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## JOIN 1708 GALLERY FOR TWO EXCITING EVENTS!

FAMILY FUN DAY: Saturday, October 18, 1 - 4 p.m

## **DAY OF THE DEAD PARTY + SILENT AUCTION CONCLUSION:**Saturday, November 1, 6 p.m

Richmond, VA - 1708 Gallery is excited to invite you to two events coinciding with *Exquisite Corpse*, an exhibition and silent auction featuring works created by nationally recognized artists from Richmond and beyond in the spirit of the Surrealist game of the same name.

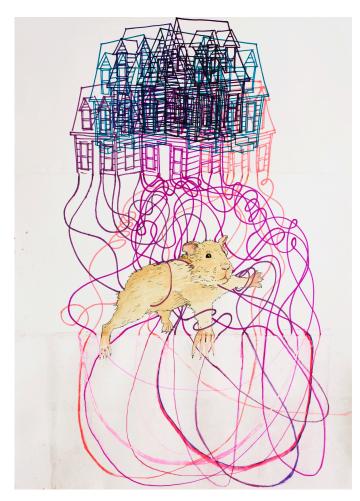
Please join us on Saturday, October 18th, 1 - 4 p.m. for a free Family Fun Day where you'll be able to collaborate on exquisite corpse drawings with artists featured in the exhibition! Fun for all ages, there will also be lantern making, sidewalk chalk, balloons, and a bake sale by the VCU Photo & Film department.

On the evening of November 1, join us in celebrating the conclusion of the *Exquisite Corpse* exhibition with a Day of the Dead party & silent auction at 6 p.m. Bidding for works starts at \$300 and runs the length of the exhibition. The auction will conclude at 9 p.m. Come early for drinks and delicious food from La Milpa! Purchase your tickets via our website or phone for \$10 in advance or buy them the night of the party for \$15.

Funds raised through the auction will support the future growth and programming of 1708 Gallery as it continues to provide a space for early career artists to realize new work.

Exquisite Corpse was inspired by long-time 1708 supporters Jay Barrows and Cindy Neuschwander. Neuschwander, who passed away in December 2012, was a member of the initial planning committee. Her spirit is very much alive in the fantastic work and the collaborations across many artists that the project engendered.

For more information and a complete list of participating artists please visit our website at www.1708gallery.org.



Exquisite Corpse is sponsored in part by Jay Barrows & Fan Frame & Fine Art.

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**1708 Gallery** is a non-profit arts organization committed to presenting exceptional new art. 1708 Gallery is committed to providing opportunities for artistic innovation for emerging and established artists and to expanding the understanding and appreciation of new art for the public.

**IMAGE CREDIT**: Exquisite Corpse by Matt Lively, Nathan Tersteeg, and Brooke Inman, 22 x 30", mixed media.