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JACK UNRUH

Illustrator Jack Unruh and his wife, Judy Whalen moved to Forest Hills in 1998. Behind their house, a year later they built a barn-like garage with an art studio above. It was there, neighbors walking by, would catch glimpses of Unruh working at his drawing board through the window of a tree house-like room.

Many neighbors were models and appeared in his illustrations. He also drew artistic inspiration from the nature that surrounded him here in Forest Hills, from the mysteriously shaped cedar elms to the yellow-crowned night herons.

Unruh's work graced the pages of books and magazines from Rolling Stone to Texas Monthly. His subjects included Bob Dylan, Winston Churchill, John F. Kennedy and B.B. King. "The passionate outdoorsman (fly fishing and bird hunting) captured in art, an array of flora and fauna for publications including National Geographic and Field & Stream. He was an illustrator who had a great range of subject matter and was equally adept at creating stunningly beautiful depictions of animals as well as biting satirical caricatures of politicians". He received countless honors and was inducted into the Society of Illustrators Hall of Fame in New York in 2006. Fellow members include Norman Rockwell, Frederic Remington and N.C. Wyeth.

"Almost a decade ago, Texas Monthly asked Jack to portray the Texanist columnist, David Courtney, in all sorts of ridiculous scenarios. Jack did 105 Texanist illustrations, each one full of whimsy, fine detail, and the imaginative genius that was Unruh's hallmark." He also illustrated a monthly Bill Heavey column in Field and Stream and a Southern Living column with Pulitzer Prize winner, Rick Bragg.

Jack Unruh died May 16 in Forest Hills. We'll miss seeing him in that studio window, the beauty and visual wit of his art and his dish-rattling laugh. His spirit will remain.



FISH & Other Stories as My Pen Remembers Them, a lasting memory of our neighbor Jack Unruh is coming out this fall. It will be an 11 x 14 inch vertical, full-color, hardbound book with over 200 pages of pages from Jack's journals that he wrote and drew in during his many fishing and hunting trips. Proceeds will go into a scholarship fund Jack had established at Washington University in St. Louis, Unruh's alma mater, in gratitude for the start it provided him in his career. Available at herringpress.com

