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FRANCES F. DENNY

LET VIRTUE BE YOUR GUIDE

November 19 – December 19, 2015

Artist's reception:
 Thursday, November 19, 2015
 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

ClampArt is pleased to present "Frances F. Denny: Let Virtue Be Your Guide"—an exhibition to coincide with the release of the artist's monograph of the same title from Radius Books (Hardcover, 9.75 x 10.5 inches, 128 pages, 36 color plates, \$45). This is Frances F. Denny's first solo show.

"Let Virtue Be Your Guide" examines the artist's family and their deeply rooted history as early settlers of New England. One ancestor, John Howland, was a deckhand aboard The Mayflower. Unearthing the idea of feminine "virtue" from the confines of its historical meaning, the photographs of the women in the artist's family have a watchful quality, as if the artist is defining for herself what it means to be a woman. Her sitters, and the domestic spaces they inhabit, together evoke a distinct and well-worn privilege. In the photographs seams pull apart exposing the shifts occurring across generations of women. The resulting collection of images becomes a search for meaning in heritage, a challenge to the notion of legacy, and the artist's reckoning with a traditional version of American femininity.

The photographs included in "Let Virtue Be Your Guide" were taken between 2011-2014. They were shot in nine private residences located in Maine, Massachusetts, New York, and Rhode Island.

Frances F. Denny (b. 1984) is an artist based in Brooklyn, New York, whose work investigates the development of female selfhood and identity. She holds an MFA from the Rhode Island School of Design and a BA from the Gallatin School at New York University.

For more information and images please contact Brian Paul Clamp, Director, or see www.clampart.com. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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