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art & frame

Fall 2004

MILITARY MEDALS AND FLAG



Several years ago we framed a photo of Connie Fuller's Dad along with his military medals and awards. She and her Mother, Joyce Moore, wanted to have another shadow box made for Connie's brother. Because we had used most of his medals and awards in the prior frame, we suggested ordering replicas. We did have the flag that was presented to Joyce. The full-size commemorative flags, when folded, are about 3" deep, so we chose a gold-leaf shadowbox moulding with 4" of depth. The flag is hand-sewn into a recessed triangular opening surrounded by a matching gold fillet. The matting is hand-covered suede "Colonial Red". Conservation Clear Glass covers and protects this family treasure. Our good friends at Craters and Freighters built a custom wooden crate and shipped the box safely to Joyce in Georgia. Thanks Connie and Joyce, it was our pleasure to frame these treasures.

FRAMING HISTORY



Ronald Reagan Letter

In 1964 Bob Schlitt, who was living in California, wrote a letter to Ronald Reagan encouraging him to run for public office. Bob received a personal reply typed and signed by the future President. After Reagan's death, Bob and Donna, his wife, decided to preserve and display these historical documents. They asked that we design something special. We wanted to add some color and prestige to the two letters. Pat started a search for the California Governor's Seal and the Presidential Seal. It was difficult to find a reproducible copy of the state seal, until Lucy contacted the State of California Library. They graciously e-mail several usable copies to us. The frame is a polished walnut with a gold lip. The navy blue mat, with red and gold edges, complements the colors of the seals. The letters were encapsulated in Mylar sleeves and the frame was completed with Conservation Clear glass.

Thanks, Donna and Bob. It is so inspiring to be able to "touch history".



Bradley's Art & Frame will participate in the American Cancer Society's Holiday Shopping Card. The card will be honored at Bradleys from Thursday, October 21st through Saturday, October 30th. The cards may be purchased with a \$60. donation to The American Cancer Society at Bradley's or on-line at www.holidayshoppingcard.com.

The card entitles you to a 20% discount on custom framing orders placed during the active dates and 20% off art and other merchandise. Please see "Holiday Shopping Card Etiquette" for details.

YOU FRAMED A WHAT?

A really worn-out, used-up, torn UT baseball cap.

When Stuart Ford acquired this brand new white cap, it quickly became his favorite! He wore it everywhere. Soon the cap began to show wear and tear. There were many attempts to "hold it together". Finally, sadly, the cap was retired. Stuart's Mom, Pat, found a collection of photos that traced the hat's history. We framed the series of photos, each with a caption noting the status of the headpiece:

"BRAND NEW,"
"NOT SO BAD,"
"MASKING TAPED,"
"DUCT TAPED,"
"SAFETY PINNED," and
"READY TO RETIRE."

We framed the cap, with all the tape and pins, along with the photos in a black shadowbox frame with rust linen backing. The photos were mounted and lifted over the background above the captions that we created on the computer. **What a great keepsake – thanks, Pat, for trusting Bradley's.**



COMPUTER CONVERSION

Those two words are right up at the top of the stress list with moving, remodeling and a teenager getting a drivers license. After 15 years on the same system, Bradley's began converting to new software full of "bells and whistles". We are learning to use the new program pretty quickly. By the time you read this, we'll be fully operational.

We'll ask you to fill out a new "customer information" card, because we want only good, accurate data in our new system. We'll give you the option of receiving our newsletter – with Gift Certificates – by e-mail or mail. We'll never give your information to anyone or any organization...you can count on that.



MEMORIES ARE FOREVER.

The GIFT of a PURSE



Our good friend, Dottie Williams, asked that we frame this leather purse, mirror and hand-written note. Dottie's father-in-law had given the purse to his soon-to-be- bride in 1929. Lucy designed the framing with an embossed suede backing that replicated the tooled pattern of leaves on the purse. The chestnut burl frame matched the aged leather perfectly. All the items were safely mounted over the suede background and the frame was completed with Museum (UV Filtering and Anti-Reflective) Glass.

Thanks, Dottie, for letting Bradley's preserve this family heirloom.

Ornament from an Italian door

Sybil Roos found this charming copper and verdigris replica of a door ornament from the Cathedral in Verona. We chose a "ginger" color silk background to compliment the copper. We decided that a stacked frame would be perfect. Beginning on the inside we used a chemical-wash rustic peach lip. Next, we added a notched cap with both a green and rust wash. Finally the outer frame is a Florentina pattern that once again repeats the copper and green. This is a perfect combination to enhance a treasured souvenir.

Thanks, as always, to Sybil for coming to Bradley's.



FRAME THEM ACCORDINGLY.

Decoration from a Chinese Wedding Gown.

