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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Exhibition From The Collection of Gregg Blasdel and Jennifer Koch: *Vintage Inspired Lifestyle Marketplace* in May**

Burlington, VT: (April 23, 2014) Vintage Inspired Lifestyle Marketplace on Flynn Avenue in Burlington is pleased to announce an exhibition of found photographs, *from the collection of Gregg Blasdel and Jennifer Koch*, May 2<sup>nd</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. There will be an opening reception Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00pm. Vintage Inspired, A vibrant marketplace for antique dealers, artists and craftspeople, is located at 180 Flynn Avenue, and is open Monday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm and Sunday from 12pm to 4pm.

Artist, educator, and avid folk art collector Gregg Blasdel and his partner, artist Jennifer Koch, exhibit their collection of vintage found photographs. This exhibition not only displays a collection of unique vintage finds, but gives a glimpse into the mind of the collector.

In a statement from the collectors, Gregg and Jennifer say, "There is a world of posed pets, amateur musicians, miniature objects and the family cutup who always makes sure to liven up the family photographs. For the collector it is about seeing the photo from two sets of eyes, the photographer's eyes and the collector's eyes. The photographer records a unique photographic event that over time may turn up at an antique shop, a junk store or lawn sale void of any connection to its original significance or context. In the eyes of the collector the photo acquires a new life, a new context for consideration."

2012 Barbara Smail Award winning artist Gregg Blasdel has been a part of the Vermont art scene since the 1970s. He received his MFA from Cornell University in 1967, and taught at the Whitney Museum in New York City soon after. He relocated to Vermont in the 1970s to teach art at the University of Vermont and then St. Michael's College in the 80s. Blasdel has lectured around the country about art and architecture and his drawings, sculpture and prints have been exhibited around New England and in New York City. Gregg Blasdel lives in Burlington,

Vermont with his wife and frequent collaborator Jennifer Koch, owner of *Frames For You And Mona Lisa Too*. Jennifer, also a Barbara Smail Award winner in 2007, has been working on three extended series of works; *Specimen* a collection of constructions made with found objects, *Marriages of Reason* a series of collaborative print made with Gregg Blasdel and *Scissor Drawings* collages made with and inspired by a 1925 Funk & Wagnalls' dictionary, which will be on display at the Vermont Metro Gallery at The BCA Center from January 24-March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014.

**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](http://www.vintageinspired.net)

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