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Pull Up a Chair: A Selection of Chairs from Kirkland Museum's Permanent Collection Opens Virtually

Denver, April 10, 2020 – Chairs have long been admired for both form and function. What some see as simply a place to sit, others imagine as a work of art or an engineering marvel. Over the years, Kirkland Museum's Founding Director & Curator Hugh Grant has amassed a stunning collection of chairs spanning a wide range of movements and styles. This love affair with chairs includes over 600 pieces ranging from Arts & Crafts to Postmodern. Kirkland Museum is proud to now virtually share its chairs via a carefully curated collection of digital images and detailed descriptions. 45 of the 150 chairs typically on view are included in *Pull Up a Chair*, a digital experience intended to amuse and inform, and leave the viewer wanting more.

"We present *Pull Up a Chair* as a nod to our current stay-at-home orders and the objects we connect with inside our home. Whether for reading, eating, or curling up and napping, chairs play a starring role in our living space. If you've visited Kirkland Museum, you know we are pretty passionate about our seating," adds Associate Museum Director Renée Albiston.

"Chairs are an important part of our design collection," says Deputy Curator Christopher Herron, "and Hugh and I are always thinking about them as we plan and develop the furniture vignettes. He has assembled for Kirkland Museum a permanent collection of more than 600 chairs, about 150 of which are on view in the galleries at any given time, so we have a lot to choose from."

The public is also invited to vote on one of nine featured chairs linked to the exhibition site. The winning chair will be on view once the Museum reopens.

Kirkland Museum's Virtual Exhibition, *Pull Up a Chair* can be accessed 24/7 at kirklandmuseum.org/pull-up-a-chair.

For more information, please contact Stacey Johnson at marketing@kirklandmuseum.org or visit kirklandmuseum.org. A digital press kit is available [here](#) via the Press page at kirklandmuseum.org.

About Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art:

Kirkland Museum is dedicated to enriching lives by presenting art and design in a unique and approachable way. The Museum is rediscovering, documenting, collecting, preserving and exhibiting works from over 150 years, beginning in the mid-19th century, of Colorado's distinguished art history, international decorative art and the works of Vance Kirkland (1904–1981). The Museum serves the general public and scholars through exhibitions, the loan of works and public programs.

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