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AO Glass opened their location in Burlington, VT after 15 years' experience in Scandinavia designing and producing art glass. Their glass-blowing visualizes the concerns of our time through collaborations with others. aoglass.com

The Office of Legislative Council provides legal and administrative services for the General Assembly and supports state legislators. leg.state.vt.us

For over 30 yrs, **Burlington City Arts**, a hybrid organization—part City department, part community organization—has engaged in the celebration of artistic expression, education, and stewardship. burlingtoncityarts.org

Cradle to Grave Arts has been making dance works, educating, and mentoring young people for over 30 years. hannahdennison.org/cradletogravearts

Urban Dance Complex, VT's "original" hip hop dance studio, has trained alumni who went on to MTV music awards, college dance teams, and music videos. urbandancecomplex.com

Since 1981, **Villari Center** has been teaching people how to be healthier and smarter and how they can transform into more respectful and responsible families. villaricenter.com

Since 1998, **The Intervale Center**, dedicated to strengthening community food systems, has developed programs to improve farm viability, promote sustainable land use and engage communities in their own local food systems. intervale.org

Sugarsnap, a farm-to-table food business with a 3-acre farm, 3 retail outlets and a catering operation, cooks and serves food made from scratch with great regional and sustainable ingredients. thesnapvt.com

For over 30 years, **Healthy Living Market and Café**, Vermont's largest natural foods market, has been family-owned and -run. Look for second store in Saratoga Springs, NY 2013. healthylivingmarket.com

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Champlain College serves 2,000 undergraduate students in four professional divisions, as well as graduate and adult students continuing their

lifelong search for knowledge through Champlain's online Continuing Professional Studies program. champlain.edu

Mountain View Natural Medicine, a full service naturopathic medical clinic founded by Dr. Lorilee Schoenbeck in 2010, provides primary care services within a larger integrative health center. mountainviewnaturalmedicine.com

Senator Claire Ayer (D-Addison), Health & Welfare Chair; **Senator Ann Cummings** (D-Washington), Finance Chair; **Senator Jane Kitchel** (D-Caledonia), Appropriations Chair. leg.state.vt.us

Yoga Vermont, Burlington Yoga, & Laughing River Yoga, combined, have been offering classes, workshops, teacher trainings, and hosting special events for decades. burlingtonyoga.com; yogavermont.com; laughingriveryoga.com

In Lincoln, VT, **Sunray Peace Village, Sunray Meditation Society**, and **Vajra Dakini**, the first Tibetan Buddhist nunnery in the US, provide opportunities for practice, learning, and fellowship. sunray.org; vajradakininunnery.org

Children of the Earth, a charitable NGO of the UN since 1992, is dedicated to building a better future by providing children with the necessary skills to advance peace in the world. coeworld.org

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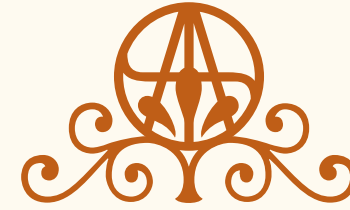
The Vermont Senate Victory supports Democratic State Senators and candidates in their bids for State Senate. vtsenatevictory.org

The Sultana Group

The Sultana Group is a collection of women who connect, coach, and support community and global leaders, entrepreneurs, and young people for the purpose of creating environments of collaboration and continuous learning. thesultanas.com

VT Democratic Senate Caucus and the Sultana Group

~ present ~



THE 1ST ANNUAL Sultana Creative Spirit Awards

CELEBRATING THE SULTANAS OF 2012

Tonight we honor those hearts and minds that work in the local/creative/sustainable economy. We recognize the creative spirit in action, we celebrate relationships, and we congratulate the Elders who share with the next generation. These awards highlight cultures that collaborate, innovate and support continuous learning.

thesultanas.com

1 ▲ TEAM AWARD:

"Our team sees strength in our differences. Within a diverse body of ideas, the creative spark begins. That spark, that creativity, is what helps bring about better solutions for our economy, for sustainable growth and stronger communities. By tapping into this creative reservoir, we are able to solve the most vexing problems."

—*Patricia Moulton Powden, Megan Smith, Noelle MacKay, Jennifer Hollar, & Kathleen Murphy, Agency of Commerce & Community Development*

2 ▲ CREATIVE SPIRIT AWARD:

"Creative progression and distinction are at the heart of JDK's work. Great design never stands still and we are always striving to 'make it new.'"

