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Heron and Bluebird Chairs - progress report October 2011

Greetings!

Yesterday was the opening reception for the new home of the League of NH Craftsmen, with the reception desk and the carved panels, Hands at Work. We had a great time. I'd encourage you to stop by, at 49 South Main Street in Concord. It's an art destination and at the moment a show is up with a Black Bear Bench on display. Below is an item for the Furniture Masters Holiday Gift show, and progress on the chairs I have been working on.

Article Headline

This is a seat that I made to go with the Ladies Dressing Table, (which, by the way is still available) I will have one very similar to it at an upcoming NH Furniture Masters event, Holiday Gift Show, at Canterbury Shaker Village, November 11 to 13. That one will be of oak with cherry seat and carved panels, still featuring hummingbird and trumpet flowers.



The chair for Barry and Alice is coming along. Here are two views of the bluebird chair, which is "Hers" In this photo all the joinery is done and all the parts are very square and blocky. All those square parts will be shaped to appealing curves, which will also make it a lot lighter. At the moment it weighs a ton. Barry and Alice came by to check it out, and want me to experiment with some color as I carve the panels.



These two photos show you more about how the chair is constructed. One is a side of the chair disassembled, the other is the chair back. You can see the mortise and tenon joinery everywhere, and the angled joinery on the arm giving it a gentle slope for comfort.



Next time I'll show you the carving progress, including the coloring.
Happy Halloween.

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