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Swarm Gallery is pleased to announce the upcoming exhibition

OTHERWISE NATURE

January 6 - February 11, 2007

New Works on Paper by
Mariana Garibay
Elise Morris
Myong Stebbins

PROJECT SPACE: Jessica Serran
Project Truth Collection and Reflection

OAKLAND, Calif. – 6 December 2006 – Swarm Gallery presents *Otherwise Nature*, an exhibition of works on paper by California artists **Mariana Garibay**, **Elise Morris**, and **Myong Stebbins**. Each artist uniquely explores biomorphic forms, patterns of decay and emerging new growth.

Mariana Garibay, a Mexico-born artist, surveys a fantasy landscape where intricately detailed subjects inhabit dream-like environments. Garibay's work reveals her savvy design aesthetic as well as her interest in organic shapes and biological flights of imagination. Elise Morris creates drawings based on the physical world, while imagining an alternative nature. She discovers in her abstract works that there is beauty in entropy, in the patterns of slow growth, and in the details that too often remain unnoticed. Myong Stebbins' paintings stem from her interest in distilling experience down to simple organic elements. Like Garibay, her imagery is dream-like, unfolding without preconception, left to chance, striving to balance narrative with abstraction.

PROJECT SPACE – **Jessica Serran** | Project Truth Collection and Reflection

Project Truth Collection and Reflection explores Oakland as a place through the truths of its people and the reflections of one artist. This installation will be comprised of two elements: A file cabinet containing a collection of documented "truths" in file folders and a wall installation, completed by the artist, functioning as a way to process and reflect upon the gathered truths. The artist will set up a "truth" table in various Oakland neighborhoods and invite residents to share their truth, verbally and/or visually. The wall piece, created by Serran, will be her reflection and response to this experience.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS

EXHIBITION: Otherwise Nature: New Works on Paper by Mariana Garibay, Elise Morris, Myong Stebbins
Project Space | Jessica Serran

DATES: January 6- February 11, 2007
Swarm Gallery is open to the public Tuesday – Sunday 12 – 6PM and by appointment

RECEPTION: Friday, January 12, 2007 6-9PM Visit with new Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums

LOCATION: Swarm Gallery, 560 Second Street, Oakland CA 94607 www.swarmstudios.net

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