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Needlepoint Framing Wins Blue Ribbon

Congratulations to Janet Crass, winner of a Blue Ribbon at the American Needlework Guild Seminar in Albuquerque. Janet chose Bradley's to frame her exquisitely stitched needlepoint "Spirit of the Southwest." The framing, design, and construction counts as 30% of the total scoring by the judges. We chose a taupe silk for the mat and a 12K white gold custom frame. The mat shape was plotted on the computer to exactly match the edge of the stitching. We covered a thick board with the silk to create a crisp deep bevel. The needlepoint was laced over rag board and cotton batting.

*Just beautiful, Janet.
Thank you!*



Name the Goose & Win!

You'll recall that Bill's sister-in-law, Helen Shepherd, "delighted" him last Christmas with this lovely ceramic goose accompanied by 10 holiday related outfits. We have been told that we were being impolite by not "naming the goose." We want you to participate!! Submit your suggestion for Ms. Goose—Entry forms are at the shop. The winner will receive a \$100 Bradley's Gift Certificate, and even better, your picture with Bill and the goose named _____ will be published in our next Bradley's Newsletter. Helen has agreed to judge the names... since she started this whole thing. The winner will be named on Saturday, December 7th. Please help—everyone else around here has a name...



YOU FRAMED A WHAT?



Three Wisemen Needlepoint

It seems to be the time of year to show this exquisitely stitched needlepoint of *Three Wisemen* by Marion Gerhart. The challenge for Ruth was to wrap and stretch the "Mat Arches" that were stitched separately from the figures. The beautiful condition of the needlework is preserved. We selected a 23K gold leaf frame and added one-inch depth to the frame to allow for all the layers. **Thanks, Marion, we appreciate the opportunity.**

Crochet Dress

Mrs. Joydell Kirtley brought us this beautifully preserved hand-made crochet dress, cap, and a photo of her wearing the dress. When the photo was taken, the dress and cap were tinted blue, probably to match her eyes. We thought this would look so much nicer if the color of the photo was correct. Since we were copying the photo and re-printing it in a smaller size, Bill digitally changed the dress color to emerald green. The frame is a gold shadow box with a delicate chain pattern. The photo is surrounded with a matching gold fillet and lifted up from the background of soft cream linen. The dress and cap, of course, were hand-stitched in place. It is our pleasure to add these special touches to your treasured mementos. **Thanks, Mrs. Kirtley.**



Metro National Banner

Shortly after September 11, 2001, a huge red, white, and blue banner, *God Bless America*, appeared on the top floor of Metro National's tallest building across from Memorial City. The banner was 20' by 240' and weighed over 300 lbs. It flew on the building for months until the weather took its toll. Linda Silver, of Metro National, brought in remnants of the banner and a photograph of the building. We selected a 30" by 18" fragment and floated the photograph over the surface. Steve lined the inside edges of the frame with banner pieces that matched the background. We chose a mahogany cap with gold bead lip and UV filtering glass. This frame was presented to Metro National on September 11, 2002.



1980 Olympic Medals

Tom Tellez, former coach of the UH Track Team, brought us this set of very special Olympic Medals. In 1980, President Carter ordered a U.S. boycott of the Summer Olympics in Russia. Later these special gold medals were minted and presented to all the athletes and coaches who would have participated. Steve embossed the Olympic rings into a "Navy" silk background, placing the two medals into the two bottom rings. The ribbons were pulled up to the top edge of the frame. A gold "cap" frame and glass spacer completed the design. **Tom, thanks for letting us help preserve a moment in history.**



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Letter to Piper

The Lone Star Chapter of the Short Wing Piper Club asked Bill to frame a letter being sent to Bill Piper, Jr. (right), son of the founder of Piper Aircraft, on his 90th birthday. Bill Bradley designed an intricate cut-out blue and red mat and included a patch from the Chapter. The frame now hangs in the Piper Museum in Lockhaven, Pennsylvania.



Antique Fishing Lures

Need a gift idea for a fisherman? Rose Naidus brought us these antique lures. Bill designed a unique mat layout that included 2 embossed panels of "Williamsberg Green" Linen with "Bar Harbor Gray" Linen exposed in the center opening. The lures are "floating" on hidden dowells giving a real dimensional effect inside the walnut stained oak shadow box. Thanks, Rose for another great idea.

Seashell Collection

The Berger family, Cheryl, Ron, Andrew, Ashton and Alissa, traveled to the beach during Spring Break. They collected a large, diverse assortment of shells and shark's teeth. After their return, the children used their best research skills to identify each one. At Bradley's, we received the group separated in bags and identified. Bill designed a mat layout that would allow for the depth of the largest shells, and would also show the tiniest shark's teeth and shells. We found some numbered and alphabetized map tacks and used them with the computer-generated legend to identify all the pieces. We built a distressed pine shadow box and matted with a "Truffle" silk top mat, accented with a rust red background. What a great way to combine a fun vacation with some learning skills. Thanks, Bergers.



Pat Phil Lisa
Harby STEVE Ruth

PAM

Lucy

Chin

Nicki

She just won't stay in
the lines...

Congratulations

Lisa Yee and
Lucy Quay



Lisa was recognized for 17 years at Bradley's, and Lucy has been with us for 9 years. It's been our pleasure. They both compliment us with their presence.

Casey & Reno join us in
wishing you a joyous and
peaceful Holiday Season.



Glass Ornaments by Martha Jane Taylor

May we present a sparkling collection of original designs—tiny glass beads on clear and colored ornaments. The assortment is signed and dated by the artist, Martha Jane Taylor. Begin your collection with the inaugural selection in 2002. Many have told us that their families now exchange unique ornaments each year. Their Christmas trees become a living family history.



Shady Lady

We are very sorry to tell you that we lost Shady Lady a few weeks ago. She was 18 years old, and had been in excellent health for an old lady of 90. You may recall she had been dumped behind our building as a 4-week-old ball of black fluff. She "worked" at the shop almost every day entertaining you, your children, and us. She is truly missed.



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and

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