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Swarm Gallery is pleased to present

IMPROVISED TERRITORY

JEFF EISENBERG and CHRISTOPHER LOOMIS

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Artist Reception | Friday, May 23, 2008, 6-8PM

OAKLAND, Calif. – 15 May 2008 – Swarm Gallery is pleased to announce *Improvised Territory*, a two-person exhibition that illuminates a new mode of seeing forms and utilitarian spaces. Featuring new works and installations by Jeff Eisenberg and Christopher Loomis.

Hyper-conscious to materials and our relationship to them, Christopher Loomis begins his art-making process by imagining a journey to uncertain destinations. Using primarily wood, he searches for structural and visual qualities in it, knots and grains that bend and carve uniquely. His designs emerge from this improvisation with the material. Jeff Eisenberg has traded in his colored pencil on Mylar technique for graphite drawings depicting home-scapes. He constructs unusual dwellings, like islands on the paper, huge cathedrals rising out of the soil. These structures are uniquely tempered – they're nostalgic remnants of places he's been, where he grew up and territories of his imagination.

PROJECT SPACE | *Picket Fencing*

By John Casey

In the project space, Oakland-based artist John Casey is installing "Picket Fencing," which includes a cast of characters developed over time that "fence with pickets." Drawing from the obvious pun in the name, Casey also has fun with the latent angst tied up in middle class suburban culture. He says: "A father of four young boys told me this story. His sons were out playing in their large backyard one afternoon. At one point, the father went out into the backyard and found his sons wildly battling each other with numerous wooden pickets torn from his pristine white-picket fence. The boys were literally fencing with pickets. For me, the story conjured images of an epic battle where the combatants splinter their environment to extract weapons to wield against each other. With total disregard for the iconic power of the white-picket fence, the manic adolescents destroy the fence with glee."

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