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Tyler Arboretum Announces People's Choice Winner

September 19, 2012 (Media, PA) Seats of all kinds are the focus of Tyler Arboretum's latest exhibition, ***SIT A SPELL: Seats That Tell a Tale***. From whimsical to contemporary, these seats are hand-crafted in all shapes and sizes for children and adults inspiring all to find a relaxing spot to enjoy nature. In the winter of 2012, the Arboretum put out a call to local artisans and community groups to design and create seats from of their wildest imaginations for the exhibit which opened in May, 2012. To add to the excitement, a contest was held to select winners in several categories including, Best Children's Storybook Seating, Best Adult Seating and the most coveted, People's Choice Award.

Tyler's visitors have loved exploring, imagining and relaxing on the more than thirty seats scattered throughout the shady grounds. By far, the seating creation that won the hearts of Arboretum visitors was the "*The Three Bears Chairs*" created by long-time Tyler volunteer and amateur wood-worker, Joe Cultrara. Over a three week period, Cultrara handily built three seats of varying sizes meant to hold the likes of Papa Bear, Mama Bear and Baby Bear. Materials for the project came from salvaged Arboretum lumber.

Visitors love the *Three Bears Chairs* because they are naturally interactive and invite imaginative play. Located near Tyler's pond, visitors of all ages climb into the seats to imagine themselves as a character from this beloved fairy tale. If you haven't visited Tyler recently, there is still time to check out the many creative seats including this People's Choice winner. SIT A SPELL and Tyler's popular tree houses will continue through October 28th.

About Tyler Arboretum

Tyler Arboretum, one of the oldest and largest arboreta in the northeastern United States, is an important community resource and cultural destination. Tyler provides a natural sanctuary for visitors interested in horticulture, history and the natural world. Its 650 acres of meadows, wetlands, and unbroken forest can be enjoyed via over 20 miles of hiking trails. Additional information is available at www.tylerarboretum.org.

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