



# BARBARA SULLIVAN

Come Sit

A virtual exhibition

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WICKER ROCKER 2018  
shaped fresco 37 x 31 x 5 inches



## Come Sit

Empty chairs in a room suggest a human presence – as well as presenting an invitation to “sit”. Though inanimate, chairs can evoke the life and history of those who have sat in them, the personal history of their use and their era. They are vessels of memory.

Artist, Barbara Sullivan plays with these ideas as she makes her shaped fresco chairs. These are bas-relief objects - nearly life size - that have a real physical presence. Her work is both painting and sculpture; each chair structure is constructed like a sculpture, the surface is painted in true buon fresco. (Ground pigments painted into freshly laid wet slaked lime plaster)

Sullivan gleans her chair styles from historical furniture books and from memory. She might photograph a chair in a waiting room or other random space if it suggests something she seeks. Surface designs are from collections of combined fabric scraps, interior design samples, memories of nostalgic patterns, even decorative “Target” napkins.

Sullivan’s Chairs, each with its distinctive personality, not only invite us to sit, but to savor their presence, humor and flair.

SHAKER TREE BENCH 2012  
shaped fresco 46 x 36 x 4 inches



TALL BLUE FLORAL 2016  
shaped fresco 42 x 27 x 5 inches



VICTORIAN PEACH CHAIR 2020  
shaped fresco 42 x 18 x 3 inches



LANDSCAPE CHAIR 2014  
shaped fresco 47 x 36 x 5 inches



HORN SIDE CHAIR 2014  
shaped fresco 34 x 19 x 4 inches



HAPPY CHAIR 2020  
shaped fresco 36 x 24 1/2 x 3 1/2 inches



GREEN YOUTH CHAIR 2017  
shaped fresco 33 x 16 x 3 inches





BIRTHDAY BEDROOM CHAIR 2015  
shaped fresco 42 x 22 x 4 inches



HORN ARM CHAIR 2014  
shaped fresco 37 x 21 x 4 inches



READER'S WINGBACK 2016  
shaped fresco 48 x 36 x 5 inches



EAMES CHAIR 2014  
shaped fresco 37 x 24 x 4 inches



BOOK STACK 2019  
shaped fresco 38 x 21 x 3 inches