bradley's art & frame

You Framed a What?

"Funky" Frame Needed

Martha Tucker's niece, Allison, a photographer, produced a series "Everyday things people do accompanied by animals." Allison and her sister, Katherine, the model, created this great "chicken" photo. Martha wondered how they convinced the chicken to sit still. "It just sat there" was the answer. A "funky" photo needed a "funky" frame. Pat combined a "zebra" and a "giraffe" pattern accented with a red orange lacquer. This one was really fun. Allison's photography may be seen on allisontucker.com. Thanks, Martha.





Sheepskin Diploma

This sheepskin diploma from Baylor University was presented to Kay Morgan's mother, Jewell Wallace in 1930. She was one of the first to receive a 4-year college diploma in Nursing. The sheepskin had water damage and was wrinkled because it had never been mounted. Bill hydrated the diploma to relax it so we could mount it flat. The framing is simple, but elegant, following the shape of the lettering with the mat. Thanks, Kay, we were pleased to return your treasure to you.

Trip to Australia Memorabilia

This is a uniquely attractive display of memorabilia from a trip taken to Australia by Ron Berger and his family. Amy worked with photos, shells, coral, a wooden puzzle and boomerangs to tell the story of the trip. The frame is a lacquered burl wood with an inlaid "kite" pattern and the background is watery "teal"



silk. Amy designed an embossed background the shape of the Australian continent placing the items to accent the shape. This shadow box really tells their vacation story. Thanks, Bergers.

2009 Holiday Schedule at bradley's art & frame

Closed on these days: Thanksgiving Day November 26 Christmas December 25 – 28 (the elves need a rest) New Years & Inventory January 1 – 4

Special Services for You:

- Complimentary Gift Wrapping (wait until you see the bows)
- Pick-up, Delivery & Expert Installation... we make "house calls."
- No Cut-Off for Holiday Framing... the more time we have; the better. Early is best.

Photo Frames Make Perfect Gift*s*

All of our photo frames contain Conservation (UV Protection) Glass. For a nominal \$5 we will insert Museum Glass into any photo frames that you purchase from Bradley's. Bring in your photos. We will help you select the perfect frames and gift wrap while you wait.

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Civil War History

Jo and Al Miller brought Lucy this fascinating collection of Civil War history. Jo's father, is shown in the photo as a child with his Grandfather, James Dinnel, a Civil War veteran. This legendary clipping from the Vicksburg *Daily Citizen* was one of the "Wallpaper Newspapers" of the Civil War. It was printed on one of the



only kinds of paper available in the South in July of 1863. To view the wallpaper and the writing on the reverse of the discharge document, glass was added to the back of the frame. Steve

designed the mat which includes inked lines with decorative corners and a bar of hand-made marble paper across the bottom. This family treasure was given to Jo and Al's son, also named James, who is a Civil War collector and historian.

Persian Rug

Susan Kennedy's grandmother filled her retirement years by moving to the Middle East to teach. While there, she purchased a Persian rug which, as Susan remembers, was always in the living room. Later, Susan inherited the rug from her parents.

When Hurricane lke struck and the Kennedy's had no electricity, Susan and her 2 nieces began copying the 12 decorative square patterns by hand. After the power was restored, Susan worked the patterns on a computer. The nieces plotted three different design sections for



Susan to cross-stitch. This beautiful piece of needlework is the result of all their effort. The frame is a rosewood and antique gold with a deep gold silk mat. This is a lovely future family heirloom. Thanks, Susan!

Famous Life Magazine Photo & Great Story

This is a great story! Leeann Linden had missed a flight, but finally boarded and was hoping to have a row to herself so she could relax and get some needed rest. An older gentleman sat next to her. She was disappointed until she found out that he was Carl Muscarello, identified by nurse, Edith Shain,

as the sailor who gave her that famous kiss in Times Square on VJ Day, August 14, 1945. The photograph taken by Alfred Eisenstaedt published by Life Magazine is legendary. For many the picture represents the emotion felt by the country as WWII finally ended. Mr. Muscarello was returning from a Life Magazine reunion with Shain, when he gave Leeann several autographed copies of the photo. Amy designed a lovely vintage silver frame with cobalt blue silk mat. What wonderful treasures. Thanks for sharing with us, Leeann.

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As part of our responsibility to you... our loyal customers... we take seriously the task of maintaining the state-of-the-art knowledge of our craft. We stay up-to-date on the latest techniques and materials in order to provide you with the ultimate quality, design and construction.

Lucy and Steve, both MASTER CERTIFIED PICTURE FRAMERS, along with Amy recently attended a continuing education workshop on DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF SHADOWBOX ENCLOSURES. The class focused on a myriad of Non-Invasive and Reversible Mounting Techniques for Three-Dimensional Objects. We learned the newest methods and the best archival solutions for securing YOUR OBJECTS, such as baseballs, coins, textiles, magazines, medals and newspapers, to name just a few. We immediately put our new knowledge to work on a collection of Civil War paper money, using "Crepeline," a non-acidic, thin, loosely woven silk organdy from France to provide support for the fragile paper bills.

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Customer Quote: "I cannot tell you how much I am going to enjoy these frames." — Jan S.

RESTORATION

Last April, during the flood, 6 photo albums belonging to a customer were submerged and soaked. Fortunately, the books were still wet when they arrived at Bradley's. We immediately placed them in the freezer. Just recently, we started opening the albums, one at a time. We removed the photos from the sleeves quickly before the ice crystals melted and then allowed the photos to dry on paper towels. All the photos are saved and in good condition. Please keep this in mind when another flood or hurricane occurs.



BEFORE

AFTER

This beautifully colorful crazy quilt was disintegrating rapidly. Pieces of the fabric were falling off along with some of the tassels. We covered a rag board, a little larger than the textile, with the same blue velvet as the background and secured the quilt to the board by covering it with fine netting. This fabulous family heirloom is now stabilized and not lost to future generations.

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James Bagg lives in

Galveston and along with everyone else suffered

Ike damage. This beauti-

ful Icart Lithograph was a

victim of the storm. Thanks

to our good friend, Cheryl

Carrabba, a Professional Paper Conservator in

Austin, this lovely artwork

Do you have a restoration project? Bring it in!

has been saved.

"From the Dog House" By Casey Bradley

Here I am with my new friend, 14 monthold Mary Frances McWilliams. She was very gentle with my long hair. Babies are fun because they are down here on the floor where I am. I don't have to jump to get their attention. Well, I don't really jump... at least I'm not supposed to. I know that!

What's New?

September is a busy employee anniversary month. Lisa celebrates her 24th anniversary with Bradley's. We can't even imagine how many pieces of glass she has cleaned. Lisa, you're the best!

Lucy celebrates her 16th year with Bradley's. She refers to her tenure as her "15th Christmas." Lucy's design skills are legendary. Bradley's is so lucky to have her!

Jennifer has been with Bradley's for 2 years. We are constantly amazed at all she can do: framemaking, finishing, repair, sgrafitto and now needlework. Thanks, Jen!

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Congratulations to our recent Contest Winners

Janet Orman - Baseball Tickets Jean Walker - Antique Print Odile Tyler - Leather Frame Thanks to all who entered!

Watch for future contests!

The 2009 Holiday Shopping Card at bradley's art & frame

The American Cancer Society VICTORY Presents the 2009 Holiday Shopping Card October 22 thru 31st

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