2, 2023

**First Friday Reception:** March 3, 5 – 8:30pm

**Artist's Reception:** Saturday, March 11, 3 – 5pm

**Closing Reception:** Saturday, April 1, 3 – 5pm

**Gallery Hours:** Wednesday – Sunday, 11 am – 5 pm & by appointment



Rachel Montroy's mixed media sculptures are physical and metaphorical meditations on the beauty of natural forms and their growth. The work featured in *Nascence* embodies a quiet presence which beckons closer observation. Combining elements of the known and unknown, Montroy's abstract forms invite the viewer to delve into their own imagination and forge their own connections to the natural world. Her works are inspired by the living organisms she encounters while walking in the woods or cultivating her garden. Fascinated with plants of all sizes and habitats, Montroy explores these organisms and their fleeting lives while simultaneously reflecting on the births, deaths, and other defining moments she has experienced in her life. It is these connections that fuel the ideas for her sculptures and their subtle, yet moving, gestures.

Rachel Montroy holds a Bachelor of Art in Studio Arts with a concentration in Ceramics from the University of New Hampshire, and a Master of Fine Arts in Ceramics and Ceramic Sculpture from the School for American Crafts at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York. She exhibits her sculptures regionally and nationally, and was featured as an emerging artist of note in *Fiber Art Now* magazine's Fall 2022 issue. Montroy serves as the Education and Community Outreach Coordinator at the League of NH Craftsmen where she is also a juried member. She is a Fine Arts Lecturer at several colleges in New Hampshire. Montroy lives and works in Hopkinton, New Hampshire.

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