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art & frame

Spring 2006

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this handsomely framed **G. Harvey Canvas "Trailhands and Trolleys"**.



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We must receive your e-mail no later than 6:00 p.m. April 14, 2006 – the drawing will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2006 (it's not "faxing" to enter – you might win!)

## Why Guess?

See your  
"FINISHED"

Frame and Mat  
Selection  
in minutes at  
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What is it about those

## “Blue Dogs”?

Is it the eyes? The intense colors? Who knows? Here are a few that we've framed.

Bring your

## “Blue Dog”

to get the Bradley treatment.



# blue dogs?

## *A Note From Pat...* . . . Marlene's Magnolias

A few months ago I walked into Marlene Matalon's studio, and gasped when I saw the most beautiful photographic collection of magnolias. The infinitesimal detail on every petal of each flower is exquisite. I bought 3 so I could enjoy them at home every day.

We have a small selection in the gallery, along with a CD showing her entire collection. Please call Bradley's for details or better yet, come see them in person.



## *Comments* from some creative customers...

"My most favorite moments are framed by you! The Best!"

"You have reduced me to a huge grin. There will always be a smile between my sister and me for years to come. You will be a part of that smile."



## clarinet

Peggy Brockenbush tells us this clarinet belonged to her grandfather who played in a "Community Band". They would roll up the rug at someone's house and have a dance. As far as the family knows, he was self taught and was known as "the fun parent" because of his love for music. Pat designed the piece in an antique white gold moulding with a "mahogany" silk background. Grandpa's photo and plaque are mounted on a separate pedestal. We added a few embossed musical notes "just for fun". Thanks, Peggy, we are so pleased that you are enjoying your clarinet.



## watches

Stephen Hornbarger tells us that all of these watches were passed on to him by his grandfather. The oldest one dates back to the US Centennial in the 1870's. One is a railroad watch and another is a ladies Elgin. The Master's Workshop (across Westview from Bradley's) cleaned the watches and then we mounted them, at various heights, on pedestals covered in forest green silk. Pat chose a 3" deep Imperial Gold shadow box frame. The collection is protected with Museum Glass. Thanks, Stephen for trusting Bradley's.



## mardi gras doubloons

Janis Smith and her husband, Art – a native of New Orleans – have been collecting Mardi Gras Doubloons for years. With great effort and the help of eBay, the Smiths accumulated several complete 46-coin sets from the Krewe of Rex. One of the oldest and

most celebrated Krewe of the New Orleans Mardi Gras, Rex first introduced "Doubloons" in 1960 with a proclamation scroll.

With the Smith's approval, Lucy chose an ornate gold cap moulding, a rich blue suede backing and of course Museum glass. Steve embossed the shape of crowns into the suede and then made a nest in which each coin rests. An "aged" version of the proclamation scroll, a Rex Krewe ribbon from one of the Rex balls and a parade float print were each mounted and lifted up over the background.

These collections are a treasure. Janis and Art presented these outstanding framed collections to family and children - all of whom are great fans of the Mardi Gras.



## mardi gras poster

Sometime you just want to have fun...Mardi Gras is all about fun. John Eymann brought in this little colorful poster from Galveston. Why use one frame and mat color when you can use two or three? We placed the gold mat against the purple frame and the purple mat against the gold frame. It was spiced up with a ribbon of green to complete the Mardi Gras Colors. The decorative mat cuts on the corners were used to transition from one mat color to another. Thanks, John, we always look forward to your projects.

## world series dugout line-up card

Karla Sorensen called right before Christmas asking if we could do a VERY special frame, VERY fast. Of course, we could!! Karla's cousin Eileen Colgin works for the



Astros. They wanted to present the dugout line-up card used in the World Series game on October 25th to Drayton McLane at their holiday party. Quickly, but thoughtfully, Lucy designed the framing using a matte black patterned moulding surrounding "Astros' red" linen, embossed by Steve with custom Astros and White Sox logos. An engraved brass plate commemorates the event. Within 48 hours Eileen was on her way out the door to the party with Drayton's gift. Go Astros! And many thanks to Karla and Eileen.



## ut collectibles

Lisa Elmer said she gave up her seat to UT football games to her son all season, but not for the Rose Bowl. She and her husband saved all the collectible treasures: program, tickets, beads, and newspaper clippings. Lucy added the "longhorn" cutout. All of the items were floated over "burnt orange" suede and framed with a matte black cap moulding. Museum glass will insure that Lisa and her husband can see their masterpiece clearly with no reflections.



## rug

Suzanne Courtney and her husband just built a beautiful new home with the perfect space for his childhood "cowboy" rug. The frame is a 5" wide Malabar Walnut with a gold beaded lip. The rug is 73" x 48" and was stretched over gator board with cotton batting. The beauty of the detail work on the weaving was revealed after the framed piece was hung in its place of honor. Thanks, Courtneys, we appreciate your business..