This beautiful and unusual embroidered and beaded ornament only needed some minor repair. Judy Baker found it in an antique shop in Shanghai, China. Lucy wanted the work to float over a background, so the ornament was attached to a sheet of Plexiglas® and lifted up. The top silk mat, Chablis, and the blue lip mat, Monaco, were wrapped over a custom cut scalloped pattern to follow the shape of the art. Judy and Lucy chose a hand-carved, white gold frame to complete the design. The design on the frame replicated the feel of the pattern of the embroidery. **Thanks, Judy, for bring this lovely treasure to Bradley's.**



Kathy's Korner A Family Tragedy leads to formation of a Support Group

Bradley's custom framing designer, Pam Kelling and her sister, Judy Holman, were recently honored by the Brain Injury Association of Texas after their brother Robert was injured in a motorcycle accident in 1980, Pam and Judy found that they needed more than the available support services to help him and



the family. They formed the West Houston Brain Injury Support Group which has met once a week for 17 years at Memorial Hermann Spring Shadows Pines/Memorial Hermann Continuing Care Hospital.

Judy was honored with the Tom Dean Humanitarian Award for volunteering and for contributing the most to the quality of life of others. Pam accepted the award for the Outstanding Chapter/Support Group.

The sisters have helped hundreds of people and their families suffering the after effects of a severe head injury. Every Tuesday evening Pam continues her outstanding work with the Brain Injury Support Group.

Thank you for making a difference.

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MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS PHOTOS



Since Memorial High School was undergoing a major remodeling, they decided that it was appropriate to upgrade their collection of class photos. Some of the older ones looked pretty sad.

Beginning with the 1965 photo, we designed a series of frames, each of which will hold 6 years of Senior Classes. It is great fun to watch the clothing and hair styles change. In the 1965 photo, there's not one pair of blue jeans. Imagine that? We designed a cut-out mat identifying each set of photos. The frames are now the same size and protected from fading with UV filtering Plexiglas®. When it is time to begin a new frame, we simply cut the mat for the current photo. The next year, we'll pick up the frame and add the new photo until it's full.

Thanks to everyone at Memorial – we appreciate the opportunity.

SOME FAVORITE TESTIMONIALS

"I'm so glad y'all (Bradley's) are here. I know I can bring it here and you'll do it. I save so much time and money because you do it right the first time." B.H.

"I've never NOT been satisfied with your work. A frame makes such a difference. It's like a great haircut." K.S.

"I'm amazed at your creativity and I love what you do." S.L.

35 YEARS IN HOUSTON



DID YOU KNOW?

Bradley's Art & Frame will be 35 years old in March 2005. Wow!! We are still family owned and operated. Bill, Pat, and Kathy are almost always around to provide you with premier custom framing. And when they are not in the store, our staff, which averages 13 years with Bradley's, takes over just like family. We strive for excellence in design, customer service, craftsmanship and conservation.



We can frame almost anything...at least if it will hold still. We have designed and constructed custom framing for the following and many more:

- Shadow Boxes
- Needlework
- Textiles
- Original Art
- Watercolors
- Pastels
- Giclées
- Military Medals
- Musical Instruments
- Phonograph Records

- A Shark Egg
- A Pony Tail
- A Monopoly Board

- Hand Covered Fabric Mats
- French Mats-Marble Paper
- Cut Out Lettering & Designs
- Lacing Needlepoint
- Glass Mats
- Mirrored Boxes

- Repair/Restore Frames
- Pick Up and Deliver
- Crate and Ship
- Engrave Brass Plates
- A Toy Box for Children

- Clothing
- Diplomas (Sheepskin)
- Photographs
- Oil Paintings
- Antique Prints
- Children's Art
- Serigraphs
- Personal Memorabilia
- Dried Bouquets
- Sports Jerseys

We have also framed:

- Fish Fossils
- Snake Skin
- Dusty Hill's Shoes

Framing Techniques:

- Embossed Design Fabric Mats
- V-Grooves
- Unique Shaped Mat Openings
- Mylar Encapsulation
- Plexiglas™ Boxes
- Light Boxes

Other Services Provided by Bradley's:

- Repair/Restore Oil Paintings
- Install (hang) Art
- Gift Wrap
- Transfer Prints to Canvas
- A Shop Dog (Nicki) and A Shop Cat (lily)

THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW:



Bradley's Art & Frame, a proud member of WBEA (Women's Business Enterprise Alliance), participated in the WBEA "Connections 2004" Expo at Reliant Stadium in May. The Mission of the organization is to "Increase business opportunities for women owned businesses and provide qualified suppliers to buyers." Bradley's successfully completed a rigorous Certification process in 2003 and must be re-certified annually.

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