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Jude Bond and Michelle Saffran Exhibit at *Vintage Inspired Lifestyle Marketplace* in February

Burlington, VT: (January 20, 2012) *Vintage Inspired Lifestyle Marketplace* on Flynn Avenue in Burlington is pleased to announce an exhibition in February of work from Vermont artists and photographers Jude Bond and Michelle Saffran. This exhibition featuring black and white and color photography will open on First Friday, February 3rd with a reception from 5-8pm, and runs through February 29th. Also in the month of February, *Vintage Inspired* will feature art work from the community at The Lodge at Shelburne Bay. *Vintage Inspired*, A vibrant new marketplace for antique dealers, artists and craftspeople, is located at 180 Flynn Avenue, and is open Tuesday – Saturday from 10am to 5pm, Sunday from 12pm to 4pm and closed Mondays.

Artist **Jude Bond's** silver gelatin prints entitled *Yours Till Niagara Falls; Brides and Grooms and Honeymoons* are a photographic celebration of love, marriage, honeymoons, waterfalls, smooches, pools, geysers, rocks, rivers, caves, carnivals, and attractions – both tourist and otherwise. The series is an ode to both the vernacular candid snapshot and the vintage cabinet card, a posed studio-style portrait genre with atmospheric hand-painted backdrops. Taking something old and something new -- in this case old and new photographs, and old and new technology -- Jude has created faux snapshots of happy couples as they traverse the USA visiting such familiar locales as The Carlsbad Caverns, Mount Rushmore, and Marine World. These silver gelatin prints are intimate little treasures presented to accentuate their object-ness. They provide a glimpse of romance that is tender yet archly amusing. Jude has exhibited her work all over Vermont for over 15 years, and facilitates the Early Arts program at Burlington City Arts. www.judebond.net

Michelle Saffran creates photographs that deal with issues of gender identity, loss of innocence, passage of time and our temporal existence. In her artist statement, Saffran states

that she “looks to the tradition of still life painting for inspiration, and is particularly provoked by the dark moodiness and heavy symbolism of the Dutch and Spanish still life paintings of the early 16th Century.” Michelle holds a BFA in photography from Minneapolis College of Art and Design and exhibits her work throughout the area. She is a photography and design teacher at Burlington City Arts and is currently pursuing an MFA in Visual Arts from the Art Institute of Boston. www.michellesaffranphotography.com

Vintage Inspired Lifestyle Marketplace on Flynn Avenue in Burlington, VT is a funky & accessible source of vintage goods for inspired lifestyles. It is a delight for shoppers wanting to combine a love for antiques, curious goods and art. Owner, Mary Heinrich Aloï has a truly inspired eye and her shop is a destination for in-the-know pickers, collectors, and art lovers. For more information and directions to the Marketplace, please visit www.vintageinspired.net

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