

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

Chairs



June 4 - August 28, 2016

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the ART of SEATING

200 YEARS OF AMERICAN DESIGN



Settle in for insights into modern design, eloquently told through the ubiquitous chair. This survey of exceptional design explores chairs as art – both functional and sculptural. Evolving

trends are reflected in lush textures, sleek lines, and striking colors.

Experience nineteenth-century to contemporary chairs chosen for their beauty and historical context, as well as social, economic, political, and cultural influences. The *House of Representatives Chamber Arm Chair*, 1857, designed by Thomas Ustick Walter, an architect of the U.S. Capitol, is an example of those created for use in the U.S. Congress and showcased in portraits of presidents such as Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson.

Featuring readily recognizable pieces as well as rarely seen antiques, the stylistic journey ranges from designs by John Henry Belter, George Hunzinger, the Herter Brothers, and the Stickley Brothers to Frank Lloyd Wright, Charles and Ray Eames, Eero Saarinen, Isamu Noguchi, and Frank Gehry. Contemporary and historic designs by manufacturers Knoll, Herman Miller, and Steelcase also are included.



Each chair carries a story about national history and the evolution of American design. Aesthetic trends, social and cultural developments, emerging technology, and ergonomics are woven throughout the narrative.

MEMBERS PREVIEW

Friday, June 3, 4:30 - 7 pm

Garden Chair Party

The Museum encourages members to bring family and friends to this “welcome summer” party. Preview the exhibition during curator-led tours, sample hands-on art projects, and pose in an oversized Adirondack chair for photos, designed for sharing on social media and keeping as mementos.



Yoga & Art

First Thursdays 5:30 – 6:30 pm
June 2, July 7, August 4



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Unwind with yoga in an inspirational setting – the sculpture garden or a gallery, if weather requires – led by a 5 Koshas Yoga and Wellness instructor.

Let artwork move you this summer, the sixth year of the Museum's participation in Let's Move! Museums & Gardens, First Lady Michelle Obama's national initiative launched with the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Please register at 5koshasyoga.com/yoga/class-schedule/. Bring a mat or blanket.



Programs for Every Age

Art Babies: birth-1 year
Art Time for Tots: 1-4 years
Toddler Tuesday: 18 months-4 years
Art Kids: 5-12 years
Teen Programs: 13-18 years
Art 101: 13-adult
Studio Art: 13-adult
SPARK!: adults with memory loss & care partners
Art Beyond Sight: people with blindness/low vision

 **Call 715.845.7010 to register**

Scholarship funds are available for youth and adult program fees thanks to the Wisconsin Valley Art Association. Call the Museum.

Cancellation Policy: Advance registration is required for all classes and other programs having the phone symbol. Places will be held only upon receipt of full participation fee. Fees are refundable (minus a 20% handling charge) up to seven days before a class begins. After that time fees are non-refundable unless there is a waiting list (refund minus 20% handling charge) or the program is canceled (full refund).

Left page, from left: designed by Thomas E. Warren (active with American Chair Co. 1849-52), manufactured by the American Chair Co., Troy, NY, *Centripetal Spring Arm Chair*, ca. 1850; designed by Warren McArthur Jr., manufactured by Warren McArthur Corp., Rome, NY, *Sling Seat Lounge Chair*, ca. 1935, both photos by Michael Koryta and Andrew VanStyn

This page: designed by Charles and Ray Eames, manufactured by Evans Products, Co. for Herman Miller Furniture Company (est. 1923), Grand Rapids, MI, *LCW (Lounge Chair Wood)*, ca. 1945, photo by Michael Koryta and Andrew VanStyn



Events & Programs

June 4 Saturday 1 – 3 pm


Art Park Open Studio

All ages drop in to sketch in the galleries and gardens. Stroll through *Making Marks* and draw inspiration from avian-themed artworks.



June 9 Thursday 10:30 am – Noon

SPARK!

The shapes and stories of chairs encourage social interaction and engaging conversation between individuals with memory loss and an accompanying friend or family member, followed by a hands-on art activity. 



Programming for adults with memory loss is generously supported by Abbie Spire in memory of Dr. Lyman J. Spire.

