

bradley's art & frame

You Framed a What?

Military Dress "Mess" Jacket

Marilyn Oliver tells us that her husband, Hugh, was stationed in Germany in the 1950's when the army decided to change their uniforms from "Pinks and Greens" to "Blues." Along with a regular dress uniform, Lt. Oliver also bought this more formal "Mess" jacket. After he wore it to a party, the Colonel in charge of the Post said he would have to get one, because he couldn't let a little Lieutenant "outshine" him. Lucy designed this striking framing to show off this dramatic uniform jacket, commendation ribbons, and artillery badges. The frame is an ornate black deep shadow box with a "Cuervo" gold silk background. The jacket is hand-stitched and protected with Museum Glass. Thank you, Marilyn.



Monopoly

Monopoly was trademarked in 1935 during the Depression and has been played by over half a million people. This original version of the game was purchased for the Macon family children for \$2.95. They were told that they had to take good care of it, because money was very tight. Obviously they did; it has survived for almost 75 years. Last Christmas, Leslie Macon decided it was time to preserve the game as part of the family history. All of the playing pieces were carefully placed on the board. Lucy and Steve decided that 2 embossed question marks (?) in the

"Moss Green" suede backing were perfect for the 2 empty corners. A simple distressed black frame and Museum Glass complete the framing. This is a great memory preserved. Thank you, Leslie.

Indian Camel Bone Paintings

Tom and Joleen Henkel brought these two unique paintings on carved camel bone enhanced with jewels. The two pieces, when joined together, depict the Taj Mahal in the background. The paintings were floated over gold lame fabric showing the delicate filigree pattern of the bone. The black lacquered frame with 22k gold engraved corners perfectly enhances the art. For the inner frame or liner, Lucy and Jennifer designed a scrafitto pattern that replicated the art. Beginning with a 22k gold leaf frame, which Jennifer painted black, she scratched through the black to expose the gold pattern. An embossed black silk mat and Museum Glass complete the design. What a jewel! Thanks, Tom. (for more information on this style of art, go to www.bradleysartandframe.com)



39th Anniversary

Since March 1970, it has been our pleasure to provide you the very best in custom picture framing in Houston. We have always strived for perfection and aimed to exceed your expectations.

As our 39th Anniversary at Bradley's Art & Frame approaches, we know that in some cases we are serving the third generation of one family. That thought is both exciting and humbling.

We offer a sincere "Thank You" from all of the Bradley's and staff.

I-10 Katy Freeway Construction is Complete

Just in case you didn't know, the road construction is complete. I have actually driven from Blalock to Bellaire Blvd. on I-10 and 610 in less than 15 minutes (at the speed limit).

For those who braved the construction to visit Bradley's, we thank you sincerely. For those who couldn't face the orange barrels, it's safe now. Come on over!

Support your Local Small Business

Did you know that Small Business hires 75% of the employees in the USA? A Small Business is like a family. It is vital to the economy of this country that small business remains vibrant and thriving. If you have a choice, would you please consider patronizing an independently owned small business? Thank You!

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Mardi Gras Ball

Laurie Tyler's daughter, Malorie saved all her treasures from a Mardi Gras Coronation Ball. Her dress was inspired by a Bazaar Magazine cover. Malorie's sister, Lauren, has a shadow box with similar items. We wanted the boxes to be complimentary but not match. Lucy stacked 2 ornate gold leaf frames together to create enough depth for the mask. The items were mounted over a navy blue silk. We used fabric covered mounts, fillets and small frames to isolate and show off the photos, medallions & cards. This is a lovely keepsake. Thank you.



