## OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM of ART

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## MAXINE WARREN: THE UNIVERSE IN A MONOTYPE HIGHLIGHTS OKLAHOMA MODERNIST, MUSEUM COLLECTION

**(STILLWATER, Okla., Oct. 24, 2017)** — The Oklahoma State University Museum of Art is pleased to introduce *Maxine Warren: The Universe in a Monotype,* on view from Nov. 14 – Feb. 3.

The exhibition will showcase a selection of 20 monotype prints by under-recognized Oklahoma artist Maxine Warren (1927–2014). After completing an art degree at OSU in 1948 while studying under well-known regionalist Doel Reed, the Ponca City native went on to dedicate her art to abstraction.

Relying on her intuition, abstract painterly technique, and vivid color palette, Warren used her artwork to ponder universal truths, such as the redemptive power of love and optimism. Among the works on view, almost half are from a series inspired by the poetry of T.S. Eliot. Acting as a dialogue between Warren and the poet, the prints give visual forms to the themes found in the poetry.

Drawn from the OSU Museum of Art collection, *Maxine Warren: The Universe in a Monotype* not only helps establish Warren's achievements, but also adds to our understanding of women artist's contributions to postwar abstraction in the Southwest.

To celebrate the exhibition, an opening reception is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 5 to 7 pm. A curator's talk begins at 6. The reception is free and open to the public, no RSVP required. The exhibition is organized by the OSU Museum of Art and curated by Tiffany Sides.

## About the OSU Museum of Art

For more information about the OSU Museum of Art, visit <u>museum.okstate.edu</u> or call 405-744-2780. All exhibitions are free and open to the public. The museum is located at 720 S. Husband Street in downtown Stillwater. Hours: Tuesday through Saturday from 11 am to 4 pm. Oklahoma State University is a modern land-grant university that prepares students for success. OSU is America's Brightest Orange. Through leadership and service, OSU is preparing students for a bright future and building a brighter world for all. As Oklahoma's only university with a statewide presence, OSU improves the lives of people in Oklahoma, the nation, and the world through integrated, high-quality teaching, research, and outreach. As America's Healthiest Campus, OSU is committed to the health and well-being of its students, employees and the community. OSU has more than 36,000 students across its five-campus system and more than 25,000 on its combined Stillwater and Tulsa campuses, with students from all 50 states and around 120 nations. Established in 1890, OSU has graduated around 255,000 students to serve the state of Oklahoma, the nation and the world.

