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Title Armchair

Date 1750-1780

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Maple, rush

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Description Maple armchair in the Queen Anne, or late baroque, style, with a

yoke-shaped crest rail, a vase-shaped splat, turned front legs, a turned front

stretcher, and a rush seat. The back of the chair is formed by a yoke-shaped

crest rail atop two stiles. The top edge of the crest rail is bowed down in the

center, with an arch to each side. Centered below the crest rail is a solid, vase-

shaped splat, which attaches at the bottom to the stay rail. The front of the stay

rail is molded with a cyma curve, or S-curve. Above the seat, each stile curves

backward. Below the seat, each stile forms a leg that is slanted backward. Each

arm is bowed down in the center and has a scrolled handhold that extends well

past the top of the front leg. The top surface of each arm and handhold has a

raised ridge. Each front leg is turned with a baluster over three blocks, each

separated by a short baluster, over a Spanish foot (the bottom of each front foot

is damaged). Above the seat, each front leg supports the arm. The chair has a

trapezoidal rush seat. The front stretcher that connects the front legs is turned

with a ring-and-ball form. The sides and the back each have one rectangular

stretcher. Condition: Each front foot is missing portions of the front and outer

side. The wood around the wooden pins where the splat joins the stay rail is

splitting. The armchair is varnished, and the rush seat is replaced. Design and

Construction Details: The crest rail is supported by a tenon at the top of each

stile. The splat is tenoned into the crest rail above and into the stay rail below;

both of these joints are double pinned with very small wooden pins. The sides of

the splat, and the back edges of the stiles above the arms, are chamfered. The

stay rail is tenoned into each stile. The back of each arm is tenoned and pinned

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into the stile. Each front leg is tenoned and pinned into the arm above. Each seat rail is bladelike, with a rounded outer edge and a tapered inner edge. The seat rails and the front stretcher have round tenons that extend into the front or back legs. Each side stretcher is tenoned and pinned into the front and back legs. The back stretcher has rectangular tenons that extend into the back legs.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (overall height x width x depth): 45 1/8 x 23 1/8 x 24 3/4in. (114.6 x 58.7 x 62.9cm)