## Press Release Auburn: Community Center Gallery Gabriela Nirino

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The City of Auburn and the Auburn Arts Commission are pleased to present the work of Gabriela Nirino at the Community Center Gallery, on view January 9<sup>th</sup> – March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

## Artwork Statement:

"I am a weaver. The first thing I think about when I find something new is whether it can become a yarn or be woven. Weaving is all about to interrelate, connect and building. I am interested in what happens in those zones of exchange between people, objects, materials, disciplines, ideas.



As a maker, I am particularly interested in natural, recycled and founded materials because I feel a responsibility every time I decide to bring a new object to the world. I am interested in working with what is around me, to give value to forgotten materials. Doing with my hands is a way of approaching reality that allows me to think, stop, and choose. My previous work, the Jacquard pieces, talk about anonymous workers who build our community with their hands.

My work in recent years has focused on the world of plants. In 2020, during the pandemic, I moved from Argentina to Seattle, where my husband had stayed. For the first time in my life, I live in a house surrounded by trees. I had no materials, so Nature was my friendly partner and provider. I begin to use fallen branches, leaves, dirt. For several years I worked with corn husks. That experience helped me to work with some plants that I collect to transform into fiber. I believe in the need to recover and reforest the land and the pieces I do try to talk about that."

Gabriela Nirino

**Community Center Gallery, Auburn Community & Event Center,** 910 Ninth Street SE, Auburn, WA 98002 The gallery is viewable Mon-Fri 7-8 and Sat 8-4.

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