

THE GOLDSTEIN MUSEUM OF DESIGN

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Exhibition

The Chair: 125 Years of Sitting
June 3 – September 2, 2006



Children's Chairs, 1950
Harry Bertoia
Plastic coated wire mesh
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. A.J. Schroeder



"Potato Chip" Chair, 1946
Charles and Ray Eames for Herman Miller
Molded and bent birchwood
Goldstein Acquisition

This exhibition will feature selections from the Goldstein's extensive collection of chairs. It will showcase seating furniture from the late nineteenth century through the twentieth century. The popular chair form will reveal explorations of materials, balance, and comfort by noted architects and designers.

Many artists who have normally focused on architecture or other aspects of decorative arts have found the chair to be a very attractive form to design. Some of the wide variety of designers whose chairs will be featured include Charles and Ray Eames, Michael Thonet, Mies van der Rohe, Russell Wright and Gustav Stickley. Visitors will come to appreciate the designers' philosophies about aesthetics, function, and materials, as well as learning how many classic chair designs are still being manufactured today. Included in the exhibition will also be a Shaker chair, an ice cream shop stool, and other familiar chair forms that have been popular over the last 125 years. Using images from the department of Design, Housing and Apparel's human dimensioning lab, visitors will also see how bodies are held in chairs, and how chairs can be designed for different functions.

The exhibition will open on Saturday, June 3 and is free and open to the public.

General Information

The Goldstein Museum of Design at the University of Minnesota supports teaching and research in design through exhibitions, publications, programs, and community partnerships. The Goldstein celebrates diverse cultures through its collections and programs by promoting the appreciation and interpretation of design within social, cultural, aesthetic, and historic contexts.

The Goldstein Museum of Design is located at 241 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108.

Gallery Hours:

Monday-Wednesday, & Friday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday	1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Admission is free!

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