

## You Framed? a What?

### Ceremonial Sword

In 1934 J. Leonard Davidson, Sr. acquired this sword from the Dayak Tribe in Bandjarmasin Basin, Borneo. The Dayak's preserved the heads of their slain enemies as trophies believing that this gave them a better chance of going to the "Big House in the Sky". Kristi Johnson brought the sword along with some photos of Leonard and the tribesmen to be framed. The photos are mounted and "floated" over the background. The pieces of the sword are also raised and supported over the suede backing. Thanks, Kristi, for bringing this fascinating and challenging project.



### Triple Frame Needlepoint

Jackie Rome stitched this charming needlepoint, a design of self-taught African-American folk artist, Clementine Hunter. The apple picking lady is getting some real help from the upside down child. We selected multiple frames to accent the strong colors. As always, the needlepoint is laced over rag board. Thanks so much, Jackie.



### Baseball Plexi Box

Baseball buffs will love this Houston Buffs baseball. Brenda Dealy brought this project to Lucy, which was a Father's Day gift for her husband, Frazer. Three of the balls are Little League balls that were lovingly saved by Frazer's Mother. He won the 1955 Houston Buffs ball in a drawing at Channel 8 when he was in Junior High School. Lucy selected a clear acrylic box surrounded by a distressed red vermillion frame. The baseballs are secured with crepe line which is a loosely woven silk organza imported from France, used as support for fragile textiles. It becomes almost invisible and provides perfect mounting protection. Lucy added a little computer generated plaque to match the frame and baseballs. Thank you, Brenda and Frazer. These are special treasures.



## Hand Painted Custom Frame



Our customer's own birth announcement is in the Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Art style. She wanted to use the same style for her two daughters. We sent the original announcement to the photo lab to be copied. They made two new prints exactly like the original and inserted the girl's names and birthdates. Then Jennifer hand-painted blue panels with red flowers onto new gold frames for a custom finish. We can also gold and silver leaf, add decorative corners and ornaments and re-finish frames that are not quite the right color. If you are looking for a one-of-a-kind custom frame, come see us.

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## Meet New Designer, Carmen Swanger



Carmen was born in Santiago, Chile, raised in New Orleans and later moved to Texas with her family. Most recently she lived in Scotland for two years where she fell in love with photography and framing. When she is not going on motorcycle rides in the countryside with her husband, she enjoys walking her two dogs, Bella and Livi.

She has a fantastic eye for design and is always cheerful and eager to help you. Carmen is the newest edition to the Bradley's team and we are excited to introduce you to her.

## Wedding Memories

- Vintage Wedding Memorabilia
- Wedding Shadowboxes
- Bouquets
- Bridal Portraits
- Wedding Invitations
- Handmade Photo Albums



**RIGHT** Elegantly custom framed wedding invitation with accompanying preserved flowers from the bride's bouquet. This is a fabulous idea that creates a memory to last for years to come.

## Extreme Frame Makeover

Take something old and turn it into something new, with a custom framed face lift!

### Painted Antique Pipe

Instead of an overpowering ornate frame and blue velvet with this delicate antique pipe, we used a rustic dark wood frame to compliment its aged look. The light fabric covered mat brightens the shadowbox while the inner fillet creates a second border around the pipe and its attachments. A more refined design highlighted the beautiful artistry painted on this hand crafted pipe.

*Watch for more Bradley's Extreme Frame Makeovers!*



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



Painted nature scene of a deer family on porcelain.

# What's NEW ?

G. Harvey is a proud Texan, who loves to paint the spirit of the Lone Star State. One of the artist's favorite subjects is the oil patch. These cowhands ride through the vast oil field, leading their pack horses. With an endless landscape of derricks behind them, perhaps the cowboys are headed to another job or looking forward to going home.



“Texas Heritage” G. Harvey  
36 x 24 Giclee on Canvas



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## COPPER FRAMES



Bradley's discovered American Choice frames owned and operated by the Cornel Rosca family who reside in Pennsylvania but maintain a factory in their native Romania. Skilled Master Craftpersons create one-of-a-kind closed-corner picture frames and photo frames. The frames are handmade water gild gold leaf, white gold, silver, copper and a variety of rustic finishes. Their clientele has included two former American Presidents, a European Royal and now **you!** We know that our customers will appreciate the fine workmanship of these exquisite new photo frames, as well as our new copper closed-corner frames.

Handmade photo frames are wonderful gifts and make great statement pieces for any home or office decor!



## “From the Dog House” By Casey Bradley

Did you know that I turned 14 years old in February 2013? Depending on which chart you look at, I'm around 70 to 75 in people years. I have a little trouble with my hips (not too bad), but I run up and down the stairs at home, jump in and out of the car to come to work and chase my brother, Sparky, around the house...when he needs chasing.

I'm always so happy to see you when you come to Bradley's. I might be taking a nap in the afternoon, but I'll be dreaming about greeting you at the door. I just got a brand new summer haircut for you to enjoy. What do you think about these ears...pretty stylish, huh? See you soon!



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