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## Art Furnishings for Artful Living Newsletter

**Dressing Table Photos and a chair prototype  
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### Dear Friends

The next few weeks will be very busy for me.

For those of you who happen to be on a Maine vacation, I'll be at the gallery at Frenchmen's Bay, **Bar Harbor, July 31 to August 3**, with the reception on the 31st, this coming Sunday.

If that's too far, I have a chair and a garden dinette set in a show at **The Fells Estate** on the shores of Lake Sunapee. The reception for that is also this Sunday, but I will be in Bar Harbor. That show will be up until mid October.

Friday the fifth I'll be at the **Preview Party for Living with Crafts** at the League of NH Craftmen's Fair, The Fair is up until August 14.

The Furniture Masters show at **Canterbury Shaker Village opens August 6**. That weekend is Traditional Crafts weekend, and I will be doing **carving demonstrations** all day. The opening reception is that evening and the show is up up until September 8, followed by the auction at the Currier Museum of Art.

Finally, on **August 14 I will be at a reception at Castle in the Clouds** in Moultonborough at 5:30 PM. I'll be showing a lamp collaboration with Peter Bloch, with carved heron, woodpecker, and kingfisher.

Details for most of this are on the Furniture Masters website - [www.furnituremasters.org](http://www.furnituremasters.org)

### The finished dressing table

Those of you who have been following my newsletter will be glad to see the finished photo of the Ladies Dressing Table with Hummingbird and Flowers. Here it is!



### Dressing Table Detail

Here's a close up of the left side of the Dressing Table. This desk is being shown some of at the venues mentioned above, and will be sold at the Furniture Masters auction at the Currier on September 10.



### Next Project - Chairs and Coffee Table

I've been carving away on the panels for the new League Headquarters. More on that next time, but 3 of the panels are at Living With Crafts. But for now here's something I think you will find interesting. It's the mock up for a chair design I am working on. Two chairs and a coffee table will go by a large window in a home overlooking Great Bay. The prototype looks pretty rough, but for me it's very useful. From this exercise I've discovered that the seat height is 1 1/2 inches too low, the arms are 1 1/4 inches too short and 1/2 inch too low. The seat angles however are just right.



### Correcting the drawings

The prototype chair was made from a set of full scale drawings on newsprint. Here I've drawn in the changes in blue magic marker. The idea is a his and hers chair set. His will have a great blue heron design carved into the chair slats, and hers will have bluebirds. Both frequently visit their property. I know that these drawings are a mess. Next I'll make a more presentable set to show to the Patrons, and upon their approval I'll get started on the real set. I still have the coffee table to design.



One more news item to tell you about. You remember a couple years ago I went on a **cultural exchange to Japan**, and last year several furniture manufacturers from Japan visited here. One of the gentlemen from that last visit is bringing several Japanese studio furniture makers here to visit our studios and learn about how we do business in a market where inexpensive furniture is readily available. The Furniture Masters is a model organization of this, as we work together as a group help our Patrons understand the value they are getting with commissioned work. These guests will be coming to the auction at the **Currier Museum September 10. If you come you can meet them.**

Best to all,

*Jeffrey*

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