

Make a Chair from a Tree: An Introduction to Working Green Wood* (ART F036-F01)

Build a post and rung chair from a newly cut tree and learn an elegant and timeless method. Experience the pleasure of riving and shaping green wood and watch it work for you as it dries and shrinks.

Marvel at the capacity of wood to bend under the influence of steam and how it can then hold that shape. Take pride in sitting in a beautiful, delicate but strong, and very comfortable chair you have made yourself from a tree near you.

Instructor: John Manthei

Five days (Monday through Friday) 9am-4pm

Five students maximum

Materials Fee: \$100

Location: Kaufman/Manthei residence and studios

1600 Golden View Drive

Near the intersection of Ballaine and Goldstream Road

Phone: 455-4547 Cell: 808-345-8184

Minimum age: 16 years of age. All must contact the instructor before registering. See phone numbers above.

Qualifications: Minimum of woodworking skills necessary, but experience in working with your hands and a little hand and arm strength is helpful.

What to Bring: Pack a lunch and water bottle and some lightweight work gloves if your hands aren't used to gripping a tool handle. If you have your own drawknife, spokeshave, hand brace and bits, a ¼" chisel or carving knife, bring them along. Please don't buy any tools for this class at least until we've had our first meeting.

Class Schedule:

Monday AM:	Concepts, materials, design and demonstration
Monday PM:	Rive and shape rungs and set to dry
Tuesday AM:	Rive and shape back slats
Tuesday PM:	Steam bend back slats
Wednesday AM:	Rive and shape legs
Wednesday PM:	Steam bend back legs
Thursday AM:	Joinery
Thursday PM:	Assembly
Friday:	Level up, clean up, decorate, seats Wrap-up discussion and critique

*Title borrowed from book by John D. Alexander, Jr.