



## **Watershed Firing Workshops - 2011**

### Gas Reduction and Wood firings

For the past 11 years Watershed has hosted firing workshops in our wood fired and propane fired salt/soda kilns. Watershed is proud to offer these firing opportunities for 2011. To register, or to learn more, call 207-882-6075, or email [info@watershedceramics.org](mailto:info@watershedceramics.org)

### **Gas Reduction glaze firing - cone 10**

**TBA**

**Cost:** \$40 per person

As part of Watershed's commitment to making opportunities available for working in clay, this firing workshop for community members will serve an introduction and orientation to gas reduction glaze firing. A 35 cuft sprung-arch down-draft kiln will be used to instruct participants on kiln loading, kiln safety and controlled firing procedures (characteristics of propane vs natural gas, lighting and use of Baso safety valve system, and adjusting natural-draft propane burners), and firing glazed bisqueware in reduction to cone 10 (2360°F).

This workshop serves as a both an opportunity to glaze fire work in a reduction atmosphere, as well as an initial step for community members to become authorized users/renters of Watershed's Community Gas Kiln.

### **Wood-firing Δ10-12**

**Spring firing: Reduction Cooling – May 12-15 & May 21, 2011**

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**Fall firing: September 29-October 2 & 5, 2011**

**Maximum 10 participants for each firing**

**Cost:** \$125/person/firing (room and board not included, see On-Site Housing below)

Watershed's facility includes a new Train Kiln (June 2010) designed and built by Dan Murphy, Dean Adams, Trevor Dunn, and a session of dedicated residents. Located in watershed's new Kiln Annex, this will be the kiln we fire. The kiln is 54 cuft = 4.5 cuft/person

Led by Watershed's Staff artists, Tyler Gulden and Reed Fahnestock, you will be introduced to the fundamentals of, and participate in, the entire wood firing process – from wadding to wood selection, firing speed to cooling. Bring a variety of shapes and sizes of work and bring as much work as you like. We will load each person's work into the kiln equally before offering up any remaining space to additional work. Please be advised that very large pieces are difficult to accommodate, particularly large/wide bowls and platters. . *Be advised that **all** clay and glaze **must** be suitable for cone 10 temperature (when in doubt leave it out!).*

We offer On-Site Housing:                   \$20 per night dorm w/shared bath  
  \$30 per night cabin w/shared bath  
  \$50 per night cabin w/private bath.  
Meal plan:                                   \$4 breakfast; \$8 lunch; \$10 dinner

### Schedule:

**Work Day** –                   Spring firing: Saturday, May 7, 10am – 4pm.

  Fall firing: Sunday, September 24, 10am – 4pm

All participants *must* attend! \$25 additional fee charged if you cannot attend.

*We will be preparing wood for the firing. Be prepared to help cut, split & stack 2 cords of wood, organize and clean the kiln area, scrape and prepare the kiln, shelves and posts, and mix wadding and/or wash. Delivery of work can begin this day.*

**Glazing workshop** –           Spring firing: Thursday evening, May 12, 6-9pm (additional \$15)

  Fall firing: Thursday evening, September 29, 6-9pm (additional \$15)

*Demonstration and discussion of a variety of glaze and slip surface options and application methods; introduction to how loading can dictate where/when to glaze, or not; use of Watershed's cone 10 glazes and slips. A recipe compilation will be provided.*

**Loading** –                   Spring firing: Friday May 13, 10am

  Fall firing: Friday September 30, 10am

All work must be on the premises and glazed. Loading will begin at 10 and continue into the evening. It is recommended that all participants be here during the loading process, as decisions are made during loading that can mean something gets in or not.

**Firing** – each firing will begin on the Friday evening of the workshop and will continue overnight, the rough Saturday, and until Sunday morning to finish a 36-40 hr firing cycle. Participants are expected to take at least two shifts during the firing - sign up for shifts will take place Friday morning prior to loading

**Unloading** –               Spring firing: Saturday May 21, 10am

  Fall firing: Wednesday, October 5, 10am.

We will examine the results of the firing and discuss/share information. Be prepared to scrape and kiln wash shelves and posts. Bring boxes/material to pack your finished pieces!

Please call or email to reserve your place in any, or all, of these firings!

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