



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

On a star-studded summer night last June, I followed Watershed's winding dirt road to the studio as the soft hoot of an owl echoed over the dark fields. At the bottom of the hill, a faint light emanated from the woods, conjuring a secret ceremony. I made my way through the trees and found a group gathered around a large steel armature covered in hundreds of ceramic tiles. People lit wax-covered wicks attached to the tiles, creating a mosaic of fiery light against the forest. As the tiles popped and cracked amidst the shuffle of feet on leaves, we soaked in the reverent magic of the burning sculpture.

This culminating event and installation created by artist Berry Matthews during the first summer residency session of 2017 symbolized all that Watershed is about—the transformative power of community, collaboration, and the making of ceramic art. It was a very special way to usher in Watershed's 30th anniversary summer season and the magic of the "ceremony" stayed with me all year.

Throughout 2017, I was fortunate to travel from coast to coast, celebrating three decades of Watershed and planning for exciting changes ahead. The collaborative spirit that runs throughout Watershed's residencies also ties our community together around the country. It was such a pleasure to greet and meet so many Watershed supporters and past resident artists at events in Arizona, California, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C.

As you read about all that happened in 2017 on the following pages, please celebrate with us and know that it is your support that fuels the Watershed magic. From sold-out events, workshops and residencies to celebrations and partnerships with friends around the country, Watershed is able to offer transformative experiences for artists because of our strong community.

With warmest regards,

Fran Rudoff
Executive Director



WATERSHED CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

Recognizing Three Decades of Time & Space to Explore Ideas with Clay

Throughout 2017, Watershed hosted special gatherings around the country to mark this milestone anniversary.



Watershed Co-Founder **Chris Gustin** (above) hosted a celebration to mark the 20th anniversary of his anagama kiln and the 30th anniversary of Watershed. The evening featured an exhibition and a benefit raffle of ceramic pieces unloaded from his kiln during the event.

Watershed's Coastal New England Art and Craft Tour, organized by Clemmer Montague, included an insider's view into museums, galleries, and studios of internationally-recognized artists based in Maine and New Hampshire. The tour featured a stop at Watershed Co-Founder **George Mason's** studio in Nobleboro, Maine (right).



In New York City, Clay Forum V—organized by past Watershed Board President Judith Schwartz—featured a keynote address by Mark Burns and studio demonstrations by Ron Baron and Julia Kunin.

Schwartz (pictured below with Burns and Matt Nolen) was fêted at a reception celebrating her career and retirement from New York University following the Forum.





Watershed Advisory Council member and past resident artist **Stephanie Rozene** and 2015 Salad Days Artist **Stuart Gair** toasted Watershed during an alumni reception at NCECA in Portland, Oregon (above).

THE GRIGGS CIRCLE

Members of the Griggs Circle provide a critical revenue stream year after year that enables Watershed to offer art-changing and life-changing programs for artists. The following donors have made a three-year commitment to provide annual gifts of \$1.500 or more:

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WATERSHED LEGENDS

Celebrating the Work of Ceramic Masters

Watershed recognizes contributions made by accomplished artists to the field of ceramics by honoring them as Legends. Wayne Higby, Jack Troy, and Paula Winokur were celebrated as Watershed's newest Legends in 2017.

Jack Paris

"Cloud Construction: Blue Air" by Wayne Higby on display at The Clay Studio (top).

"Ice Cores" by Paula Winokur (bottom left).

Paula Winokur, photo courtesy of Michael Winokur (bottom right).



LEGENDS SUPPORTERS

Watershed thanks the following individuals and institutions for lending their time, talents, and resources to celebrate the 2017 Legends:

The Clay Studio & Jennifer Zwilling
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In October, Watershed honored the 2017 Legends during a special evening in Philadelphia. Watershed partnered with The Clay Studio to host an exhibition of the Legends' work. Pioneering gallerist Helen Drutt English emceed the award ceremony, and Glenn Adamson gave the keynote address recognizing the Legends' accomplishments. Special guest speakers included Chris Gustin, Gretchen Keyworth, and Nancy Selvin.