Eagle Scout

Congratulations to Dalton Dominy on achieving his Eagle Scout designation. His mother, Kimberley, brought us the shirt, patches, certificate and photo of Dalton. Lucy created a beautifully finished walnut burl frame with a matching extender to create depth in the box. The shirt and sash were hand-stitched over a navy blue silk background. The framing was completed with Museum Glass. We're proud of you, Dalton. Thanks to Kimberley for choosing Bradley's. Special thanks to Anne-Marie McMichael for referring Kimberley to Bradley's

Needlepoint Chicago

LaQuieta O'Dell recently completed this colorful needlepoint by designer, Tony Minieri, who says this pattern reminds him of Chicago. This beautiful stitched needlepoint is actually 2 pieces. We laced the back canvas and then mounted the front canvas on 8-ply rag and lifted it up. It creates a really interesting shadow. Pat chose a 22k gold swan shaped frame and matted with "Grannie Smith" green silk. The mat is cut with "kobe" corners to complement the stitching. Beautiful work, as always, LaQuieta. Thank you.



Civil War Toy Soldiers

Candace Leibe's son, Brandt, now a 28 year old Washington DC attorney, played with these delightful tin Civil War Soldiers during his childhood. Candace saved them and decided to give the set to her son for Christmas. Amy tried several layouts, but

decided upon the North and the South facing each other. She used pieces of a Texas map reproduction to line the insides of the frame. The soldiers are placed over a "Shamrock" green suede background; the frame is a mahogany veneer cap. Brandt, a Civil War History buff was thrilled and loves this distinctive addition to his home. This was a huge hit and great fun to work on. Thanks, Candace.

The Best Value for Your Money

At Bradley's we would prefer not to participate in the recession. Our promise to you is that we will not compromise on the quality of materials or workmanship. You will receive the same value for your dollar that you always have. If there is a problem with your order (we don't think there will be,) or you are dissatisfied in any way, we will make it right. We guarantee your satisfaction and our quality.

If you have a budget in mind, let us know. We have a large selection of cut...but not joined...frames that are "value" priced. They are standard sizes, but can be cut down to a custom size. We want to help. Let us know how we can.

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- Packing and shipping
- PhotoVu – a 22" Digital Picture Frame that can display 150,000 photographs



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Norma S.



"Ike" Restoration

The Lone Star Flight Museum in Galveston suffered major damage from Hurricane Ike. The first floor of the Museum and hangers had over 6 feet of water standing for 24 hours. Bradley's was honored to be selected to restore 23 original paintings that were immersed in the dirty, sandy saltwater. The frames and stretcher bars had to be discarded; they were already moldy after one week. We un-fit and un-stretched

the canvases and laid them in the sun to dry and kill the mold. The canvases have been cleaned, re-stretched and fit into handsome ready-made frames.

Pat & Bill attended the Lone Star Flight Museum and Texas Aviation Hall of Fame Gala honoring the Tuskegee Airmen. They had the privilege of meeting 8 of the Texas Airmen. It was an impressive and memorable event. For information and photos, please go to www.lsfm.org. Donations will be gratefully received to restore this unique facility. The Museum re-opened on January 30th.

Save Your Damaged Art

If you have art that was wet and/or damaged during the storm, it may not be too late to save it. We have restored photographs that were stuck to the glass, silk textiles that had color bleed, diplomas and certificates with water stains, and canvases with mold. Bring them to Bradley's! If we can't help you, we probably know someone who can.

Did you know...

Some universities are replacing hurricane damaged diplomas at no charge? Don't throw the old one away until you receive your new diploma. Copyrighted photographs must be ordered from the photographer if he/she can be identified.



"From the Dog House"

By Casey Bradley

I was 10 years old on February 1st. Pat Perdue found me running in the alley behind her town home when I was 4 months old. Oh! I was so cute and had so much energy. Dr. Kelly McIntyre, my personal veterinarian, says I'm a Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier mix. I'll greet you at the door and give you a "High Five." I'm not supposed to have a lot of dog treats, but one little one every once in a while can't hurt.

"Artist, Suzanne Marsh, with Casey and his portrait"

What's New?

Leather Photo Frames from Peru

Wait until you see the backs! They're completely finished in the same fine leather. Won't that look great sitting on your desk?



Don't forget bradley's has Lunt Silversmith's Sterling Silver Frames!

DON'T BE SHY!

Mother's Day May 10th

Your Mom really wants that photo of you framed for her wall. Yes she truly wants your first original work of art framed. And yes, she absolutely wants a beautiful shadow box for Grandma's cherished possessions.



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