June 15 Wednesday 12:15 – 1 pm

Art 101 Marking Milestone

Get an in-depth look at the Museum's drawing collection, celebrating twenty-five years, from curator Jane Weinke as she shares dozens of examples from its nearly 1,000 works.

THE MYTH MAKERS

Branching Out

Artists in Residence, Tuesday through Saturday, June 21 - 25

Witness the creation of a twenty-foot-tall sculpture of a sandhill crane pair as two Boston artists, known as The Myth Makers, construct a site-specific work using Wausau-area saplings. For *The Dance*, Donna Dodson and Andy Moerlein were inspired by the way the seasonal migration of sandhill cranes to their Wisconsin nesting grounds marks the passage of time.

As *The Dance* extends skyward, observe, ask the artists questions, and consider dropping off – and decorating if you wish – white, tan, or gray plastic bags, which will be woven into the sculpture. The Myth Makers invite visitors to contribute “their own personal meaning and myths, reminding us all of seasonal changes and life’s rhythms” by marking bags to convey special summer family traditions.

Experience The Myth Makers’ collaborative process and work with them during public programs.



June 21 Tuesday 10:30 am – Noon

Extra Terrific Toddler Tuesday

Crane Craft & Striking Poses

Little ones, 18 months-4 years, siblings, and accompanying adults sample art making and movement-themed stations inspired by *The Dance* “under construction.” Also take in a family yoga session led by a 5 Koshas Yoga and Wellness instructor. Let art move you during the sixth year of the Museum’s participation in Let’s Move! Museums & Gardens, First Lady Michelle Obama’s national initiative.



June 21 Tuesday 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Monumental Sculpture


From Idea to Execution

As *The Dance* takes shape, join The Myth Makers for insights into their site-specific sculpture and a discussion of their creative process. All ages welcome.

June 22 Wednesday 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Making the Myth

Teen/Adult Creative Writing Workshop

Dodson and Moerlein lead a series of short creative writing exercises, utilizing a range of texts and stories as inspiration. Participants will discuss the origins and meanings of diverse cultural myths and create their own stories with guidance from The Myth Makers. 


June 23 Thursday 4:30 – 6 pm

Sculpt with Saplings

All ages drop in to create their own miniature crane sculptures from bendable branches, guided and inspired by Donna Dodson and Andy Moerlein.

June 25 Saturday 10:30 am – Noon

Art Beyond Sight

Individuals with low-vision or blindness are invited to experience the Museum’s new site-specific avian sculpture through conversation, hands-on investigation, and art making with The Myth Makers and Woodson educators. 

The Myth Makers’ residency is made possible by a generous contribution from the Genan Foundation.

June 22 Wednesday 9:30 – 10:30 am OR

June 23 Thursday 9:30 – 10:30 am OR
11am – Noon

Art Time for Tots Hippo-Hooray!

Little ones, 1-4 years, and accompanying adults visit the Museum's sculpture garden inhabitants . . . a hippo, a frog, cranes, and more. 📞



June 24 Friday 10:30 – 11:15 am

Art Babies Waddle and Hop

Bring your littlest ones, birth-1 year, for multisensory fun and social interaction in the sculpture garden and Art Park, the Museum's interactive family gallery. Baby gear, including prams, strollers, front packs, and blankets are welcome. 📞

July 2 Saturday 1 – 3 pm

Art Park Open Studio

Drop in and prepare for Independence Day celebrations by twirling, bending, and twisting chenille stems into sculptures celebrating fireworks in the night sky.



July 7 Thursday 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Yoga & Art

Delight in yoga in a soothing setting – the sculpture garden or a gallery, if weather requires – led by a 5 Koshas Yoga and Wellness instructor. Please register at 5koshasyoga.com/yoga/class-schedule/ Bring a mat or blanket.



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July 7 Thursday 5:30 – 7pm

Art 101/Hands-on Art

Chairs: A Look Behind the Lathe

Wisconsin Valley Woodturners discuss and demonstrate how woodworkers create chair arms, legs, and backs in dozens of unique shapes and designs. Following the presentation, participants may take a turn at the lathe with guidance from area woodturners.



