

# Art for your home will be presented at Mill



Amanda Young (left) and Clair Dancy will be painting this oak coffee table with a Chinese dragon design.

■ *Fund-raiser for art classes will purchase supplies, finance trip.*

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High school art students will parlay their creative talents into further educational opportunities on May 4, when the Manchester Mill will host a sale of painted furniture items designed by Marianne Sachs' advanced art class.

"The sale will raise money for the art department," Sachs said. "It will help to purchase additional supplies but also will help pay for a field trip to Toledo, where we will visit the art museum and the zoo.

"The students will be working on animal projects while we are at the zoo."

The furniture painting projects are optional for advanced students, and Sachs receives donations and hand-me-down furniture items which she supplies to the students. The students then select an art style or artist in which to decorate the furnishings, by researching the artists.

Sachs was inspired to bring this popular project to Manchester High School by an exhibit she saw in Chicago two years ago, where a similar auction project raised funds for the

Art Institute programs.

"But it's not just a fund-raiser," she added. "The students love the project and invest a lot of time and energy in planning and carrying out their ideas."

Emily Little and Danielle Forner are working on restoring a dining room chair in a Georgia O'Keefe style. At first, the girls were going to paint the chair green, but chose a deep pink instead with gold accents

"We like the pink and gold combination," Forner said. "It's feminine—we're chicks."

Little said the pair got ideas for the design from magazines and she drew all the floral pictures.

"I chose this chair because I liked its design," she said. "The circular pattern in the back of the chair reminded me of a floral design."

The girls will be covering the seat with fabric which they will paint in a floral pattern to coordinate with the chair.

Sophomores Amanda Young and Clair Dancy originally wanted to paint in an Americana pattern on an oak coffee table, but changed their ideas mid-stream and are now working on a Chinese-style dragon which Young is drawing freehand.

"I like new challenges," she said, when asked why she was interested in the painted furni-



Photos by Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
**Danielle Forner (left) and Emily Little have nearly completed a dining room chair project. The furnishings will go on sale at the Mill on May 4 from 1:30 to 5 p.m.**

ture project.

Dancy added that she prefers working in a paint medium to pottery or other advanced art forms.

These artists and others will be featured May 4 at the Manchester Mill, where owner Karl Racenis welcomes the opportunity to display the high

schoolers' handiwork.

"I look forward to seeing their work for myself, and to having others come and see what these talented students can do," he said.

The sale, which begins at 1:30 and concludes at 5 p.m., will be held inside the mill in case of inclement weather.