PAULA WINOKUR 1935-2018

Watershed is deeply saddened by the recent loss of Paula Winokur. She was an inspiring artist, teacher, mentor, friend, and integral member of the Watershed community for many years. Paula spent two weeks at Watershed as a guest artist-inresidence in 2008, and served on Watershed's Board of Trustees and as an Advisory Council Member for more than a decade. She is greatly missed.

Wayne Higby, Paula Winokur, and Jack Troy at the 2017 Legends Award Ceremony (top). Jack Troy flanked by his work alongside 2007 Watershed Legend William Daley at The Clay Studio Legends exhibition (bottom).

2017 RESIDENCY HIGHLIGHTS

Sessions at Watershed Provide Art-changing & Life-changing Opportunities

More than 100 artists from across the country and world participated in residencies at Watershed in 2017. They spent hours in the studio and left with new connections, friendships, and ideas that will influence the next stage of their art, craft, and careers.









Artist **Didem Mert** organized a session based on the premise that playfulness begets creativity. The session culminated with a delicious farm-to-table dinner and handmade tableware exchange (top and bottom left). Guest artist **Namita Gupta Wiggers** (center) joined members of the **Brick Factory Collective** for a session focused on ceramics and social practice. **Jack Troy** led a week-long session that resulted in hundreds of magnificent wood-fired and gas-fired pieces by participating artists (right).

"I haven't laughed so much or felt so completely myself with a group of people, possibly ever. I'm surprised, amazed, and incredibly grateful for the magic that is Watershed. The residency was one of my all-time favorite experiences and I know that the feeling will only build."

-Amanda Dobbratz, 2017 resident artist from Minneapolis, MN







Guest Artist Matt Wedel (top left; his work top right) joined a session of sculptors and makers interested in exploring how working alongside one another would influence their art. The group created many larger-than-life pieces and spent day and night in the studio during two productive weeks in residence. Kelly Donahue (above) puts the finishing touches on a piece before firing it in Watershed's gas kiln.

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The artists and art lovers below contributed exceptional pieces of artwork and other in-kind donations to support Watershed in 2017:

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RESIDENCY SCHOLARSHIPS

Supporting Skilled Sculptors & Makers

Watershed provides talented artists with merit-based residency scholarships that are funded annually by generous donors. Watershed awards these competitive scholarships through a juried competition.

"My time at Watershed this past summer was an incredibly productive studio experience. The residency was filled with artists who all loved the medium as much as I do. The Kiln God Award made those weeks possible for me."

> -Jennifer McCandless, 2017 Kiln God recipient from Windsor, CT



In 2017 artist Simone Leigh initiated

a new Watershed scholarship fund

to support promising artists of color. Inaugural Zenobia Award recipients

"The Zenobia Award made my

residency at Watershed possible.

opportunity provided me space

to focus, work towards specific projects, learn, and experiment alongside other talented artists

At a pivotal time of my career, this

with Leigh's support.

and friends."

from Atlanta, GA

-Zipporah Thompson,

2017 Zenobia Award Recipient

Anina Major and Zipporah Thompson participated in Watershed residencies









1. Zipporah Thompson in the Watershed studio. 2. Detail of "Bessie's Backbone" by Anina Major. 3. "Queens in Our Own Right" by Anina Major (Kelly Taylor Mitchell pictured in performance). 4. "To Have Not to Own" by Anina Major. 5. "The Hunter and the Gatherer" by Zipporah Thompson.







6. "Sticky" by Kiln God recipient Hannah Pierce. 7. Israeli artist and AIDASHED scholarship recipient Ahia Canna. 8. Scholarship recipient Yoonjee Kwack.

