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**Coloring the bluebirds and herons, making the oval
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Dear Me,

I hope you are all well and back to business after the hectic holiday season. I have been, except that I am about to go off on a ski vacation for a week. In any case, here is the progress report on the heron and bluebird chair and table set.

Article Headline

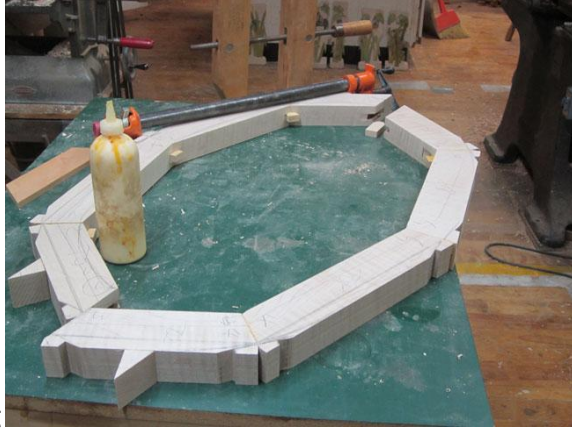
I promised to show you more about how I color the relief carvings, so below is a before and after picture of a heron carving. The first image looks quite a mess as when I apply the dye I splash it everywhere. The second photo shows it cleaned up in the progress of carving the next level, in this cast the body of the bird which is now ready for it's own tint. I haven't yet colored the eelgrass behind the heron. That will be after the heron is tinted, and then finally all the background areas.



Here are some photos of the side of the chair showing an adult bluebird and two juveniles, and the back of the heron chair with a nesting heron feeding it's babies. Each has multiple layers of coloring.



The set has an oval table to go with it. I've started working on the oval top, which is in 8 segments. I will use an oval cutting jig to make the final shape. Here you see two views, one showing how the whole oval goes together, and one showing one joint being clamped and another ready for assemble. The joints are made with loose tenons, which is like a shop made biscuit joint, but with a more



precise fit



That's the update. I've been working away at shaping all the pieces of the chair, arms, back, legs and such. Last time I wrote these parts were square and clunky. Now they are graceful, but I'll save that for the next newsletter. Now I'm off to Mammoth Lakes, CA for some skiing. They are finally expecting some fresh powder.

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