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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Mixed Media Exhibition from Artist Jody Desjardins at Vintage Inspired In June**

Burlington, VT: (May 27, 2015) Vintage Inspired Lifestyle Marketplace on Flynn Avenue in Burlington is pleased to announce an exhibition entitled Imagined Explorations from Essex, Vermont artist Jody Desjardins. The exhibition opens with a reception on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, and runs through June 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

In an artist statement, Jody Desjardins describes his work and process this way “The work I create is a continuous dialogue between the visual input I receive and how I process this information through the language of painting. I am not always certain about the image I am going to make; instead it’s more about what I discover through the process of building layers of paint, patterns and line.” Desjardins works on surfaces that are recycled and bring new life to them. “There is something interesting about painting on a surface that already possesses a history or story and be able to elaborate through adding new layers. My sketchbook is a big part of my painting process as well. I am able to quickly gather and record ideas and sketches to be incorporated or combined later on a painted surface,” says Desjardins.

Jody Desjardins made friends in middle school by drawing Simpson’s characters on door sized pieces of paper for his friends. His art career started early by setting up shop on his neighbor’s stoop and selling to the local skater clientele. In 2002 Jody earned his BFA in painting and drawing at the University of Southern Maine where he won awards for ‘Best in Show’ and ‘Dean’s purchase award’ in juried exhibits. Recently, Jody was chosen to display works in the SEABA Art Hop juried show. He also painted live in Magic Hat’s ‘Wall to Canvas’ graffiti inspired competition and has participated in group shows at SPACE Gallery in Burlington. He gathers inspiration by exploring his environment by bicycle. Jody lives and works in Essex, Vermont with his wife Kim and two feline studio assistants, Scribbles and Malachai.

**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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