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*Garm Hava*, Deborah Weir

## Elemental

Featuring Deborah Weir

May 13, 2017 through June 16, 2017

Opening Reception:

Saturday, May 13 from 3pm to 6pm

**Inglewood, CA** – Branch Gallery is pleased to announce their upcoming exhibition, “Elemental,” featuring local fiber artist Deborah Weir. This exhibition will include work from Weir’s series about the four basic elements: earth, fire, wind and water. Many of the pieces explore abstract ways of depicting these elements. Weir directly responds to the Earth’s increasing temperatures, violent wind storms, rising seas, and farm land erosion through varied processes and materials.

Inspired by climate change and the brutal effects it has on Earth, many of Weir’s pieces have been dyed and over-dyed to create depth in her imagery. Each piece contains numerous layers, constructed using collage, paper lamination, applique, felting, paint and other media. Finer markings are hand-stitched to add further detail in Weir’s imagery. Repurposed household plastics, bits of metal, and fabric integrate, revealing Weir’s perspective on the terror, excitement and beauty of Earth.

Along with the main exhibition, there will be a large boutique featuring many handmade objects from the Designing Weavers, including garments, scarves, jewelry, and other home goods.

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## About Branch Gallery

Branch Gallery is a fiber-based art space in Los Angeles. The gallery emphasizes both exhibition and education in its 1500 square feet of multifaceted space. Providing opportunities exclusively for the fiber arts, Branch Gallery allows fiber artists to share their work and techniques with the broader Los Angeles arts community. Bringing more attention to fiber as a fine art, along with its presence as a craft, will inspire others to create their own tactile fiber experiences. Recent press includes a feature in The Argonaut News

([“Weaving the Fabric of Community”](#)) and in Inglewood Today (“Art in Inglewood This Season,” Inglewood Today, December 22, 2016.).

*The Branch Gallery is a project of The Knitting Tree, L.A., a fiber retail space recently relocated to Los Angeles’ Inglewood.*  
[thebranchgallery.com](http://thebranchgallery.com)



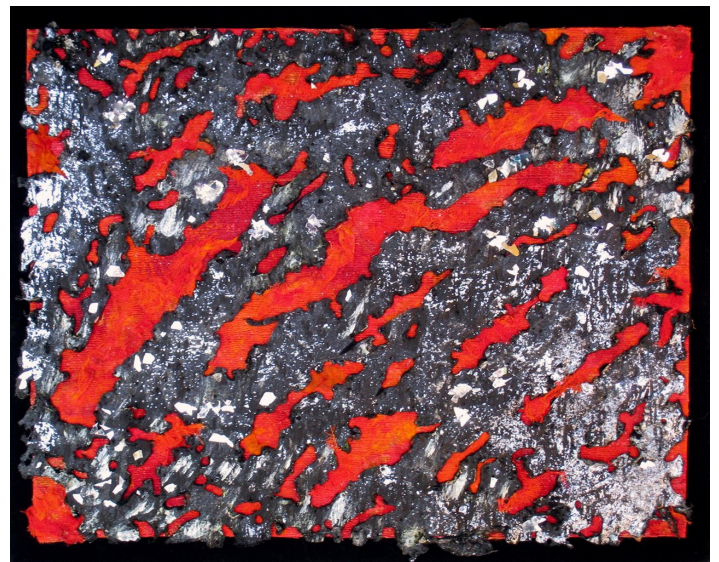
*Joolama III, Deborah Weir*

## About The Knitting Tree, L.A.

The Knitting Tree, L.A. is Inglewood's local sanctuary for fiber arts enthusiasts of all skill levels. We offer an extensive selection of high-quality yarns and supplies for knitting, crochet, spinning, weaving, and needle felting, as well as hands-on instruction by skilled artisans of diverse backgrounds. Our passion is contagious, inspiring beginners to embrace new skills, while challenging more advanced fiber artists to expand their creative horizons.

*Fertile soil for yarn enthusiasts of all strands to "Grow Here"!*

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*Lava Flow 2, Deborah Weir*

## About Deborah Weir

Deborah Weir is a Southern California mixed media artist who uses primarily fiber and textiles in her work. Though contemporary in every sense, the work she does references traditional “women’s work,” slowly built up, mostly by hand, with a needle, using gentle materials – thread, floss, fabric – in addition to more modern, edgier ones such as Tyvek, metals and found objects. Her work is detailed, often with reflective surfaces and tiny, rich elements. Weir tends to work in series, pursuing themes of importance to her, including language, human rights, and the state of our planet. The objective of Weir’s work is to awaken the viewer’s mind by means of visual seduction.

[Deborahweir.net](http://Deborahweir.net)

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