Above, left: designed by Frank Gehry, manufactured by Easy Edges, Inc., Los Angeles, *High Stool*, 1971, photo by Michael Koryta and Andrew VanStyn

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Sublime Design

Summer Fun @ the Woodson

Whether funky and functional or sleek and satisfying, consider how creativity and design intertwine in items we use every day—clothes, cars, chairs. Good design results in purposeful art—objects that function well, with style. During summer Design Lab sessions, children and tweens brainstorm, play with design, and put the fun in functional.



Design Labs


Grab a Seat and Go!

Ages 5-8

Tuesday & Wednesday, July 12 - 13

9 am - Noon

Inspired by chairs in *The Art of Seating*, participants re-imagine existing chairs by utilizing unexpected materials in creative ways. Youngsters will explore essential design considerations through hands-on projects and artful experimentation.

Fee: \$35 members, \$45 non-members. 


Pull Up a Chair

Ages 9-12

Thursday & Friday, July 14 - 15

9 am - Noon

From concept to construction, Design Lab participants will retool existing chairs, develop original furniture designs, and learn how artists develop “solution-based designs” through interactive art making and investigation.

Fee: \$35 members, \$45 non-members. 

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Fee includes all supplies and materials.

Scholarships available thanks to the Wisconsin Valley Art Association; call the Museum.

StoryWalk® Hands-on Art

Saturday July 9 11 am – 3 pm

Sunday July 10 11 am – 3 pm

@ Monk Botanical Gardens

Peruse storybook-themed activities at the Monk Botanical Gardens and visit the Art Museum's tent to celebrate the artful storytelling of Eric Carle by creating colorful caterpillars or pattern-filled illustrations inspired by *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *Rooster's Off to See the World*.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

July 14 Thursday 10:30 am – Noon

SPARK!

Individuals with memory loss and accompanying friends or family members gather for a social outing in galleries filled with chairs spanning 200 years of American design. The beauty and utility of chairs spark one-on-one conversation between participants. After social interaction, participants engage in a hands-on art activity. 📞

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Above, from left: designed by a Shaker for a Community Member, New Lebanon, NY, *Rocking Arm Chair*, ca. 1840; designed by Herbert von Thaden, manufactured by Thaden Jordan Furniture Company, Roanoke, VA, *Adjustable Lounge Chair*, 1947, photos by Michael Koryta and Andrew VanStyn



July 19 Tuesday 10:30 am – Noon

Toddler Tuesday Flutter By

Bring your toddler, 18 months-4 years, to sample hands-on art projects with themes focusing on garden visitors that flutter, flit, and fly.

July 20 Wednesday 12:15 – 1 pm

Art 101 Chairs: A Look Behind the Lathe

Inspired by distinct designs in *The Art of Seating*, Wisconsin Valley Woodturners explore evolving iterations of the chair, highlighting techniques used to create wooden chair legs, arms, and backs.



July 27 Wednesday 9:30 – 10:30 am OR

July 28 Thursday 9:30 – 10:30 am OR
11am – Noon

Art Time for Tots


The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Children, 1-4 years, and accompanying adults share the art and story of Eric Carle's classic *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* through movement and hands-on art making. 📞

July 27 Wednesday 1 – 3 pm

Treasuring Memories


Children, teens, and families coping with the death of a loved one create memorial art for a garden, walkway, or special space of remembrance. Participants may bring small mementos to incorporate into the project. This free event offers the opportunity to share memories and reflections of loved ones. Questions?

Call Amy Kitsemel at the Aspirus Grief Center, 715.847.2703. To register, call 715.845.7010. 



