

Press Release

Auburn: Cheryl Sallee Gallery

Sharon Gottula

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The City of Auburn and the Auburn Arts Commission are pleased to present the work of Sharon Gottula at the Cheryl Sallee Gallery, on view January 8th-March 5th, 2025.

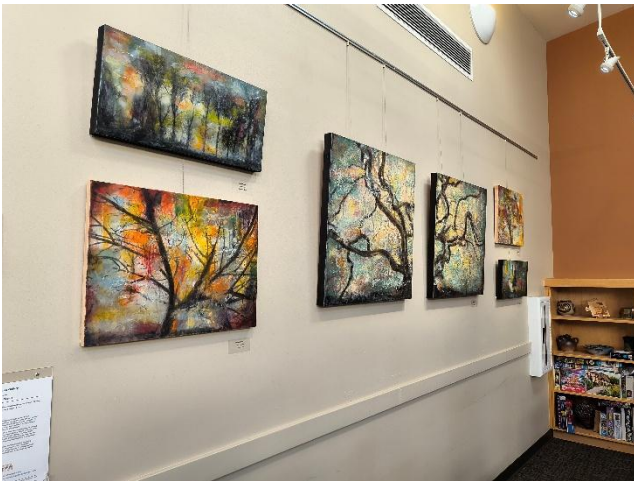
Artwork Statement:

Sharon Gottula's artistic journey took a transformative turn in 2010 when she saw her first encaustic painting. This encounter redirected the course of her work, steering it from photography to multimedia compositions.

A Leo with a fire-heavy astrological chart, painting with a blowtorch felt like a natural extension of her creative expression. Deeply interested in the environment, the natural substances of wax and damar enhance and intensify the environmental themes that feature heavily in her work.

In her encaustic pieces, Gottula juxtaposes transparent and opaque layers, integrating photography, fabric, and paper to create a complex, narrative storyline. Through this combination of diverse elements, she chronicles the transient nature of memory, captures the fragmented moments of human existence, and reflects upon the endangered fragility of our surroundings.

- Sharon Gottula



Sharon Gottula at Cheryl Sallee Gallery, 2024

Cheryl Sallee Gallery, Auburn Senior Center, 808 9th St SE, Auburn, WA 98002
The gallery is viewable Mon-Fri 8-5.

This art installation is coordinated through the City of Auburn, Parks, Arts & Recreation Department and with the support of the Auburn Arts Commission.

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