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Two exhibits celebrating Texas art old and new open at AMSET in fall

(Beaumont, TX; September 8, 2020) The Art Museum of Southeast Texas (AMSET) will exhibit *From the Vault: Tyler Museum of Art* and *Perspectives: Selections from the Permanent Collection* on view October 3, 2020 through February 28, 2021 in the main galleries.

From the Vault will feature a selection of early Texas paintings and works on paper from the permanent collection of the Tyler Museum of Art (TMA), with a spotlight on early Texas artist and educator Coreen Mary Spellman (1905-1978). The Tyler Museum of Art exists as an educational and cultural center to enrich the lives of East Texas citizens and visitors through the collection, preservation, study, exhibition, interpretation, and celebration of the visual arts. *From the Vault* is an exhibition series which enhances the relationship between AMSET and TMA. Concurrently, an exhibition of contemporary Texas paintings and works on paper from AMSET's permanent collection, *From the Vault: Art Museum of Southeast Texas* will be on view at the Tyler Museum of Art September 13-November 29, 2020.

Perspectives will feature works from AMSET's growing permanent collection, including recent acquisitions. As stated in our institutional mission, we strive to provide education, inspiration and creative vision throughout Southeast Texas through our unique collections, exhibitions and public programs. Over the years, AMSET's permanent collection has grown from 200 to nearly 2,000 objects, focusing our collections on contemporary Texas artists, as well as regional and Mexican folk art. It is through generous donations of our museum patrons, collectors and artists that we can continuously build our collections. Each year, we present an exhibition of works solely from the permanent collection, giving Southeast Texas audiences the opportunity to see the works that are now part of their museum. The exhibition will also spotlight works from the John Gaston Fairey Collection of Mexican Folk Art.

For more information, visit www.amset.org or call (409) 832-3432.

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