July 29 Friday 10:30 – 11:15 am

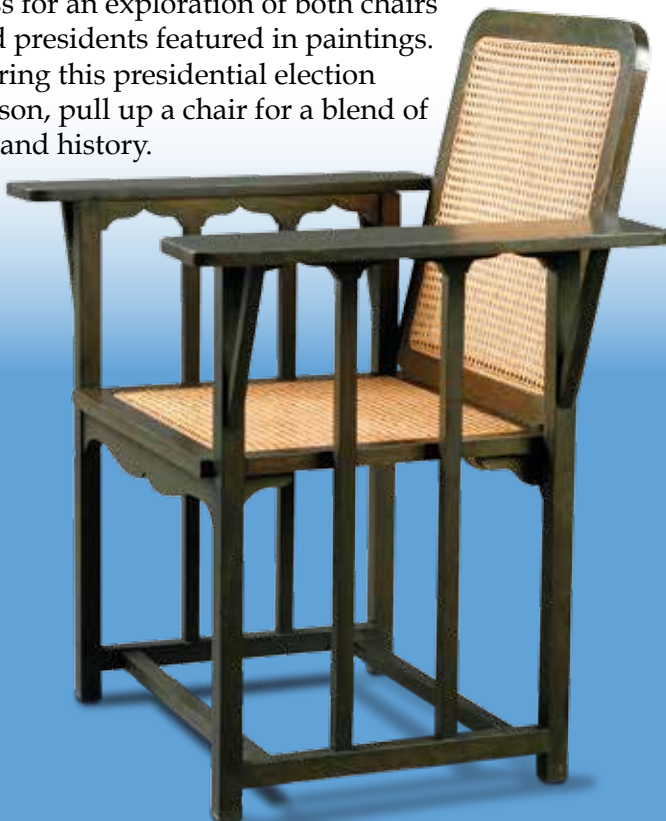
Art Babies Tickle Toes

Bring little ones, birth-1 year, to participate in a nature walk through the sculpture garden to enjoy summer's sounds, textures, and colors, followed by multisensory play in Art Park, the Museum's interactive family gallery. Baby gear, including prams, strollers, front packs, and blankets are welcome. 

August 4 Thursday 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Art 101 Chairs with Presidential Airs

Although several stood up for causes or issues, many presidents are seated in their official presidential portraits. Join project coordinator and historian Matt Foss for an exploration of both chairs and presidents featured in paintings. During this presidential election season, pull up a chair for a blend of art and history.



August 4 Thursday 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Yoga & Art

Participate in yoga amid artwork in the sculpture garden or a gallery, if weather requires, led by a 5 Koshas Yoga and Wellness instructor. Please register at 5koshasyoga.com/yoga/class-schedule/ Bring a mat or blanket.



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August 4 Thursday 5:30 – 7 pm

Hands-on Art

Drop in and create monoprints using gelatin plates and miniature chair stencils.



August 6 Saturday 1 – 3 pm

Art Park Open Studio

Aspiring furniture makers and woodworkers take a turn at the lathe with guidance from Wisconsin Valley Woodturners to shape wood inspired by *The Art of Seating*. Visitors with a chair in need of repair can bring it and receive woodturners' advice about repairing a broken rung or spindle.



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August 11 Thursday 10:30 am – Noon

SPARK!

Bring a friend or loved one with memory loss for a social outing in the galleries. One-on-one conversation between participants is sparked by describing the upholstery of a favorite chair, the comforting squeak of a well-worn rocker, or imagining those who sat in the *House of Representatives Chamber Arm Chair*. After social interaction, participants engage in a hands-on art activity. 📞



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August 16 Tuesday 10:30 am – Noon

Toddler Tuesday

Three Bears & Their Chairs

Toddlers, 18 months-4 years, and accompanying adults explore hands-on art making inspired by the classic tale of “Goldilocks and the Three Bears.”

August 17 Wednesday 12:15 – 1 pm

Art 101 Chairs with Presidential Aairs

Settle in, during the run-up to this year’s presidential election, as project coordinator and historian Matt Foss explores facts about both the chairs and presidents featured in official portraits.

August 24 Wednesday 9:30 – 10:30 am OR

August 25 Thursday 9:30 – 10:30 am OR
11am – Noon

Art Time for Tots Musical Chairs

Children, 1-4 years, and accompanying adults explore *The Art of Seating* through movement, music, stories, and hands-on art making. 📞

August 26 Friday 10:30 – 11:15 am

Art Babies The Catbird Seat

Bring little ones, birth-1 year, for a chair-inspired excursion featuring images, sounds, and stories. Little ones and accompanying adults use the chairs on view to stimulate interaction, followed by multisensory play in Art Park, the Museum’s interactive family gallery. Baby gear, including prams, strollers, front packs, and blankets are welcome. 📞

September 1 Thursday 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Art 101 Site-Specific Cranes

The Dance is the newest ephemeral sculpture on the Museum’s grounds. Join curator Andy McGivern for a discussion about working with The Myth Makers, who created the site-specific sculpture of sandhill cranes.



