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### Fountain House Displays Treasure Trove Of Art Owned By Dick Lubinsky

DIAL UP BROAD BAND

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*When someone dies, it often falls to family members to clean out everything that was left behind in a home or apartment. Sometimes, as NY1's Roger Clark reports, they find some surprises.*

A rock star, a lover, a young man with his whole life in front of him; the many faces of Dick Lubinsky, who lived 68 years before his death in April 2001. His niece June Kosloff, one of his few surviving relatives, helped arrange burial, and then stumbled upon a hidden legacy.

"I mean, there was just so much stuff," she says.

Lubinsky was a hoarder. He had filled a Bronx apartment, three cars, and a storage unit with things he collected. Kosloff enlisted friends to sort through it all, and among a lifetime of belongings, she says, "I started finding these bags, they were kind of like laundry bags, full of paintings."

There were also drawings and photographs, many of Lubinsky himself and longtime companion Judy Zinman. Kosloff decided to curate an exhibit dedicated to her uncle's art, now on display at the Fountain Gallery in Hell's Kitchen.

The 5-year-old space provides a place for artists living and working with mental illness to show their creations. It was started by Fountain House, a group that has been working to improve the lives of those with mental illness for 60 years. Dick Lubinsky was once a Fountain House member, he spent his life battling schizophrenia.

In addition to all the drawings and photographs, you can also find out a little bit more about Dick Lubinsky by reading some of his writings, which were found in

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art books.

"Since the gallery exhibits work from Fountain House members, we thought it was a great idea, and a great tribute to his lifetime work," says Jason Bowman of the Fountain Gallery.

And Lubinsky's niece seems to think he would have been happy to see his work exhibited, although perhaps a bit reluctantly.

"I think he is loving it, because he never really had a forum for his mind in this kind of way," says Kosloff. "I know he had friends and people, but he probably never thought that it could be shown like this."

To find out more about the exhibit check out the Fountain Gallery website at [www.fountaingallerynyc.com](http://www.fountaingallerynyc.com).

- Roger Clark

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