

# bradley's

art & frame

## 19th Century Chinese Silk Embroidery

**Denise Fischer found this 4' X 6' vibrant embroidery among her Mother's possessions.**

Upon recommendation of another customer, Denise brought the piece to Bradley's. This needlework is approximately 160 years old. It was a gift to Denise's great-great grandfather in Belgium from a Chinese rice merchant. Actually, the merchant wanted to marry the family's 14-year-old daughter. When he visited from China, he brought valuable and beautiful gifts to plead his case. The family did not want their daughter to move to China, so they concealed her in the attic during the merchant's visits.

Since the embroidery had been stored in a box all this time, the colors were still bright and dazzling. However, the silk, which was backed with linen, was severely weakened and susceptible to ripping. To properly stretch the piece, we had to pull the linen backing taut and then smooth and attach the silk. We selected a light gloss burl frame with a mottled green/blue inner frame, which was sealed with mylar tape to prevent the silk from coming in contact with the wood. The UV filtering Plexiglas was suspended between the two frames separating it from the silk. We are told that every bug, butterfly, and flower has meaning and tells a story. The Fischer family has built a new home and designed the perfect spot for this family treasure.

*Thanks, Denise.*



# YOU FRAMED A WHAT?

## Diplomas Awards Certificates



At Bradley's we appreciate the effort, dedication, and yes, money, it takes to acquire a diploma. We also recognize that many of you receive periodic certificates and awards for special achievements and continuing education.

Here, we have shared several ideas for custom framing your special documents. Many styles of moulding, different kinds of matting material, glass, and additional decorative elements may be used to enhance the design and present the perfect display.

It is our pleasure to custom frame each and every diploma, certificate and award creatively, safely and appropriately according to your personal preference. Please do not let them sit around for years.



## BRING THEM TO BRADLEY'S TODAY!





## GOLF IN IRELAND

This story of a “dream trip” to play golf in Ireland, has been preserved by Judy Henry for her husband, Bill. In the frame design, Lucy used a cherry finished shadowbox moulding lined with “Shamrock” green suede. The letters “IRELAND” and the date were cut out of the suede board. The framing was completed with disappearing “Museum” glass. The photograph tells the story beautifully.

*Thanks, Judy, it was great fun to work on.*

## PRESIDENTIAL MEMORABILIA



Bradley’s was privileged to frame a 1963 Christmas Card signed by both President and Mrs. Kennedy. Frank Harvey purchased the card at the Sotheby’s Auction of the Sandy Fox Estate. None of the bidders, except Frank, seemed to notice the importance and value of the dual signed card sent from the White House shortly before the President died. The signatures were on a mat surrounding the art—we lined the inside of the mat with rag board. Part of a metallic line on the mat had been damaged - Bill was able to replicate the pattern and replace the damaged section. We chose a water-gilt Louis XV frame moulding and covered a liner with Moss Green suede, accented with a water-gilt fillet. Museum glass was chosen for the utmost UV protection and anti-reflective quality. The inside of the frame was sealed with mylar tape to isolate the card and matting from any damaging materials.

*Frank, thank you for your trust in Bradley’s.*

Over a period of several years, Julie McGee has been framing her husband’s collection of hand-written letters and photo or etching portraits of U.S. Presidents.

We’ve used a variety of small ornate gold frames, while varying the mat colors with red or blue silk. Some of the letters, especially those from the early 19th century, have been difficult to decipher because of the “Olde English.” It’s been fun to help “translate” the writing. All the documents are encapsulated in mylar which will preserve them indefinitely. It’s a wonderful collection and we truly appreciate the opportunity to touch history.



*Thanks, Julie.*

# WHAT'S NEW?

IN STOCK NOW...THE VERY LATEST G. HARVEY RELEASES ON CANVAS.



G. Harvey "A Child's Joy" 23 x 27 1/2 Canvas \$495.



G. Harvey "Leaving the High Country" 36 x 24 Canvas \$495.



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We also have the newest Howard Behrens' canvas' in his usual "I want to go there" colors and scenes.



