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**THE WASHINGTON DESIGN CENTER INVITES CONSUMERS TO ITS
CAPITAL DESIGN DAYS EVENT, APRIL 14, 2011**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 4, 2011) – The Washington Design Center is excited to announce its Capital Design Days event schedule, which will feature the newest collections from WDC showrooms, punctuated with talks by design celebrities, book signings and showroom events.

Consumers are encouraged to visit the WDC on April 14 for programming that is open to both the public and trade professionals. Highlights include a signature program that will feature set decorators from the Michael Douglas film “Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps” and the television series “Brothers & Sisters.” Principal designers from the DC Design House will also share secrets on how they transformed indoor and outdoor spaces of a home in DC’s Forest Hills neighborhood into a luxury show house, using fabrics and furnishings from many of the WDC showrooms.

Thursday, April 14

10:00–11:30 AM, 5th Floor Conference Room

Interior Design on Film: Cathy Whitlock will discuss her book, *Designs on Film: A Century of Hollywood Art Direction*, joined by Denny Dugally, production designer for the ABC television series “Brothers & Sisters,” and Kristi Zea, production designer for “Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps,” who will talk about life on the set.

2:00–3:30 PM, 5th Floor Conference Room

Principal designers of this year’s DC Design House: Patrick Sutton, Liz Levin, Erin Paige Pitts, Lauren Liess and Nadia Subaran describe the approach to their designs for the show house in DC’s Forest Hills neighborhood, and where they got their inspiration.

4:00–5:00 PM, 5th Floor Conference Room

Panel discussion with Adam Lewis, author of *Billy Baldwin: The Great American Decorator*, designer Frank Babb Randolph, who once worked for Baldwin, and John Knott, owner of Quadrille/China Seas Fabric Companies, who will share stories on Baldwin’s design legacy.

5:00 PM, J. Lambeth, Suite 117

Join the panelists for cocktails and a book signing with Adam Lewis.

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About The Washington Design Center:

The Washington Design Center offers seven floors of wholesale luxury home furnishings to the design trade, and to consumers through its Entrée buying service. The majority of products featured in the 2100 DreamHome are available to order through WDC showrooms noted in each designer's resource list.

The 2011 DreamHome is also available for private or corporate parties and for charitable functions. For more information, please call the marketing department at 202.646.6114.

The Washington Design Center is located at 300 D Street, SW, just above the Federal Center SW Metro Station, The Washington Design Center is served by the Orange and Blue lines.

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