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Calendar contents: 12 images/essays on historical Park Ridge Artists

In its role as a creative resource, the Park Ridge Cultural Arts Council, Inc. has compiled an historic pictorial calendar for the year 2016 featuring works of various prominent early 20th Century Park Ridge artists for promoting the cultural arts of Park Ridge. To encourage the involvement of all age groups with the arts, the calendar includes historical facts about the featured artists and provides volunteer opportunities to participate in raising public awareness of Park Ridge's rich cultural heritage. To help ensure and promote this ongoing heritage, the calendar will be given as a thank you gift for donations received.

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- Collaboration Grant...Park Ridge artists and arts organizations
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Eugene R. Kupjack 1912 – 1991

miniaturist

Address: 12 Main Street

Family: Eugene is survived by two sons, Henry and Jay both of whom are still in the family's miniaturist business.

Discipline: Creating miniature rooms of various world styles.

Most well-known for: Mr. Kupjack helped enhance the European Thorne rooms at the Art Institute of Chicago especially with caning, glassware and silver objects. He designed and created all the American rooms of the Thorne Rooms.

Subject Matter: Exact replicas of artifacts of everyday living in times gone by and from various world cultures. Scale: 1 inch = 1 foot.

Sample: Thomas Jefferson's Bedroom, a favorite room of Eugene's.

Mr. Kupjack is known as the Dean of the art form of miniatures. He worked in silver, Lucite, caning, wool, etc. Originally Eugene was going to be a set designer for movies. During WWII he was a Navy Commander making orthopedic instruments and ending up with patents for 13 surgical devices he invented. He sent Mrs. Thorne some glassware and caned chair seats he had made. She called him and he worked with her ever since 1952 'til his death. He made over 700 miniature rooms keeping several: Betsy Ross's living room, George Washington's Valley Forge dining room and Thomas Jefferson's bedroom. His rooms have sold for as little as \$15,000 and as much as \$250,000 depending on the detail involved. He was the son of a jeweler and attended the Art Institute at age 8.

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Mission Statement: The Park Ridge Cultural Arts Council works toward the active enrichment, promotion and financial support of the performing, visual, and literary arts in Park Ridge.

Annual Budget: \$10,000 annually

Size of Volunteer support: 20+ volunteers

Annual Fund Raiser: The PRCAC publishes and offers as a premium for a donation of \$15 or more this desk-top calendar annually. In addition, individuals are approached to give much-needed donations prior to the close of each calendar year.

Image Description:



Restored Mural at the Park Ridge Library.

APRIL 2016

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Thomas Jefferson Bedroom - scale: 1 inch = 1 foot

SEPTEMBER 2016

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