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February 15, 2010 **MEDIA ALERT** 

## Santa Ana College Show Displays "Robert Dowd: Pop Art Money"

WHAT: Robert Dowd (1936–1996) was an American artist, who is most known for his

Pop Art images of everyday items, including postage stamps and currency. By 1961, he was living in Los Angeles and starting to get attention for his groundbreaking paintings of ordinary objects. In 1962, he was recognized as a pioneer of Pop Art and included in the Pasadena Art Museum "New Painting of Common Objects" exhibit along with Andy Warhol, Jim Dine, Wayne Thiebaud,

and Roy Lichtenstein.

In a rare solo show, Santa Ana College (SAC) will exhibit 48 Dowd works—many of them featuring Dowd's altered images of U.S. currency. The realistic paintings depict money blown up to gigantic proportions often measuring 3' X

5'.

**WHERE:** Santa Ana College Main Gallery

1530 W. 17th Street, Santa Ana

WHEN: Opening Reception

Wednesday, February 23, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Exhibit Dates** 

February 24 - April 1, 2011

Monday - Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**WHO:** These selected pieces will be on loan from Joan and Jack Quinn's private

collection.

**WHY:** "The exhibit is educational for our students. It's important that they see how one

artist can take a single object and interpret it in different ways and how style evolves over time," said Phillip Marquez, interim director, SAC Gallery.

**HOW:** For more information, contact (714) 564-5615.

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