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Hand-etched glasses are among the unique items crafted by Robb Rich of Dumont.

## *Dumont artist makes an impression*

### Hand-etched glass provides career, creative opportunities

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DUMONT — In the tight basement workshop of his Dumont home, glass artist Robb Rich carves another niche in the medium he has adapted to satisfy a fickle consumer demand.

For the past three years, Rich has nurtured his hand-etched glass business on which he is banking his future, or at the least the next phase of his unique career.

Crouched closely above a champagne glass secured neatly in special braces of his own design, Rich dexterously makes fluid lines

across its pristine surface with a tiny tool that resembles a dentist's drill.

Robb, born in the Bronx and raised in Dumont, said he always "tinkered with art," etching intricate borders around the custom aquariums he built in his teens and early 20s.

In the 1970s, said Rich, he developed a somewhat of a reputation for etching elaborate designs on automobile windshields at a time when the practice was popular. But obscene images and shoddy work by the glut of what he called sub-par "artisans" looking to cash in on the craze forced the Division of Motor Vehicles

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