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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ANNE ELLIOTT

Painting Poetry

APRIL 24 – MAY 19, 2012

OPENING RECEPTION:
THURSDAY APRIL 26TH, 6-8PM

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Above: *By Means of an Image We Hold Onto Our Past Belongings, 2011*

SOHO20 Chelsea gallery presents an exhibition of new work by Anne Elliott. *Painting Poetry* will be on view from April 24 through May 19th.

The exhibition features new painting and collage works by the artist that explores emotional dramas from the tragic to the sublime. Using poetry as the impetus for most of the works, Elliott creates tangential narratives using small but monumental imagery.

Elliott's intimate mixed media pieces are the final stage of a lengthy process. Using imagery sourced from personal photographs, magazine and newspaper clippings, and found material, she composes a rough collage, incorporating paint, papers and other materials in her sketchbook. From these "sketches" Elliot digitally manipulates each vignette, which is then realized as both archival prints and mixed media paintings.

Elliott, whose creative work vacillates between writing and visual art, has been using text in tandem with her painting for many years. *Painting Poetry* is the first body of work that draws upon literary sources other than her own. Inspired by the words of T.S.Eliot, Shakespeare, Claire Beynon and others, Elliott incorporates their writing into her work with poignant articulation.

Anne Elliott is a writer and artist living and working in New Jersey. She has had one-person exhibitions at the Graham Gallery, NY, the Westmoreland Museum and Johnstown Museums, PA, The Hewlett Gallery of Carnegie-Mellon and the Center for the Arts at SUNY Purchase, among others. Her work has appeared in exhibitions at the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, The Fine Arts Museum of Long Island, School 33 Art Center in Baltimore, and the Robeson Gallery at Penn State, the Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, Graham Gallery, CDS Gallery, among others. Elliott has received a Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Fellowship.

Elliott has a B.A. from Sarah Lawrence College and a Certificate in Electronic Design from Pratt New York. This is her first solo exhibition at SOHO20 Chelsea Gallery.

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