'Middle class invasions'


at OU’s Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art

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Skoglund’s two art shows among 4 opening at OU

The University of Oklahoma’s Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art will present four diverse exhibitions this fall ranging from the avant garde to the nostalgic.

The exhibitions will open with a free public reception from 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, and run through Nov. 8 at the museum, 410 W. Boyd.

Two exhibitions will be featured by New York artist Sandy Skoglund. Organized by and originating at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, “In the Last Hour: Sandy Skoglund Photographs and Sculpture, 1979-1992” is an intimate look at Skoglund’s complex spaces and detailed fantasies through the artist’s large-scale photographs and meticulously created sculptures.

Major support for the exhibition has been provided by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ladd of Amarillo, Texas. Ladd is the chairman of the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art Board of Visitors.

“The Green House: A Sandy Skoglund Installation,” one of the artist’s highly imaginative mixed-media installations, consists of a totally green middle-class living room covered with grass and overrun with purple and green dogs.

In addition to the two Skoglund exhibitions, the museum will open an exhibition titled “Pictograph Into Burst: Adolph Gottlieb Paintings in Transition.” Organized jointly by the museum and the Gottlieb Foundation, the exhibition features 13 of the abstract expressionist’s paintings created between 1941 and 1953, including “The Couple,” from the museum’s permanent collection.

For a nostalgic view of the public art of the 1940s, the museum will exhibit “World War II Posters: The Art of Propaganda” from OU’s Western History Collections. The exhibition features 33 of the U.S. government-commissioned posters, which were created to marshal the support and boost the morale of the American public and fighting forces during the second world war.

Admission to the museum is free and open to the public. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursdays; and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. On home football game Saturdays, the museum is open from 10 a.m. until kickoff.

For more information, call 325-3272.