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Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts Honors Legends in the Ceramic Community

Newcastle, ME, September 9, 2011 - Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts is proud to announce that they will be honoring four artists whose contributions to the world of ceramics have made a lasting impression on two generations of artists, students, and collectors: Val Cushing, Richard Shaw, Paul J. Smith and Patti Warashina.

Artwork from Cushing, Shaw and Warashina will be on display, as well as a collection of photographic portraits of ceramic artists by Paul J. Smith in the Special Exhibition *LEGENDS: Watershed Artists Honor Artists* at SOFA Chicago 2011. The Sculpture Objects & Functional Art Fair will be held at Chicago's historic Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Avenue, from Friday, Nov. 4 – Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011. Gretchen Keyworth, Director emerita of the Fuller Craft Museum and Watershed Trustee, will moderate, "What Makes a LEGEND a Legend?" panel discussion on Friday, November 4 - 11:00am-12:00 noon as part of the SOFA Lecture series. David East, Ceramics Chair at the Maryland Institute College of Art, is the Watershed essayist for the SOFA catalog. www.sofaexpo.com

The Legends Gala Dinner will be held at the Arts Club of Chicago, 201 E. Ontario Street on Friday, Nov. 4, 2011 from 7:00-10:00pm. The evening will be hosted by Bruce Pepich, Executive Director and Curator of Collections at the Racine Art Museum. Individual tickets are \$250-\$1,000, sponsor tables are also available and seating is limited. Proceeds from this event will support artist residencies at Watershed.

About Watershed

Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts is a residency/retreat providing artists with time and space to create in clay. Serving artists from across the country and abroad with strong grass-roots support, Watershed's unique niche grows out of its intimate communal approach to a non-hierarchical, process-oriented environment for experimentation, exploration, collaboration and growth.

Watershed serves the local community with a variety of clay arts programs. We teach community classes in clay for adults and children statewide through our Mudmobile, hold clay workshops for people with special needs, collaborate with other non-profit organizations to offer learning opportunities through art, and hold public lectures and events to open Watershed's studio environment and present artists for

interaction with the local community. Watershed is a 501-c-3 non-profit organization.



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