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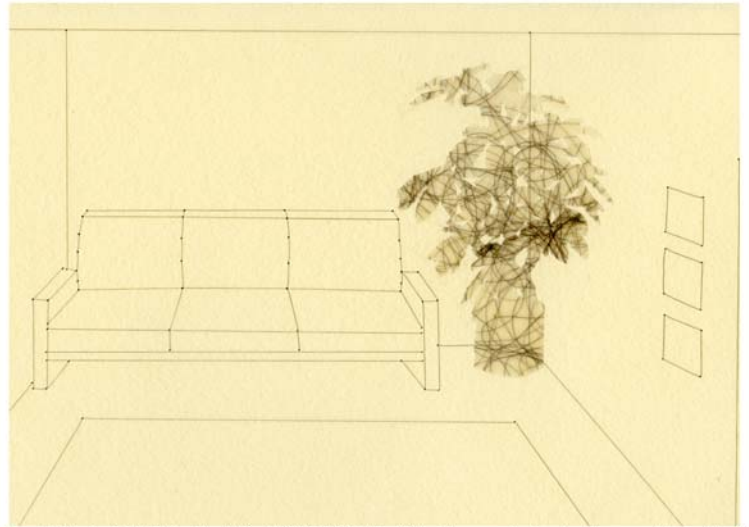
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InLiquid at the Bride presents

Home Imagined

Work by **Brenna K. Murphy**

April 1 – May 14, 2011



Brenna K. Murphy, Detail: *Potted Plants (Couch)*, 2010, Artist's hair stitched into paper, hand-made hair paper, adhesive, 5" x 8"

Painted Bride Art Center Café Gallery

230 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA

First Friday receptions: April 1 and May 6, 5 - 7 pm

(Philadelphia, April 2011) This spring, **InLiquid** presents ***Home Imagined***, an exhibition of new work by artist Brenna K. Murphy at the Painted Bride Art Center Café Gallery. There will be an opening reception for the artist on **First Friday, April 1, 2011** from 5 to 7 pm, and an additional reception on **May 6, 2011** from 5 to 7 pm.

Working primarily with her own hair, Murphy creates works on paper and site-specific installations. As the product of a nomadic upbringing, moving eight times and living in six states by the age of eighteen, Murphy became interested in the relationship between the ideal of home and the body. Her work explores the possibility that the body can be a surrogate home for those that don't have one as is traditionally defined in our culture, while also acknowledging the temporality of the body and our collective cultural notion of what home means.

By using her own hair strands to create linear home interiors and handmade paper cut to organic objects, the artist creates this relationship of home and self. There is a delicate balance in her work through the architectural elements shared with traditional homes and using her own hair as a natural organic medium.

Brenna K. Murphy is a Philadelphia based artist and educator. She holds a B.F.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and recently finished a fellowship in the Career Development Program at The Center for Emerging Visual Artists. She was the recipient of the Fleisher Memorial Challenge Award in 2010, and recently had work acquired by The West Collection of Oaks, PA.

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