KILN GODS

In 2017, each of the following donors contributed \$2,500 to fully fund one artist for a two-week residency:

Amica Companies Foundation Edgar John Bullard III Heather Dawn Houston Simone Leigh. donor of the Zenobia Awards Kenneth Schaller

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The generous donors listed below helped Watershed provide artists with support for their summer residency sessions in 2017:

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Funded Residency Endowment

ASSISTANTSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

Young Ceramists Benefit from the Watershed Experience

Watershed partners with colleges and universities to offer residencies to promising ceramic students. The sponsoring institution funds the residency; in exchange, the student assists staff in the studio and kitchen during the session.











week internship enabling college students to explore their dual interests in ceramics and farming. The Farm & Fire Fellowship program began in 2014 in partnership with Maryland Institute College of Art

FARM & FIRE FELLOWSHIP

For the fourth year, Watershed collaborated with neighboring Dandelion Spring Farm to offer a 2.5

Maryland Institute College of Art and DePauw University. Each school selected one student to receive the Fellowship annually. In 2016, Watershed opened the Fellowship opportunity to college juniors and seniors from any school.

In 2017, Anne Morford from Skidmore College and Hannah Medovnikov from the University of New Hampshire spent the first half of July assisting in the Watershed studio and kitchen and learning to cultivate crops and medicinal herbs on the farm.

STUDENT ASSISTANTSHIP SPONSORS

The following institutions and individual donors provided support for student artists to attend a Watershed Summer Residency in 2017:

University of Arkansas
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Maine College of Art
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
New York State College of Ceramics
at Alfred University
Northern Michigan University
School of Art and Design
Oregon College of Art and Craft



1. UMass Dartmouth student Christina Baril. **2.** Baril's work in progress. **3.** Alfred University student Koen Vrij.



4. Maine College of Art student Elizabeth Conlin works on a piece in the Watershed studio. **5.** Hannah Medovnikov and Anne Morford with herbs and flowers harvested from Dandelion Spring Farm. **6.** Medovnikov in the garden. **7.** A view of the fields from Watershed's resident artist cabins.

"I absolutely loved my time as a Farm & Fire Fellow. From mixing clay and glazes in the Watershed studio to harvesting crops next door at Dandelion Spring Farm, I learned a great deal and met so many lovely people during the Fellowship Session."

-Anne Morford, 2017 Farm & Fire Fellow from Gahanna, OH

WORKSHOPS & FOUNDATION GRANTS

Expanding Watershed's Outreach and Community Engagement

Watershed offered a wide variety of educational workshops and special public programs thanks to grant support in 2017.

ELEMENTAL INTERSECTIONS: CONVERSATIONS ON ART & ENVIRONMENT

During a three-part series of discussions, Watershed's 2017 Legends joined scientists and others working in natural resource-based fields to explore connections between art, contemporary environmental issues. and our relationship with the natural world. Award-winning radio producer and TED speaker Julie Burstein facilitated conversations that examined the effects of melting Polar ice on the Gulf of Maine's ecosystem, forest stewardship, and the dynamic qualities of Maine's coastline.

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The Belvedere Handcrafts Fund of The Maine Community Foundation National Endowment for the Arts **Quimby Family Foundation**



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1. Julie Burstein facilitates a conversation on forest stewardship with ecologist Nick Fisichelli, Jack Troy, and Maine Guide Polly Mahoney. 2. Wayne Higby, Native Tribal Leader Donna Loring, and scientist Joe Kelley discuss Maine's dynamic coastline and waters. **3.** Elemental Intersections facilitator Julie Burstein. **4.** Teachers participate in a raku workshop. **5.** Claudia Olds-Goldie leads a figurative sculpture workshop. 6. Teachers participate in a carving and sgraffito workshop with Tim Christensen.

Forty Maine teachers from 26 communities around the state participated in Watershed workshops in 2017. Assuming each educator works with an average of 20 ceramics students (a conservative estimate), Watershed anticipates that more than 800 Maine students will benefit from the new techniques and ideas shared with art educators during the programs.







"The programs that Watershed designs for art educators are state of the art. I am so grateful that I have access to this wonderful facility with the quality programming that Watershed provides."

- Eva Wagner, Visual Art Teacher from Bangor, ME

2017 GRANTS

The following agencies and foundations provided support for Watershed programs and organizational development:

ANONYMOUS

\$10,000 to support K-12 teacher education programs.

BELVEDERE TRADITIONAL HANDCRAFTS FUND OF THE MAINE **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

\$4.000 to create videos about Watershed's programs.

