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InLiquid at the Bride presents
...if this your mother knew
paintings by **Anna Breininger**

September 3 – October 16, 2010

Painted Bride Art Center Café Gallery
230 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA
First Friday receptions:
September 3 and October 1, 5 – 7 pm



Anna Breininger, *Peopled*, 2010, acrylic, wax, lace on board, 32" x 32"

(Philadelphia, July 2010) This fall, **InLiquid** presents *...if this your mother knew*, an installation of paintings by artist Anna Breininger at the Painted Bride Art Center Café Gallery. There will be an opening reception for the artist on **First Friday, September 3, 2010** from 5 to 7 pm, and an additional reception on October 3, 2010 from 5 to 7 pm.

This exhibition of paintings explores the relationships between heirlooms, domestic memories, and the decaying effects of time. The work is made through a process of layering materials then peeling away at the final surface. Destructive effects of time and exposure to the elements are built in, allowing for the exploration of the imperfect relationship we have with these precious things.

Breininger uses Pennsylvania German motifs as a starting point to explore the lines between spiritually significant gestures and pure decoration. These paintings draw inspiration from handmade items such as hex signs, quilts, and fraktur. Though this imagery is specific it, like the symbols of so many cultures, shifts identities between defining genuine heritage and existing as a purely kitschy commodity. Much like a handed down story, these images are shaped and distilled gradually through their retelling.

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Anna Breininger is an artist living and working in Philadelphia. She makes paintings and sculptures dealing with personal histories and domesticity. She graduated from Arcadia University with a BFA in Painting and while there studied at Goldsmiths College in London. Recently, she attended an artist residency at the School of Visual Arts in New York.

The public hours for the Painted Bride Café Gallery are noon – 6 pm, Tuesday – Saturday, and until 7 pm on the First Friday of each month.

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