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"CALIFORNIA CHAIR" -- FOUNDERS GALLERY SEPTEMBER 10 - OCTOBER 7

An exhibit of occasional chairs depicting different eras and lifestyles in California will open September tenth in Founders Gallery, University of San Diego. The Gallery is open to the public on weekdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. There is no admission charge.

"The occasional chair as an indicator of California culture helps us trace the development of the heterogeneous population which is California," states Therese Whitcomb, Professor of Art and faculty Director of Founders Gallery.

From a Mission chair on loan by the San Diego Historical Society to an English Sheraton chair which arrived here on a Yankee clipper, the viewer arrives at a personal insight into the lives led by early settlers. Other pieces include a 1907 Irving Gill chair designed for the Wheeler Baily house in La Jolla, and a Charles Eames molded plywood chair which is derived from slings used to transport the wounded from the battle field.

Coming full circle from the Mission chair is the wood sculpture chair by San Diego artist John Dirks which demonstrates a return to the early craftsmanship with its wooden pegs and hand rubbed finish.

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