—*Giovanna Di Paola & Michael Jager, JDK*

"Our work is continuously fueled by the creative spirit. It has to be part of everything we do. It manifests through the expressions in our glass works. It flows with the heat of the molten glass. Without the creative spirit there is no real communication."

—*Tove Ohlander & Rich Arentzen, AO Glass*

3 ▲ S.I.T. (SULTANAS IN TRAINING) AWARD:

"Vermont is a special state. Our citizens are hardworking, creative, entrepreneurial and compassionate. The Vermont state legislature absorbs these values, this creative spirit, and works collaboratively with and for Vermonters to ensure a bright future."

—*Agatha Kessler, Office of Legislative Council*

"It's sometimes hard to feel the creative spirit when you are out herding cats. But underneath it all, there is a great spirit that moves us forward to serve the people of Vermont."

—*Ashley Grant, Aide-de-Camp to President Pro Tempore John Campbell*

"I have lived in several countries as a refugee, as an immigrant, and as a citizen. This drives the unique perspective I bring to each conversation, discussion, and debate. The creative spirit is the ability to combine your own blend of experience, drive, ingenuity, honesty and generosity in order to contribute to a bigger picture."

—*Dzeneta Karabegovic, MA, U. of Chicago*

4 ▲ CREATIVE ECONOMY AWARD:

"The creative spirit that fuels my imagination and fires all cylinders is a cocktail mix of desire and passion with a pinch of chaos. I am buoyed and supported every day by an incredible team at BCA."

—*Doreen Kraft, Burlington City Arts*

"The creative spirit is integral to all aspects of Cradle to Grave Arts and is at the root of all choices and decisions. In dance, we find a

deeply satisfying way of life as well as a potent and effective avenue of communication and social change."

—*Hannah Dennison, Cradle to Grave Arts*

"The creative spirit works in ways I still don't understand. I believe that the creative spirit is within all of us, and what differs is the way we tap into it. I've been extremely lucky to have experienced it so early, and I've dedicated my life to helping others find the creative spirit through dance."

—*Sarah Cover, Urban Dance Complex*

"My creative spirit compels me to teach people self-defense, no matter what their age, so they are not victims of any circumstance and they can learn to live the martial art way. My parents taught me morals and faith, the martial arts taught me strength and confidence, and I gave myself the ability to trust and to believe that we can have peace within ourselves, and thus create peace for the whole world."

—*Lauri Shover-Duffy, 8th Degree Master of Shaolin Kempo, Villari Self-Defense Center*

5 ▲ SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY AWARD:

"The Intervale Center's creative spirit is inspired by the energy and spirit of the land and the young people dedicated to the organization. Farmed for centuries by Native Americans and now young Vermonters, the land we preserve and harvest provides a wellspring of local fresh food in the middle of Burlington, VT."

—*Meg Smith, Intervale Center*

"At Sugarsnap, we have a passion for growing, cooking and sharing great food. We combine this passion with creative energy and new ideas to bring more accessible sustainable food options to our community every day."

—*Abbey Duke, Sugarsnap*

"Healthy Living Market and Café has been fueled by creative juices since our earliest days, in 1986. Passion, vigilance, and the creative spark that encompasses everything from customer service, to product mix, to management philosophy, continue to drive the business."

—*Eli Lesser-Goldsmith & Katy Lesser, Healthy Living Market and Cafe*

6 ▲ GAZELLE AWARD:

"Dealer.com is based on an open, collaborative, hard-working environment where employees can grow their career through access to company-sponsored learning and development programs, and also enhance their own health and wellness by utilizing programs and amenities that nourish the body and mind. The creative drive of our employees, combined with our advanced technology and deep commitment to research and development, make us not just a leader in the industry, but a model corporate citizen."

—*Mike Lane, Dealer.com*

"Champlain College has a long history of bringing the creative spirit to the task of educating our citizens for professional and life success. Champlain's mission has been described as 'radically pragmatic education, preparing its students to be ready for work, ready for life, ready for anything.'"

—*David Strubler, Champlain College*

"Inherent in the practice of every ND is the recognition of the *Vis Medicatrix Naturae*, or the "healing force of nature." We use remedies found in nature, such as our food, herbal medicines, counseling and other natural therapies. The doctor is not the healer, but the one who connects the patients to, and empowers them to participate in their own healing. The creative spirit, therefore, is that "Vis", or "force" of healing inherent in each of us."

