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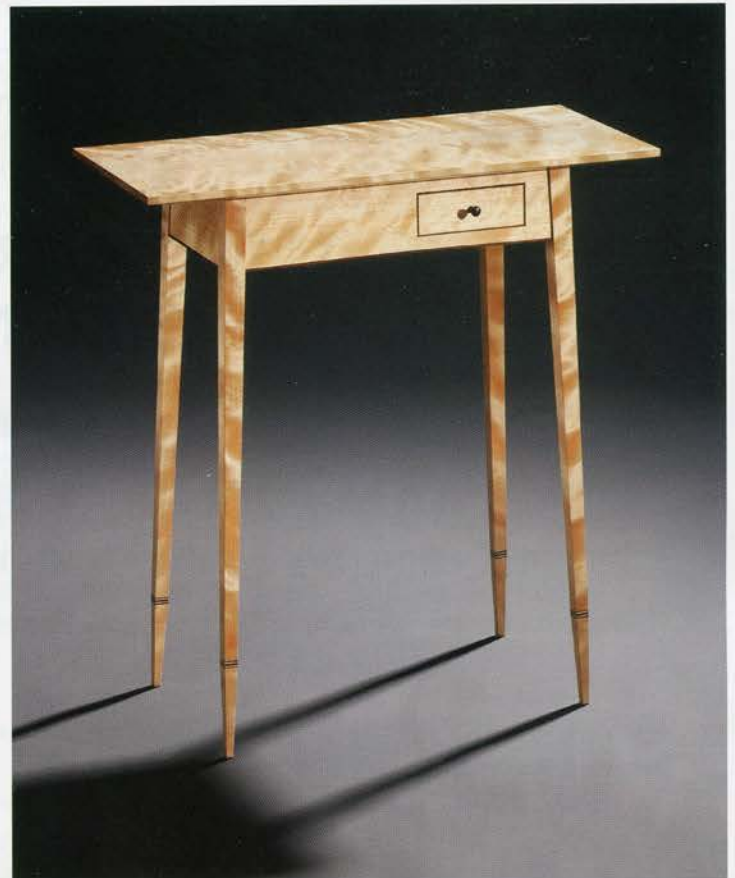
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Mike Korsak Furniture Maker, LLC

Mike Korsak Furniture Maker is a furniture design-and-build studio located on Saxonburg Boulevard, adjacent to Hartwood Acres park. Mike Korsak, the owner, designs and builds finely detailed, impeccably crafted wood furniture. Also known as “studio furniture,” to denote a limited-edition, studio-based approach, Mike’s work has been exhibited in galleries and museums throughout the United States, and is also privately collected by many in Fox Chapel and the Pittsburgh area.

Mike has always known that wood was the medium that he wanted to work with, initially exploring this interest through woodworking, carpentry and timber framing. In 2007, while living in New Hampshire, Mike had a chance encounter with a furniture maker that opened his eyes to the world of studio furniture, and to the idea that furniture could be art just as much as painting, drawing or sculpture. This epiphany motivated Mike to explore his own design aesthetic, and to start producing the refined and elegant work for which he is now known.

In 2011, Mike and his wife, Jen, moved to Pittsburgh and purchased a 3-acre property adjacent to Hartwood Acres park. One





of the buildings on their property was a carriage house, which Mike renovated into his studio. Mike's goal for his studio renovation was to create a building whose finished exterior was representative of the kind of work produced within. To that end, he designed a renovation that relied on exceptional materials and subtle details, skillfully executed, to reflect his design aesthetic.

Mike's furniture is produced on commission and he works on one piece at a time. Each piece generally takes several months to complete. Mike's approach to the design process is tailored to each individual client. Some clients prefer to participate in the major decision making, while some rely a bit more on Mike's sense of design to guide the project.



In addition to designing and building furniture, Mike is also a writer and a teacher. As a contributing editor for *Fine Woodworking* magazine, he has written numerous articles about the techniques he employs to design, build and embellish his work. Mike is also an instructor at the renowned Center for Furniture Craftsmanship in Rockport, Maine, and will begin teaching workshops at the Back Channel School of Woodworking in McKees Rocks later this spring.



To see more of Mike's work, visit his website at www.mikekorsak.com, or call him at 412-447-1325 to schedule a visit to his studio.

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