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Title Roundabout Chair

Date 1745-1760

Primary Maker Lathrop-Royce Shop Tradition

Medium Maple, ash, rush

Description Maple roundabout chair in the Queen Anne, or late baroque, style, with semi-circular crest and arm rails, solid splat-backs, turned stiles and stretchers, a cabriole front leg, and a square rush seat. The back of the chair is formed by a flat crest rail with a small spur at each side, atop a semi-circular arm rail with a flat, scrolled handhold at each end. This is supported at the sides and back of the chair by three stiles and two solid vase-shaped splats, one each between the stiles. Each of the stiles are turned above the seat with a conical form, below the seat each stile forms a straight back leg turned with a cone and block forms over a baluster-shaped foot. The rush seat is square; the seat rails are flat, and have a beaded outer and inner edge. The woven rush seat sits inside the frame created by the seat rails. The front cabriole leg rests on a pad foot. Knee bracket returns, with a shaped lower edge consisting of a cyma curve, are applied to the underside of the front seat rails where they join the front leg. A pair of turned, crossed stretchers connects each leg. Condition: There are multiple nail or tack holes in the top of the trim strips. The rush is replaced. A small piece of wood is missing from the ring at the top of the right stile. Design and Construction Details: The crest rail is constructed of a single piece of wood. The flat arm rail is constructed in two curved sections that are butted together in

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the center. The arm rail is nailed to the underside of the crest rail. The arm rail is supported on round tenons at the top of the three stiles. The splats are tenoned into the arm rail above and into the seat rails below. Each seat rail is tenoned and pinned into the stile and the top of the front leg. The rush is woven around a separate square frame, with exposed blocks at each corner, which rests on diagonal corner struts that are nailed to the interior corners where the seat rails meet the stiles and front leg. The seat frame is held in place in the chair frame by trim strips, or strips of wood, at the top of the seat rails and front leg. These strips of wood have a molded top surface and are nailed in place. The knee returns are nailed to the underside of the seat rails and the side of the cabriole knee. Each stretcher is tenoned into the legs just above the foot; a nail secures each of these joints. The interior corner of the block at the bottom of each stile is canted. The stretchers meet at a block in the center of each stretcher. Each of these blocks is cut-out to accommodate the other stretcher. This joint is secured with a nail through the underside.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (overall height x width x depth): 30 9/16 x 29 15

/16 x 25 1/4in. (77.6 x 76 x 64.1cm)