—*Dr. Lorilee Schoenbeck, Mountain View Natural Medicine*

7 ▲ SULTANA SENATOR AWARD:

"In a year with a declining economy, increasing need for state services, a wet spring and Hurricane Irene, we had to rely on the creative spirit (and a sense of humor) to pull us through. We had to problem solve, negotiate and collaborate to craft a plan from disparate ideas and diverse needs and to come to some sort of agreement. In the end, we want to be fair, respect others and give credit where it is deserved."

—*Senator Claire Ayer, Senator Ann Cummings, & Senator Jane Kitchel, Vermont State Senate*

8 ▲ SPIRITUAL ECONOMY AWARD:

"The Divine Spirit, the Creative Spirit, infuses the air we breathe, the people we interact with, the many decisions we make each day. Love and Compassion, inherent within humanity, gives us evidence of this. We encourage people to practice every day and absorb the lessons, with gratitude."

—*Kathy McNames, Yoga Vermont, Emily Garrett, Laughing River Yoga, & Piper Petrie Abbott, Burlington Yoga*

9 ▲ SAGE AWARD:

"Creativity is an energy field in which we all dwell. Practical application of that direct perception often called spiritual insight requires a skill set of pure motivation, understanding that all beings are related in the sea of life, and commitment to act considering the implications of our present action on future generations."

—*Venerable Dhyani Ywahoo, Director & Spiritual Leader, Sunray Peace Village*

"The Creative Spirit is a winding road through time and space. It allows me to trust that what I see is not all there is and leads me beyond my concrete mind, to the service of the greater whole and to harmony. In this way, the creative spirit fuels my life and, thus, my work."

—*Dr. Nina Meyerhoff, Children of the Earth*

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1 Team AWARD

VT AGENCY OF COMMERCE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:
Patricia Moulton Powden, Deputy Secretary & Economic Development Director

Megan Smith, Commissioner, Marketing & Tourism

Noelle MacKay, Commissioner, Economic, Housing, & Community Development

Jennifer Hollar, Deputy Commissioner, Economic, Housing, & Community Development

Kathleen Murphy, Chief Marketing Officer

JAGER DI PAOLA KEMP DESIGN (JDK):

Giovanna Di Paola & Michael Jager, Founders

ARENTZEN OHLANDER GLASS (AO GLASS):

Tove Ohlander & Rich Arentzen, Founders & Glass Artists

Agatha Kessler, Supervisor of Committee Services, Office of Legislative Council

Ashley Grant, Aide-de-Camp to President Pro Tempore, John Campbell

Dzeneta Karabegovic, Ph.D. in Politics & International Studies, U. of Warwick, England, fall, 2012

BURLINGTON CITY ARTS: **Doreen Kraft**, Executive Director

CRADLE TO GRAVE ARTS: **Hannah Dennison**, Artistic Director

URBAN DANCE COMPLEX: **Sarah Cover**, Director & Founder

VILLARI'S SELF DEFENSE AND WELLNESS CENTER:

Laurie Shover-Duffy, Founder, Professor of Martial Arts

INTERVALE CENTER: **Meg Smith**, Board Member

SUGARSNAP: **Abbey Duke**, Founder & CEO

HEALTHY LIVING MARKET & CAFE: **Eli Lesser-Goldsmith**, Owner & General Manager, **Katy Lesser**, Owner & Founder

DEALER.COM: **Mike Lane**, Chief Operating Officer

CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE: **David Strubler**, Dean of Business

MOUNTAIN VIEW NATURAL MEDICINE: **Lorilee Schoenbeck, ND**

Claire Ayer, Ann Cummings, & Jane Kitchel

YOGA VERMONT: **Kathy McNames**, Founder

LAUGHING RIVER YOGA: **Emily Garrett**, Founder

BURLINGTON YOGA: **Piper Petrie Abbott**, Founder

SUN RAY PEACE VILLAGE: **Venerable Dhyani Ywahoo**, Founder & Spiritual Director

CHILDREN OF THE EARTH: **Dr. Nina Meyerhoff**, Founder

2 Creative Spirit AWARD

3 S.I.T. AWARD (Sultanas in Training)

4 Creative Economy AWARD

5 Sustainable Economy AWARD

6 Gazelle AWARD

7 Sultana Senator AWARD

8 Spiritual Economy AWARD

9 Sage AWARD

* in consultation with VT Arts Council & Office of the Creative Economy

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