Left page, from left: designed by David Wolcott Kendall, manufactured by Phoenix Furniture Company (founded 1870), Grand Rapids, MI, “McKinley” Arm Chair, ca. 1894-1896; designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, manufactured by Steelcase Corporation, Grand Rapids, MI, *Johnson Wax Company Chair*, ca. 1938, photos by Michael Koryta and Andrew VanStyn

This page: designed by Harry Bertoia, manufactured by Knoll Associates, New York City, *Large Diamond Lounge Chair*, ca. 1952, photo by Michael Koryta and Andrew VanStyn



September 1 Thursday 5:30 – 7 pm

Hands-on Art

All ages drop in to fold origami cranes.

September 3 Saturday 1 – 3 pm

Art Park Open Studio

Bring the family and share in folding origami cranes.



September 8 Thursday 10:30 am – Noon

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Exhibition Extras

Kick Back & Say "Cheese" Pose for snapshots and selfies in the oversized Adirondack chair near the Museum's south parking lot; share your smiles on social media using #bigwoodsonchair

Design Lounge: Recline & Consider Design

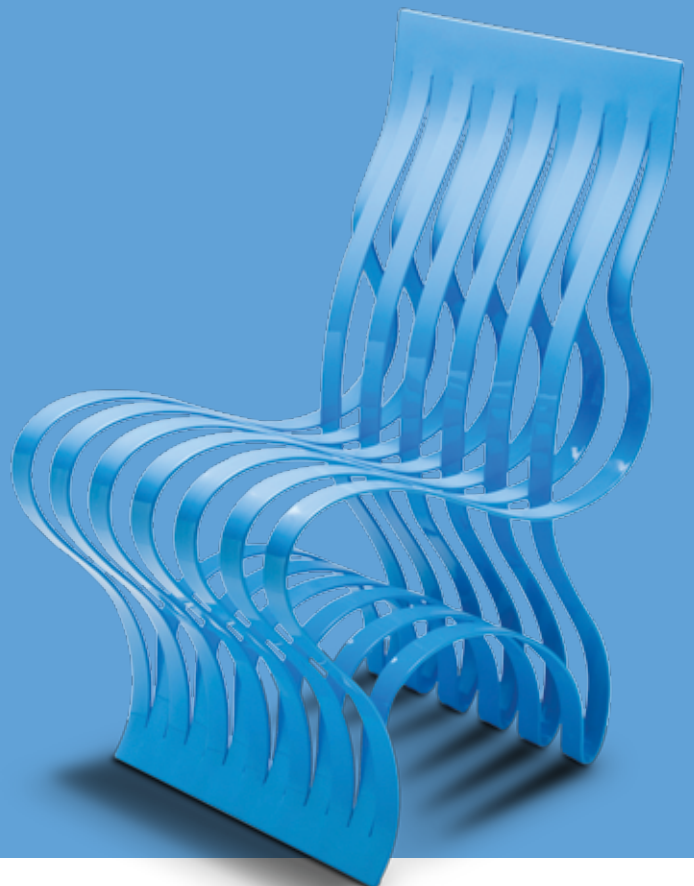
Visitors are invited to jot down and share reflections about their favorite chairs and responses to designs in *The Art of Seating*. Add your comments to retro chair cushions.

Activity Guide Consider good design in this free guide for all ages. What makes everyday objects beautiful and satisfying to use?

Audio Tour Learn more about chairs on view by listening on a Museum iPod, your smartphone, or tablet; all free!



Art Park Be a designer, problem solver, and artist! Explore an array of hands-on activities in the Museum's interactive family gallery.



From the Museum's Collection

Audubon to Wyeth

Paintings, Drawings, and Sculptures from the Collection

A dynamic, historic array of bird imagery in artworks spanning the early-nineteenth through late-twentieth centuries. On view through December 31.



Andrew Wyeth, *Swifts*, 1991, watercolor on paper
Dorothea Denslow, *Nesting Herons*, 1940, bronze



Out of the VAULT

Focused on only six bird species – mallards, bluebirds, ravens, chickadees, downy woodpeckers and wood ducks – see a sampling of mediums that yields distinctly different artistic interpretations. On view through November 20.



