



One in a series.....

Head Gardeners Chair

Due to the immense stress and strain of gardening, a more than comfortable chair for the head gardener is an essential element to a well planned garden.

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Conveniently locating seating around one's garden area is an absolutely essential element in a good garden plan. It's obvious that during a serious pass around the plants, its quite often necessary to sit and admire. English gardens typically have those rather large teak benches as prudent accomodations for that very purpose. They are more than lovely but, as you know quite pricey. So, whatever one can latch onto to provide convient seating in the garden works. Concurrent with those various sitting areas however is the final and most critical element... the head gardeners chair! He/she can comfortably review their latest gardening efforts and relax out of the sun.



HEAD GARDENERS CHAIR

With this requisite need in seating, I considered all my past chairs... either they were too flimsy (could blow away in the wind) or in one case metal that might've become a scorching branding iron during most summers. Comfort though was uppermost in my mind. A search through Craigslist listed a gentleman who'd bought a storage shed full of chairs and was selling them for \$40 a chair. Traveling to Show Low I reviewed his various offerings and settled for what to me was a stylish sort of 50's outdoor chair. Back home it was indeed the chair for me... comfortable and angled back just enough to allow for proper meditation. However, its long life in storage had made its cushions slightly inflexible and then my frequent sitting down made the stiches start to sepearate. Finding an upholster in this small town proved to be quite the daunting challenge but, I finally found a car restorer who did a marvelous job using marine material since it would be outdoors. Let's not discuss the cost for doing this... but let me warn anyone about thinking of re-doing their entire car.



Totally re-done cushions were necessary but, then there were those old teak armrests that needed additional work.





My lovely chair I bought for forty dollars was showing its age and began to tear at the seams... generally it needed some love.

The old armrests were removed, sanded, stained and then a protective coating



My Other Outside Seating



Another comfortable stopover on the way around my back yard. The carved snake was from a friend in Santa Fe.

Had a local make this sturdy bench and the small adjoining table out of some old scaffolding. Situated at the extreme south end of my rock garden.

Convenient to meditate over my garden zoo in the morning.





Under an old juniper tree on the north end of my rock garden. Primarily the seating is for only one butt.

I've had these old chairs standing by but in the sun they heat up way too much for any official duty. Need to find a convenient spot for them however.

