

Silver River

CENTER FOR CHAIR CANING

Directions

Please use the pictures and information included in this packet to create posts on your website, Facebook, Instagram, etc. You can copy and paste the information below partially or entirely. The goal is to reach as many SeatWeavers as possible and you never know who might see you post. Thank you for your help!

This is the important link that we are trying to spread far and wide:

<https://silverriverchairs.com/2020-chair-weaving-census/>

The above link leads to additional information about the project as well as the Jotform survey. If nothing else, a quick share of this link would be super-helpful.

Inspired by the 2020 US Census and the increasing popularity of woven furniture, the Chair Nerds at Silver River Center for Chair Caning (<http://www.SilverRiverChair.com>) have embarked on a research project: the 2020 Chair Weaving Census. Those of us in the business hear all the time, “this is a lost art!” We know this is patently untrue. We also know that while it is not true, there are certainly not very many chair caners as compared to potters, painters, or even basket makers. With very little research on the topic, we were compelled to do our own.

Help us get a snapshot of the craft of chair weaving in the 21st century. The survey is open to hobbyists, professionals, students, and anyone who has woven a chair! It will be open for a year. The data gathered will be published in a report to share with craft organizations, guilds, and other associates. We plan to augment the raw data by conducting video interviews at this year’s Annual Gathering of The SeatWeavers’ Guild (and beyond). The information will be featured in an exhibit at Silver River Chairs in 2021 and shared with craft organizations who can help promote the craft and its practitioners. We are hoping that you can help us reach as many chair caners as possible.

Easy ways to help:

- Just take the survey! <https://form.jotform.com/93378905999179>
- Post about the census on social media site
(Download Census Kit - Copy/Pictures: <https://silverriverchairs.com/2020-chair-weaving-census/>)
- Help us brainstorm various craft organizations or guilds in your region to send postcards
- Help us brainstorm historical resources or other research we aren’t aware of

Get more involved:

- Help fund the research (see details in the survey)
- Collect images from magazines with woven furniture or cane patterns
- Post about the census in a newsletter
(Download Census Kit - Copy/Pictures: <https://silverriverchairs.com/2020-chair-weaving-census/>)
- Add a featured/sponsored post about the census to your social media site