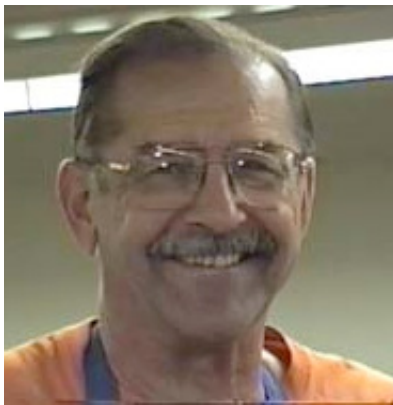


# NATIONAL ROCKHOUND & LAPIDARY HALL OF FAME

## Conrad G. Grundke

Inducted 2018

Lapidary



Conrad Grundke started his lapidary work in the 1970's after seeing the wonderful intarsias his father was making. He also learned metalsmithing and jewelry making. A retired IBM engineer, he did not devote much time to lapidary until he moved to Laguna Hills, CA where his father was teaching intarsia to Senior Citizens at a local retirement community. He completed his first intarsia in 1900 using his father's inventive techniques and has completed many more since then. He spends much

time selecting just the right materials so that the stones themselves add to the picture.

He has taken special displays to shows and has talked about his work to many groups. He continued working with the senior citizens after his father's death and in 1994 became the lapidary instructor at Saddleback College. In addition, he's given talks to many gem and lapidary clubs and has won many awards for his work at several major shows.

