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Wendell Castle Turns 80

A SPATE OF EXHIBITIONS celebrate the 80th birthday of sculptural-furniture artist Wendell Castle. Two museum shows treat aspects of his five-decade career: his curvaceous early works are on view in "Wendell Castle: Wandering Forms—Works from 1959-79" at the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield, Conn. (through Feb. 24, 2013); complex works from the last decade are the subject of "Wendell Castle: Form Within Forms," at the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, Louisville (through Feb. 4). Meanwhile, two New York galleries bring us up to date: new unique and limited-edition furniture is at Barry Friedman Gallery (through Jan. 26, 2013), and a new two-story installation appears at Friedman Benda (Jan. 10-Feb. 9, 2013). Castle was born in 1932 in Kansas, and now lives in Rochester, N.Y.

Wendell Castle,
Baker Dining Chair,
1967, oak, 29½ by
24 by 22 inches.
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Century, New York.
Photo Sherry Griffin.