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Good News Bad News and New News September 2011

Greetings!

There's good news, bad news and new news.

First the bad news. We held the NH Furniture Masters auction and the bidding on my Ladies Vanity desk didn't meet the reserve price.

The good news is that the desk is still available. I have added a matching seat (not shown) with a hummingbird and flower carving on it, and I haven't raised the retail price. Many people have admired it at the summer exhibitions, several saying it was their favorite in the show. But those people weren't in the room for the auction and that creates an opportunity for you.

Now for the new news.

- I have finished the install of the relief carved panels at the League of NH Craftsmen headquarters. One photo below with a link to more. The grand opening is October 27, and I also have a Black Bear Pair bench in that exhibit.
- I have begun work on the chairs with the bluebird and great blue heron carvings

Ladies Dressing Table with Hummingbirds and Flowers

Here are the photos of the Ladies Dressing Table that is available. It's really a very sweet piece. In the carving designs I choose I try to bring nature indoors to make a quiet, calming place. It has gentle curves on all the edges for softness, and light coloring that shows the wood tones. The flowers make the drawer pulls, so there is no hardware. You'll love using it every day.



Here is a photo of the reception desk I am so excited about. To see detail photos and close ups of the panels go to Peter Bloch's photo gallery - [**Click Here!**](#)



The light fixtures were made by Peter Block, the iron work by David Little, the cabinetry by Seth Kedaisch, and the copper by Steve Hayden, all League craftsmen. Please do click the link to see the close ups. There are five more panels.



Those of you who have been reading my newsletter will remember the drawings and mock up of the chair for Rabbi Krieger and Alice Passer. I have begun working on that project. Here are two photos, one of the lumber stacked

on the roof rack of the van, one of the parts cut out with the corresponding part from the mock up set on top of it. I it is sort of mission style but with curves, and the typical vertical slats to be replaced with carvings of bluebirds and great blue herons, which they see from their picture window overlooking Great Bay. Since I think the design is quite nice I have decided to make parts for a third chair at the same time, this one of cherry, whereas theirs is curly maple.



One more piece of news. I have applied for an "Artist Advancement Grant" with the Piscataqua chapter of NH Charitable Foundation. The proposal is to make another public art installation at the Foundation for Seacoast Health here in Portsmouth. Wish me luck.

Next time I will be showing will be November 11 to 13 at Canterbury Shaker Village, where the Furniture Masters will be showing smaller gift items. Hours are 10 AM to 4 PM daily. I am planning to make some more benches like the one I made to go with the Dressing table.

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