



## **ARTIST JEFF JOHNSON TO LEAD CHAIR-MAKING WORKSHOP AT ARTS ON THE LAKE**

Hudson Valley artist Jeff Johnson will lead the “Make an Amazing Chair Workshop” at Arts on the Lake, 640 Route 52, Lake Carmel, on Sunday, January 26, from 1 pm to 5 pm.

Workshop participants will design and build a functional chair out of recycled chair parts. The chairs have to have a seat at least 8 inches off the ground, a back, and be able to support a 180 lb. person.

“We start by taking old chairs apart,” said Johnson, “then learn a little about structure and design, which makes more sense as the chairs are assembled first with masking tape and then drywall screws.”

“If the team members are from the same family, the chair won’t have custody problems,” said Johnson. Teams of two must add up to at least 22 years of age.

Johnson, who teaches Wood Design and Three Dimensional Design at the State University of NY at New Paltz, maintains his design and craft studio in Poughkeepsie.

“Make an Amazing Chair” is the first of the 2014 Sunday Workshops that will be offered to the community by the Lake Carmel arts organization this year.

Last year workshops included “Making a Wooden Spoon,” “Video Editing,” “Writing Memoir” and “Making a Felted Bowl.”

There is a \$10 fee to attend with a \$2 discount for members of Arts on the Lake. Limited to 16, advance registration is recommended at [www.artsonthelake.org](http://www.artsonthelake.org) or by phone to (845) 228-2685.

Although well-known in upstate art circles, Johnson came to the attention of AotL after speeding through Kent earlier this fall. Upon learning of his abilities, Kent Town Justice Peter Collins sentenced him to community service at the Arts Center.

AotL Executive Director James Shearwood said he hoped local law enforcement officers will continue to locate qualified artists and staff for the many activities at the Center.

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