Deanne McKeown, *Ship of State* (8/35), 2009, bronze

Capturing Nature

Owen J. Gromme

See why Gromme is celebrated for compositions that integrate the bird and its surroundings. On view through August 14.



Owen J. Gromme, *Hummingbird*, 1966, oil on canvas on hardboard

Making Marks

This selection of avian-themed drawings ranges from quick sketches to intricately detailed illustrations, highlighting artists' varied approaches and the importance of field observation. On view through February 19, 2017.



Leon van der Linden, *Peregrine Falcon*, 1992, pencil on Fabriano paper
Berry Fritz, *Yellow-headed Amazon Parrot*, 2006, colored pencil on toned paper



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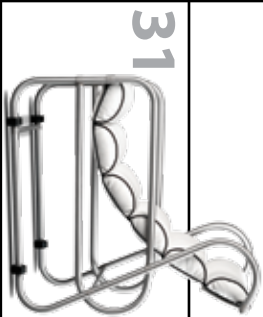
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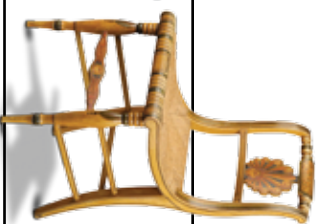
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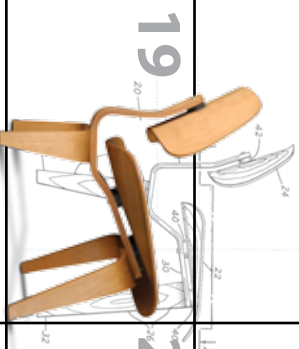
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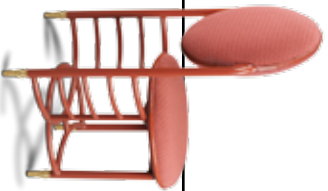
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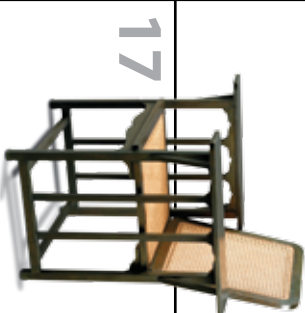
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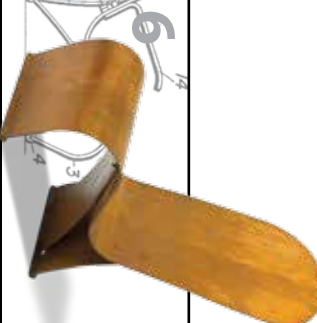
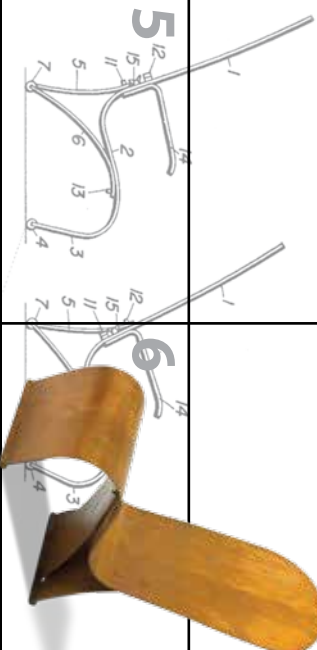
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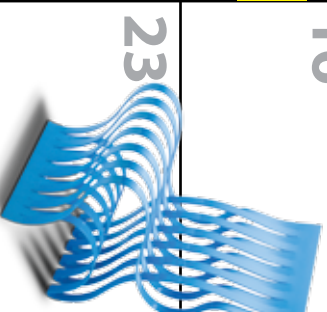
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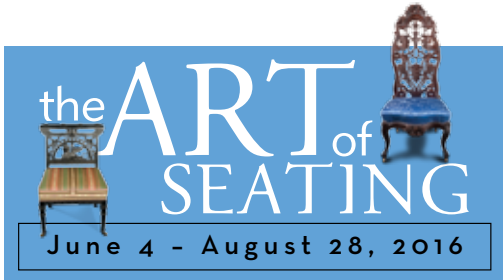


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