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## **OU Art Museum Offers Adkins Collection Through Feb. 22**

NORMAN – Visitors to the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art have a mere few days left to view one of the nation’s most important private collections of Southwest and Native American artwork in Norman before the collection closes for museum construction.

*Highlights from the Adkins Collection* is open through Sunday, Feb. 22. Selections from the collection will move to the Philbrook Museum of Art in Tulsa or be placed in storage while the original wing of the Norman museum undergoes renovation.

The 18,000-square-foot wing expansion is due, in part, to a \$3 million lead gift by University of Oklahoma Regent Jon R. Stuart and his wife, Dee Dee, of Tulsa. Upon its opening in 2010, the new Stuart Wing will become the permanent home for the OU museum’s portion of the Adkins Collection.

The FJJMA and the Philbrook are joint stewards of the Eugene B. Adkins Collection, which boasts an amalgam of more than 3,300 objects from paintings to jewelry, pottery and baskets. Several highlights from the collection soon will be on display in an upcoming exhibition at the Philbrook.

“We have been very fortunate to share this beautiful collection with the Philbrook Museum of Art,” said Ghislain d’Humières, director of the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art. “We look forward to a long and continued relationship with them as both museums house this unique and important collection.”

Although construction on the new Stuart Wing begins this spring, d’Humières reiterated that the museum will be open and fully functional as usual.

“The museum will continue to offer all our regular programming, temporary exhibitions, permanent collections and even some new programs and surprises throughout the construction phase,” he said. “We hope the campus and Norman communities will continue to visit the museum and participate in the many exciting activities scheduled throughout the process.”

The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art is located on the corner of Elm Avenue and Boyd Street, at 555 Elm Ave., on the OU Norman campus.

New 2009 hours for the museum are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. The museum is closed on Mondays.

Admission to the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art is free to OU students with a current student ID and museum association members, \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for children 6 to 17 years of age, \$2 for OU faculty/staff, and free for children 5 and under. Admission is free on Tuesdays. The museum’s Web site is [www.ou.edu/fjjma](http://www.ou.edu/fjjma). Information and accommodations on the basis of disability are available by calling (405) 325-4938.

## **PHOTO OUTLINE**

Dozens of paintings and other works from the Eugene B. Adkins Collection, including this oil on canvas titled “A Million Aspen Leaves” by Joseph Henry Sharp, soon will leave the walls of the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art during expansion construction this spring. The Adkins Collection remains open through Sunday, Feb. 22.