Howard Behrens "Flowers by the Sea" 30 x 20 Canvas \$595



Howard Behrens "Pink Canal" 30 x 24 Canvas \$495.

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or phone us (713-461-5695) with your choice of art and we will be happy to handle your requests. Sign our guest book while visiting the site and we'll send you a **Thank You Gift!**



Lucy found several great Barbara Wood prints... they're framed and ready to enhance your home decor.



Barbara Wood "Showtime"



Barbara Wood "Victoria"



Barbara Wood "Snowflake"



## GOLD STARS ENHANCE FRAME

We found a cost-effective way to get a great one-of-a-kind look. We can add compo decorative ornaments to existing frames. The elements can transform an ordinary frame into one with exciting custom corners. To enhance the military theme of Kim Tilton's Marine poster, we used 3 gold leaf stars in each corner.

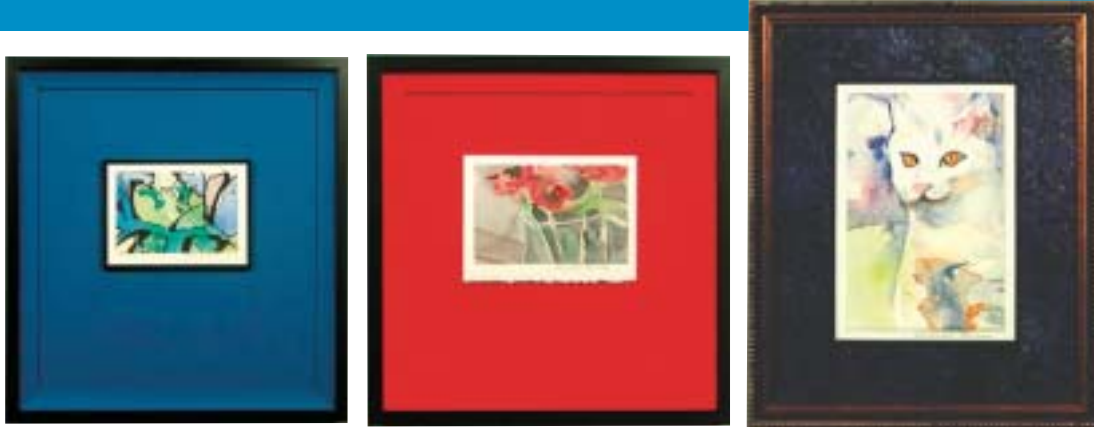
**Thanks, Kim.**

## CERAMIC PINS

These charming, brightly colored 2" square ceramic pins may be framed or worn. Laura Mostaghel is a Florida artist who specializes in tile murals, decorative urn vases and wearable art jewelry.



# KATHY'S KORNER



## *Debbie Harris Watercolors*

Once again, it's a small world. About two years ago I was diagnosed with Crohn's disease. So, I get to make regular trips to Memorial Hermann for Remicade treatments. Anyway, one of the wonderful nurses there happens to be a talented watercolor artist. Her name is Deborah Harris. The small world part? Being an artist, Deb remembered my grandmother, Helen Bliss, talking about her daughter's framing business. Deb was one of the home health nurses who cared for Grandma before she died in 1996.

Deb has created a beautiful selection of unique watercolor note cards. Each one is hand-signed by the artist. I am proud to say we are offering them for sale at Bradley's. They make perfect frameable gifts for the person who has everything. Warning: it's hard to choose, you'll want some for yourself. She is also available to do commissions for that perfect decorating match.

P.S. I had successful surgery in April and plan to be in remission for the rest of my life. I have to think positive, right? I will be in the shop a couple of days a week and look forward to helping you with your framing needs. Please call - I don't want to miss you. For those who want information about Crohn's disease, [ccfa.org](http://ccfa.org) is an excellent resource.





# Our Customer Comments:

*We don't want  
to brag - Well...  
maybe just  
a little*

"You make my life so much easier."

"This store is a treasure."

"I'm not used to orders being ready on time."

"I've already gotten thousands of dollars worth of pleasure from the framing."

"You take all the hard part away."

"You have no idea what pleasure you're giving me."

*From a KRTS listener -*"You two sound like you wouldn't mess it up."

