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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University alumna Rosemary (Gossett) Adams will be honored Thursday, Dec. 11, as university officials dedicate the remodeled and expanded Rosemary Gossett Adams Department of Visual Arts. The dedication ceremony, which will be held at 9:30 a.m., is open to the university community and the public.

University officials announced plans last December to remodel the home of Ouachita's visual arts program. The department, which features an updated exterior and renovated interior space, is being named in honor of Mrs. Adams' generous gift to fund the project.

"I have found Rosemary to be a delightful and devoted alumna of Ouachita," said Ouachita President Rex Horne. "Her great generosity has enabled us to take a huge step in visual arts and updating our current facilities."

Primary renovation details include a new front façade and entrance to Moses-Provine Hall which houses the visual arts program; creating gallery spaces to display artists' works; renovating classroom, studio and office space; and adding an elevator to the facility. Mrs. Adams, who provided a major gift to fund the project, is a 1963 Ouachita graduate with a major in art.

"Rosemary Adams' gift to the Department of Visual Arts provides a legacy that will pay dividends to our art students for years to come," said Dr. Scott Holsclaw, dean of the School of Fine Arts. "The new gallery spaces will not only bring recognition to our visual arts program but will add to the education of Ouachita students and to the larger university and regional community."

The renovated gallery space already has featured two art exhibits this semester, one by John Deering, chief editorial cartoonist and illustrator at the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, and the other featuring works donated by Dr. Loyde Hudson, a physician from Fayetteville. Among the paintings and sculptures donated by Dr. Hudson are works by renowned 19th century American artist Thomas Moran and German-American artist Albert Bierstadt.

In addition to her Bachelor of Arts degree from Ouachita, Mrs. Adams holds a Master of Arts degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and an associate's degree in interior design from Louisville Tech. Noting that she has had four careers, "high school art teacher, mommy, business owner and CFO and a commercial interior designer," Mrs. Adams said she is "currently retired and enjoy the time to do many arts projects." She and her husband, Glen, live in Louisville, Ky.

For more information about the Rosemary Adams Department of Visual Arts, contact Dr. Scott Holsclaw at holsclaws@obu.edu or 870-245-5561.

