

# Framing Focus

## SPECIALTY MATS ARE OUR SPECIALTY

**E**nhancing your artwork and creating a custom design that fits with your home décor is our specialty. One way to achieve a one-of-a-kind look for your art is by adding specialty mats to the frame design. There are many options, including decorative papers, French mats, gilded mats, and specially cut mats.

Using decorative papers on mats is one way to open up new design possibilities. With open grooves and fine, quality papers, artwork stands out against a rich background. Papers can pick up the colors and textures in the artwork, embellishing a lovely frame design. Paper panels add another decorative edge to artwork.

French mats are especially stylish for botanicals and antique prints. We will custom design these mats by choosing the right mixture and blend of colors and ink to match and balance the images.

Gilded mats add an upscale touch to art framed in traditional carved and gilded frames—or to gilded contemporary frames. Using gold and silver leaf on mats adds an exciting glow and creates a luxurious, elegant texture. Gilded mats are the perfect finishing touch to a rich frame design.

Lighter occasions may call for a more whimsical type of mat. We can design mats that have a theme, such as a sport, profession, or hobby. Special events like weddings, birthdays, and anniversaries can be commemorated with a custom-made mat surrounding a photo of the person. This is a personalized, special way to remember special people and days.

Our specialty is creating unique designs just for you. Whether it is a traditional or contemporary work of art, an antique map, a photograph, or your child's masterpiece, we can enhance any artwork with a custom, handmade specialty mat. ■



*A hand-colored copper plate botanical engraving by Basil Bessler from 1613 is enhanced by a French detail mat.*



*This gilded mat works well with a traditional carved and gilded frame. Gilded mats also add an upscale touch to many other styles of frames.*