MORTON-KELLY CHARITABLE TRUST

\$4.000 to expand 2018 community outreach programs in Maine with Pots on Wheels!, a mobile clay education and exhibition project.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT **FOR THE ARTS**

\$35,000 to support a series of public programs that examined intersections between art and contemporary environmental

MAINE ARTS COMMISSION

\$2,000 to develop a plan for archiving materials related to Watershed's founding and early days as a residency program.



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ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS

Community Events Support Watershed's Mission



The 23rd annual Salad Days festival attracted hundreds of attendees from around the country. With a sold out plate tent, the event raised record funds to support Watershed. Throughout the day, guests were treated to live music, delicious locally-made salads, artist-led demos, campus tours by Watershed co-founders, and a stunning pottery sale.

Watershed also partnered with the Boothbay Harbor Rotary to raise funds for Midcoast Maine charities and Watershed's programs during the 21st annual Soup Bowl Supper.



Salad Days Guests show off their Kurt Anderson plates.
 Susan Weiser-Mason and Zoe Mason enjoy the Salad Days buffet.
 Visitors choose soups at the Soup Bowl Supper.
 A visitor selects pieces at the Salad Days Pottery Sale.
 Soup Bowl Supper guests with their handmade bowls.
 The Salad Days Reverse Raffle winner displays his new sculpture by Dan Molyneux
 The Pots On Wheel's! (POW!) mobile ceramics center provides a site for clay lessons and a gallery of work during Salad Days.









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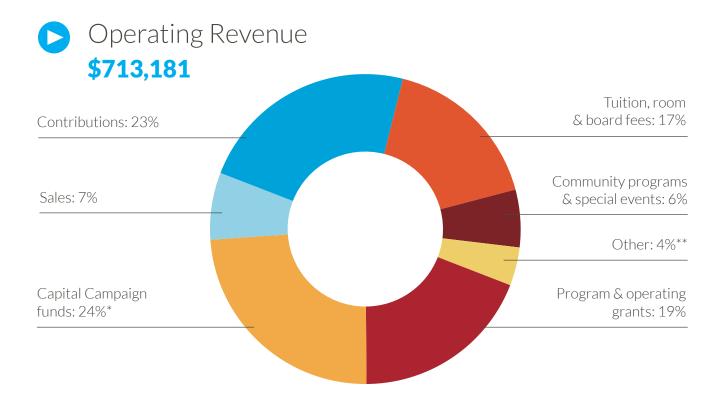
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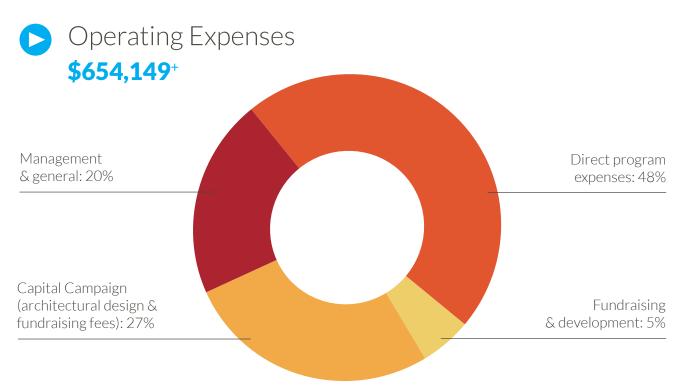
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Current Assets: Cash & cash equivalents Accounts receivable Inventory Prepaid expenses Subtotal	\$140,119 \$130,117 \$17,502 \$0 \$287,738	\$106,258 \$5,769 \$14,176 \$2,629 \$128,832
Property & equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	\$852,879	\$856,468
Other assets: Investments Promises to give, net of current portion	\$1,237,661 \$66,954	\$133,044 \$0
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,445,232	\$1,118,344
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities: Demand note payable* Line of credit Accounts payable Deferred revenue	\$17,203 \$10,000 \$1,297	\$0 \$0 \$458
Subtotal:	\$81,554 \$110,054	\$151,304 \$151,762
Net assets: Unrestricted Temporarily restricted** Permanently restricted Total net assets		

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^{*} Temporarily restricted funds released for Capital Campaign expenses in 2017

^{**}Interest, dividends, stock sales, and sponsorships

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