## pumpkin label

Sue Saims arrived at Bradley's with this colorful print of an old pumpkin label. This definitely needed just a touch of uniqueness. Lucy selected a

scarlet color silk for the top mat with an accent of topaz to work with the pumpkin. The really fun part is the "Big Bead" frame. This moulding comes in gold, silver, a light wood and this black with rubbed red accents. The "fun" part is that we must arrive at an approximate size for the frame, put it together so the corners match perfectly, and then adjust the mat width to fit. That's sort of backwards for us, but the result is fantastic. Thanks for allowing us to be so creative, Sue.

## metal stamped dragon

Aileen Zarin bought this metal stamped dragon for her son, Jason, who is a collector of oriental art. She presented us with her challenge: "something wonderful, please". This was one we thought about for a little while. Then the pieces came together: the pewter silver lip harmonizes with the dark accents, the fluted copper frame reflects the body of the dragon, and outer gold frame matches the reptile skin. We love this kind of challenge. Thank you, so much, Aileen.



# ...a what ??

*Our*

*36th*

*year*

It was in March of 1970 when Bradley's Art & Frame was born. We had a vision and a plan to design and execute the very best creative custom framing. It's been so much fun that we're still at it. We feel as if we have been privileged to become part of your family. In many cases, we are serving the third generation.

Please accept our sincere "Thank You" to all who have loyally trusted Bradley's with your precious possessions. As you know, we have treated them as if they were our very own.

As long as there is something that deserves framing by Bradley's, we'll continue to be available to you.

From all of us, Bill, Pat, Kathy, Clif, Lucy, Pam, Steve, Lisa, Angie, Aaron, Nicki, Megan and Lily, we are truly grateful.

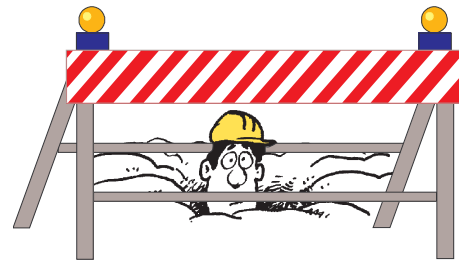
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**kathy's korner**



Clif Nelson and I were married on Valentine's Day. It was a lovely small ceremony followed by lunch with the family. Thank you for all your good wishes and kind thoughts.

*Kathy & Clif Nelson*



**CONSTRUCTION REPORT:**

Every day is new and different on the Katy Freeway. If you are driving to Bradley's, call us and we'll give you the best route we know about at that time.

Please don't hesitate to make an appointment for us to pickup and/or deliver to you. Bradley's Art & Frame is all about service - we provide it just for you.



**INSPECT your art**

inspection of the back revealed that the moisture had come from the wall through the dust cover and backing boards. The mold had already severely attacked the art, eating holes through the paper.

Recently a customer walked in the door with a framed print that contained a large spot of black mold under the glass. The

Our customer had not noticed the mold - a guest in her home had seen it. After asking her lots of questions, she remembered that several months ago their A/C pan had overflowed, but it soaked the wall across the room from the art. The moisture had traveled through the sheet rock reaching her frame.

The point of the story is that we live with and love our art, but we don't always look closely at it. Take time this spring to inspect the pieces you love. Here's a check list:

- Is the dust cover secure and without holes on the back of the frame? (keeps bugs and dust out)
- Are there bumpers on the lower back corners to allow air to circulate behind the dust cover? If your bumpers are brown, please let us replace them with clear ones. There have been problems with some of the brown bumpers melting on the wall.?
- Is the wire strong and secure and not showing signs of rust or corrosion?
- Is there any rippling of the dust cover and/or mats that might mean moisture on the inside?
- Are the hangers securely into the wall and not bending with the weight of the picture?
- Is the inside of the glass still clean? Spots on the inside can mean that moisture condensed on the inside of the glass and needs to be cleaned.

Call us if you need help. At Bradley's our job is to help you keep the art you love, lovable.

*p.s. Bring in any item...previously framed at Bradley's Art & Frame. We will open it, replace the glazing with our Conservation Glass (clear, non-glare or Museum), clean the frame and re-fit with a fresh dustcover, bumpers, and hanger for half the regular cost. You will rest easy knowing that your precious photographs and/or art will be protected from now on.*

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- ✓ Pick up and delivery is always available. We'll come to your home and/or office with creative picture framing design ideas.
- ✓ Gift Wrapping on Bradley's purchases – always free with beautiful bows.

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*Find*  
*Abigail*

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One day a week, Abigail Goose will have a \$100 Bradley's Gift Certificate to give away. The day will change every week. On other days she'll still have special prizes for the first one to locate her. Be the first to find Abigail and claim the Gift Certificate. She's here somewhere, but she's sneaky and she likes to hide.



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