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

"I went somewhere else. The clerk said, 'I don't know if it should have glass or not.'"

I said, "Oh, no, I'm making a mistake—I'm going to Bradley's."

## ABIGAIL:



Who would have thought that the NAME THE GOOSE contest would be so big... really big. We received over 50 entries with really great names like "Gardenia," "AFLAC," "Loosie," "Miss Maybelle - the Goose Fashion Icon," "Gabby," and "Beatrice." One of our favorites from Natalie Woodruff...



Pat's sister, Helen Shepherd, and her daughter, Patricia, conducted the totally independent judging. *And the winner is...*

*"Ms. Goosey Gracious is her name.  
At Bradley's shop she earns her fame.  
No quack from her, quiet as a mouse...  
Avoiding the chance of a shadow box  
house."*

*Thanks, Natalie.*

## Miss Samantha Englund who chose the name: ABIGAIL

We interviewed Samantha who stated that her inspiration for "Abigail" was the movie *The Aristocats*, which contained two geese—"Abigail" and "Amelia." Helen said that she never noticed on the entry form under Work Phone: "I don't work... I'm 4-years old."

Pat called the Englund home to announce the news. Samantha's mother, Christine, called her to the phone. When she was told that her goose name had been selected, she shouted, "see Mommy, I told you so."

Abigail has a busy life greeting folks at the door in her appropriate outfit. Thanks so much to all who participated. This was a lot of silly fun.

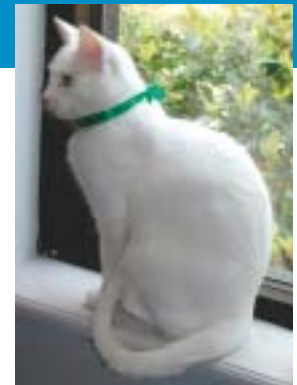


## SHADY & LILY:

It's always sad when we lose a beloved pet, especially one who has been enjoyed by so many. Shop cats and shop dogs lead very public lives while giving us so much joy.

About two weeks after Shady died, I was talking to a customer, Gwen Mills, who asked if we knew anyone who needed a cat. "Well", I said, "as a matter of fact..." She had found a momma cat with 5 kittens abandoned in an apartment and had cared for them in her garage until the kittens were weaned. The Momma was very young, - under a year. Gwen sent us some photos—that's all it took. Lily, the cat, moved in here and took over. She's pure white with lime green eyes. She loves children, curls up in the round basket on the counter, plays in any open bag left lying about, and travels very well in the car. She even gets into her travel crate by herself... well, with the help of a few treats. All five of the kittens found good homes.

So, **Thank You Gwen**, for rescuing Lily and her babies. She has found a wonderful home.



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## CARING FOR ART

WE CONTINUE TO HELP FOLKS WITH MOISTURE/WATER DAMAGED ART AND FRAMES.

Moisture/water damage does not always make itself known until it's too late. Mold and mildew can be growing inside the atmosphere of your framed art. By the time you see the problem, the mold has worked its way through the paper art or mats.

Whether your art has been exposed to moisture/water or not, it's a really good idea to examine your frames every year or two.

### What You Can Do:



- Check the dust cover on the back. Is it sealed with no holes or rippling (as if it had been damp)? Any sign of water staining on the back?
- Can you wiggle the screw eyes, sawtooth, or strap hangers?
- Check the wire—is it frayed?
- Are the rubber bumpers still on the bottom corners?
- Are the hangers set firmly in the wall?
- Are the frame corners tight and well-joined?
- Is there any sign of moisture condensation on the inside of the glass?
- Do you see any brown spots or water stains on the art?
- Are the inks or colors fading?
- Is the paper rippling excessively and/or pulling away from the mat board?
- Are there tiny hairline cracks in either the paint of paper itself?

If you answer "YES" to one or more of these questions, we can tell you what's going on and make proper recommendations to preserve your art. If your art does need re-framing, you have an opportunity to update and give a brand new look to a cherished old friend.

**Many of the problems stem from difficulties with storage facilities. If you are going to store art in the future, we would like to recommend:**

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