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Garden Week: Alex Arzt, Carrie Dickason, Naomi Reis, Jeff Schmuki

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Richmond, VA - This spring, 1708 Gallery invites an exploration of our relationship with the natural world in Garden Week, featuring Alex Arzt, Carrie Dickason, Naomi Reis, and Jeff Schmuki. Each artist approaches the interaction of human and nature differently, as issues of environmental stewardship, preservation, and collaboration thread the works in this exhibition.

Artz combines video, photography, and living plants to explore “a way to know the surrounding and global environment through the senses and seasons with a spirit of resilience, care, and empathy.” Dickason’s large-scale paperworks are based off natural motifs and simulate the perception of shifting light in a garden. Schmuki’s sculptural seed beds and horticultural-based installations encourage a playfulness with impassioned notions of green social responsibility. And Reis’ mixed media works on paper examine how the wildness of botanics relate to the architectural forms enclosing them.

This exhibition takes its inspiration from the horticultural legacy honored annually in Virginia’s Historic Garden Week, this year from April 23-30, 2016. For more information about, visit: <http://www.vagardenweek.org>

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.

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