

Parliament of Owls



In the darkness of the night, on silent wings, the owls arrive one-by-one. From all reaches of the forest, they gather - big, tall, stout, wise, curious, calm, and eager for conversation. Among the treetops, they sit among friends in stillness. The Parliament of Owls has assembled. *Hoo* will speak first?

The suite is intended to be both soothing and awe-inspiring. Guests will be treated to peaceful slumber guarded by the sentinels of the night: ten owls towering above them and keeping a watchful gaze, four others atop the bedposts. Their muted chatter is an otherworldly lullaby that is as mysterious as it is serene. The glowing eyes, the backlit moon, the gradation of trees and limbs give a feeling of solitude in nature.

I've been a wildlife biologist and conservation attorney for most of my life. I incorporate my learnings of the natural world into my sculptural work. As an ornithologist, I worked with owls often – tracking the, counting them, banding them, and helping bring them back from the brink of extinction. On many nights, I'd feel the air above me stir as an owl perched in a tree above. It would call. I would call back. On rare but magical occasions, a Parliament of Owls would convene. The colloquies they had I will never forget.

Owls are glorious creatures with incredible abilities. My hope with this suite is for others to feel this magic. To that end, I have incorporated a tasteful QR code into my design that not only links to a looping montage of owl calls (the evening lullaby while lying in bed) but also information about the uniqueness of owls, and their plight. No matter how a guest experiences the Parliament of Owls, it is sure to be a hoot!

Thanks for your consideration,

Dave Rothstein



Bed (160 x 200x 50 cm): Ice
Winged Head- and Footboards: Snow
Owl Bedposts (155 cm tall): Snow



Tree and Owl Relief in Three Layers as indicated by shades of white and gray:

1. Extending 45 cm in front of wall
2. Face of wall
3. 25 cm into wall

Owl eyes lit from behind in yellow

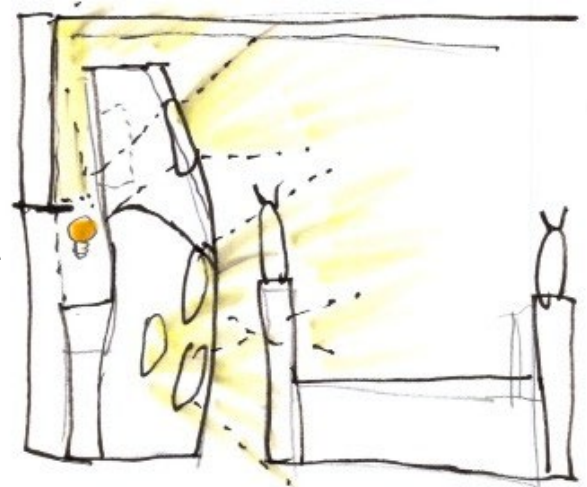
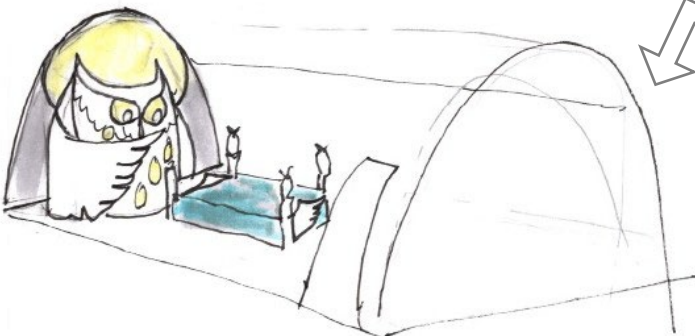


Owl Lantern and Moon

Backlit with yellow light illuminating moon, eyes, and body feathers

3-D, tapered, half-cone design protruding 120 cm from wall at base, allowing interior to be marginally hollowed to allow for light

Moon created in relief, lit with targeted yellow light

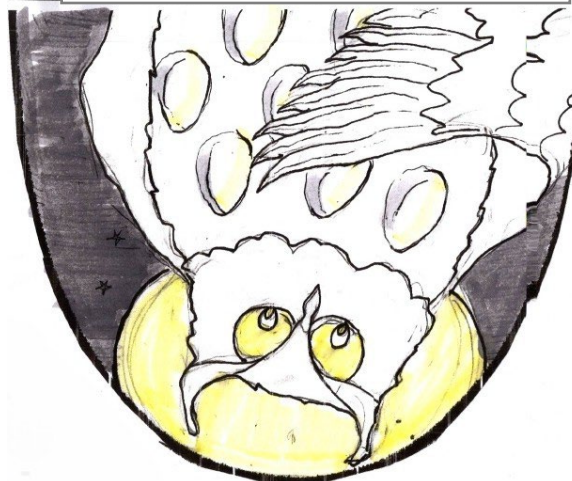
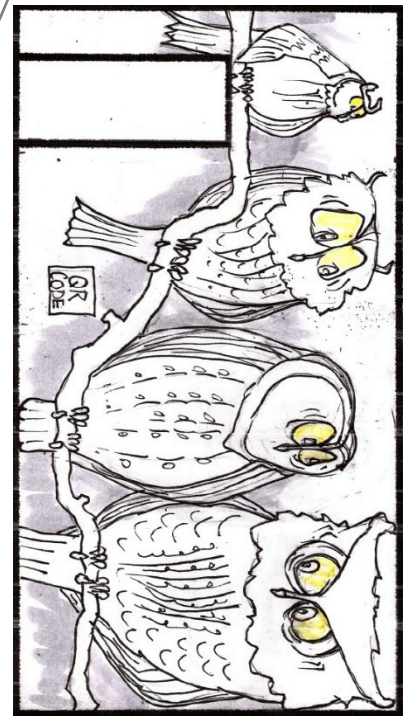
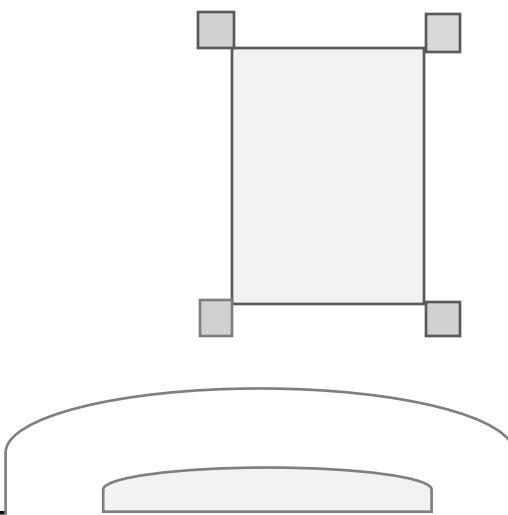


For side walls and end walls, all owl eyes lit in shades of yellow from behind Eye openings possibly covered with ice lenses, or left hollow



Side walls of owls carved in relief to a depth of up to 35 cm

Side wall Tree
Branches of Snow set out 13 cm from wall, with toes of snow and ice



QR code carved by CNC in ice affixed under branch on door wall. QR code links to a montage of owl calls that can be summoned as a sleep time lullaby.