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Branch Gallery
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## Family Album

Featuring Pat Ahern
March 18, 2017 through April 28, 2017
Opening Reception:
March 18 from 3pm to 6pm

Katie. Pat Ahern

**Inglewood, CA** – Branch Gallery is excited to announce its upcoming exhibition, "Family Album," featuring work by local fiber artist Pat Ahern. "Family Album" will include work from Ahern's ten-year collection of crocheted family portraits, along with the debut of several new portraits.

Each piece draws likeness from the family photographs Ahern references, along with his personal memories of each person. The portraits range from small picture frame to life size, with each figure in a different pose. Ahern chooses to depict each person in a candid moment, much like what is seen in a family album, lending a timeless quality to the imagery.

A boutique with smaller handmade objects will also be on site, including scarves, jewelry, and other home goods.



Orange Papa, Pat Ahern

## **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. Inglewood has become known for its vibrant arts district and budding arts scene (as reflected in this New York Times article and this LA Business Journal Article).

The Branch Gallery is a project of The Knitting Tree, L.A., a fiber retail space recently relocated to Los Angeles' Inglewood. <a href="mailto:thebranchgallery.com">thebranchgallery.com</a>



Peg, Pat Ahern

## 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"! <a href="theknittingtreela.com">theknittingtreela.com</a>

## **About Pat Ahern**

Pat Ahern grew up in Woodland Hills, CA where he learned how to crochet and knit from his mother in high school. After many frustrating hours trying to make comfortable and fashionable garments, Ahern turned to wall hangings and sculptural fiber work. Ahern loves the freeform way crochet can be used with yarn, much like brushstrokes on a canvas. He is inspired both by the people in his life and by yarn, and through their endless variety. Pat Ahern is currently the resident artist at Gather DTLA in Los Angeles.



END Sally, Pat Ahern