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POSTAL PLAZA GALLERY OPENS TO PUBLIC AND UNVEILS INAUGURAL EXHIBITION FEATURING HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COLLECTION

(STILLWATER, Okla., Jan. 7, 2014) — The Oklahoma State University Museum of Art’s first location will fully open its doors to the public this month when the Postal Plaza Gallery introduces *Sharing a Journey: Building the Oklahoma State University Museum of Art Collection*.

Sharing a Journey represents the ongoing commitment of OSU’s faculty, students, staff, alumni, and friends, who have worked together to build an outstanding collection for the university and our community. OSU began collecting art in the 1930s, thanks to Art Department head and nationally recognized printmaker Doel Reed. The collection has continued to grow and strengthen since then. Now, with this long-awaited exhibition, the OSU Museum of Art is able to share the collection with the community for the first time.

Sharing a Journey will feature works from the ancient world to the present day, and its geographical range spans the globe. Because the exhibition serves as an introduction to – and represents the breadth of - the collection, it offers a unique opportunity to view a wide variety of artwork and cultural objects, all connected through one exhibition.

The opening of OSU’s first dedicated museum facility at the Postal Plaza Gallery is a significant moment—but only one moment in our ongoing history. As the collection continues to grow and change, the title of the exhibition, *Sharing a Journey*, invites the audience to learn more about how we got here, and to join us for the future.

As a university art museum, education is at the center of our mission. Our collection reflects that mission: it began as a teaching collection, and it remains a valuable resource for faculty and students across the university. With its broad scope, the collection offers a survey of global trends in the modern world, from the early nineteenth century to the late twentieth. Within this range, we demonstrate relative strengths in American modernism, African art and design,

and the material culture of the Mediterranean ancient world. Prominent areas of growth and expansion include contemporary Native American art and works on paper, including photography.

The opening of the Postal Plaza Gallery will introduce the campus, community, and region to the vibrant art history of Oklahoma and beyond, while connecting students to broader experiences. It is a space for student learning, faculty research, and community outreach, raising awareness for the visual arts and providing cultural experiences in Stillwater.

Sharing a Journey will be on view from Jan. 13 – May 24, 2014. The Postal Plaza Gallery is open to the public on Monday through Saturday from 11 am to 6 pm, and open late until 8 every Thursday. The Postal Plaza Gallery is closed on Sundays and university holidays. Thanks to generous support from our Friends of Art, admission to the museum is free of charge.

For more information about the OSU Museum of Art and upcoming programming at the Postal Plaza Gallery, visit <http://www.museum.okstate.edu> or call 405-744-2780. The Postal Plaza Gallery is located at 720 S. Husband Street in downtown Stillwater. All exhibitions and programs are free and public parking is located on the south and east sides of the building.