

# The Area Chair Challenge

*Open to all Dames, Garden Angels, Volunteers and Staff.  
No special skills needed. This is just a fun way to bring us all together!*



## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

*Find a chair, choose a theme (or no theme!), work alone or with a group from your area to create a fun new design for your chair.*

- Sept. 9th** Sign-ups will begin on the website, after the Board Meeting. Go to the **Event Calendar** page on [www.nscda-ct.com](http://www.nscda-ct.com) to register.
- Oct. 16th** Sally Kernan will donate 10-15 chairs (first come, first served). The chairs will be available after the Semi-Annual Meeting. *Any remaining chairs will be available after the December Holiday Meeting.*
- Apr. 15th** Finished chairs are due, delivered to the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum Shed.
- May 20th** Members will vote for Best Chair at May Annual Meeting. *(This is a friendly competition...but there will be a Trophy for Best Chair!)* Chairs will be auctioned off at the May Annual Meeting and online.

Along with your creativity, you can use paint, stencils, fabric, glue, nick-nacks, photos...anything!

## The Area Chair Challenge Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: What is a Chair Challenge?**

**A:** It's a fun, friendly competition and a way to use your creativity to breath new life into a chair that you may have at your attic or garage, find in a thrift store, or discover somewhere in the world. It's an opportunity to creatively decorate the chair in whatever way you see fit.

**Q: Why are we doing The Area Chair Challenge?**

**A:** In response to members' request for more social connection opportunities with a fun "friendly competition." It is intended to be a Friendly competition. The 2020 Area Chair Challenge will be on a modest scale in order to gauge members' response and engagement. Possibility to grow to larger fundraiser in the future.

**Q: Who can take part in the Chair Challenge?**

**A:** The challenge is not open to the public. All Dames, Garden Angels, Volunteers and Staff can participate.

**Q: Do I have to have any artistic skills or talents to participate?**

**A:** No! Even if you don't see yourself as artistic, you can participate. We're not looking for Not looking for a professional piece...this is just a fun way to bring members together.

**Q: Should I do a chair by myself or with a group?**

**A:** You are welcomed to do either. If you want to work with a group, we encourage you to find others in your Area to work with.

**Q: Should I create a themed chair?**

**A:** It's entirely up to you whether you want to choose a theme or not. Some themes that might get your creative juices flowing include:

- Represent your Area
- Favorite Colonial
- Family Ancestor
- Favorite Dame
- Grandchildren
- Family Tree
- Museum Exhibit
- Book from Area Book Club
- Think spring
- Graduations
- Weddings
- Gardens
- Flowers
- Best family vacation

**Q: What can I use to decorate my chair?**

**A:** The sky's the limit on this! Use your creativity! You can also look to Pinterest and YouTube for ideas and “how-to”s. Some suggestions for materials include:

- Can use items to glue on chair
- Fabric paint
- Stencils
- Photos can be copied onto fabric or paper
- Anything your heart desires can be used!

**Q: How do I sign up?**

**A:** Sign-ups will begin after September 9 board meeting. You can sign up on the Dame's website ([www.nsc-da-ct.com](http://www.nsc-da-ct.com)), on the Event Calendar page.

**Q: How do I get a chair? What guidelines are there for the chairs we use?**

**A:** You can choose any chair that you like. Additionally, Sally Kernan will donate 10 – 15 chairs on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sally's chairs will be available at the October Semi-Annual meeting and the Holiday December meeting.

**Q: What will ultimately happen to our chairs?**

**A:** All completed chairs will be delivered to the shed at the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum Shed on April 15th. At the May Annual Meeting, members will vote for the Best Chair. All of the chairs will ultimately be auctioned online and in person after the Annual Meeting.

**Q: Is there anything else I should know?**

**A:** We'd love to see what your creative process is like! Feel free to take before and after pictures, take photos and videos as you and/or your group work on your chair and send them to us. This is meant to be fun and we'd love to share your progress and fun on social media, in our newsletter and on our website.

**HAVE FUN!!**