

Lofty Pursuits owner Gregory Cohen collects artwork, builds a dollhouse

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A few artful questions from COCA for Gregory Cohen, owner of Lofty Pursuits.

Q: Can you play a musical instrument?

A: I used to play the piano and the bassoon. I don't any more. I have been thinking of taking up the clarinet so I could play in the Lofty Pursuits marching band.

Q: Do you own any original art?

A: I've been collecting art for years. I have early printed pages by Albrecht Durer, and some illuminated manuscript pages from the 12th and 15th centuries. I also have some more modern stuff: a small Calder print, a Chagall and some pieces from the Brazilian street artist Titi Freak. I also have a large oil painting portrait of my wife and me yo-yoing, based on a photo from our wedding.

Q: What was the first



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Gregory Cohen is the owner of Lofty Pursuits in Market Square on Timberlane Road.

concert you ever attended?

A: Pete Seeger. I was about 2 years old.

Q: What book is on your night stand right now?

A: "Line of Control — A Thriller on the Coming War in Asia," by Mainak Dhar. Indian science fic-

tion.

Q: When was the last time you danced?

A: New Year's Eve.

Q: What was the last live performance you saw?

A: The band at the fundraiser for Sage restaurant.

Q: What movie has most



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affected you?

A: "It" starring Clara Bow. Great acting. I'm a sucker for romances.

Q: What was the last thing you made by hand?

A: A dollhouse for my daughter. I made it yesterday!

Q: When was the last time you were on a stage?

A: Dec. 3 for both candy-making downtown and the Southeast Regional Yo-Yo Contest. They were the same day.

Q: What artistic talent do you wish you had?

A: I'd like to act better. Never could do it well.

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