

## COMMON THREADS, 2021

- Artists: Addie Boswell, Van Cooley, Sara Siestroom (Hanis Coos) and Antwoine Thomas
- Perforated painted aluminum panels
- Creativity thrives when there is a foundation to build upon. In Common Threads, two child-artists, representing the creative future, grow out of Beaverton's history. Repeated patterns reference the bounty of nature, Indigenous art forms and modern industry
- Located on the SE Garage walls at Rose Biggie and Crescent St

The work adorns the Beaverton Central District parking garage and can be seen at SW Rose Biggie and SW Crescent Avenues. The giant seven-story tall artwork was created with perforated painted aluminum panels and artwork was designed by local artist team Addie Boswell, Van Cooley, Sara Siestroom, and Antwoine Thomas. The artwork shows two child artists, representing the creative future, growing out of Beaverton's history. Repeated patterns reference the bounty of nature, Indigenous art forms and modern industry.

The young artists are depicted--involved in their work--representing the creative future of the area. They grow out of the history of the bottom half, which is grounded by native plant species including the Oregon White Oak, acorns, horseradish and more. A beaver dam also grounds the piece, as the beaver's work on the swampland created the fertile conditions that that encourage the diversity of agriculture we see today.



There are three basket-weave patterns included (copyright Sara Siestroom (Hanis Coos) that draw from the indigenous history of the area. The basic plaiting is made of dried cattails, the crab basket pattern in the girl's dress represents water, earth, and sky in its twining, and the diamond shapes in the boy's shirt are traditional symbols of the salmonberry. This is the first berry to appear in spring and is thought to give the salmon directional help for spawning.

Each smaller patterned square at the bottom represents a further piece of Beaverton history and further information can be found at [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Arts](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Arts)