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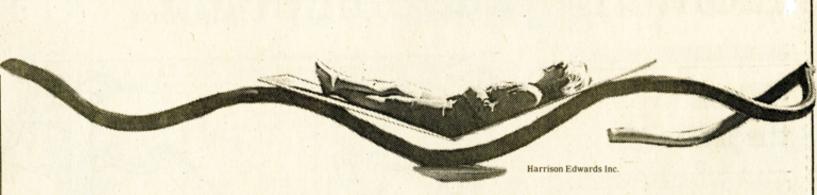
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Beguiling Benches and Musical Chairs Under the Pines

HE benches in the Katonah Museum of Art's "Benchmarks" exhibit are functional sculptures meant to be looked at, touched and even sat on. The 13 benches, set outside under giant pines, range in style

from ironic to whimsical to downright political.

Forrest Myers's "Sail Away," above, is a rocking steel serpent set on a wood platform. Elizabeth Egbert's "Corinthian Bench," a curved red-oak pineapple encircled by seating, lures like a slyly curled finger. And "High-Back Windharp Chairs," by Doug Hollis, of painted steel with backs 20 feet high, have wires strung from their tops to their bottoms. Other artists exhibiting include Scott Burton, Michele Oka Doner and Peter Shire.

The show continues through Sept. 27. The museum is on Route 22 at Jay Street in Katonah. Admission is free. For more information, call (914) 232-9555.