Church Hill Classics, a manufacturer of custom diploma frames, conducts contests throughout the year to drive interest in its products and engage its consumer base. The company recently crowned a winner for the “Frame My Proudest Moment Contest 2015.” Entrants submitted photos and short descriptions of their proudest moments, including college and military graduations, athletic victories, weddings, and other achievements. The winner, Ellie Schwetz, sent a photo of herself looking in a mirror after shaving her head to raise money and awareness for childhood cancer research; she won the grand prize of $250. diplomaframe.com

Artifact Uprising has been producing high-quality photo books, albums, and prints since its founding in 2012. This season, the company introduces its first framed prints. The company can print and frame your photos and artwork using a classic gallery frame with a ¾-inch moulding or a deep-set frame featuring a custom ¾-inch moulding that sits 1 inch from the photo. Framed prints are available in 12 sizes and four finishes, and pricing starts at $89. artifactuprising.com

The Studio Shop, based in Burlingame, California, marks its 100th anniversary this year. Portrait photographer Dorothy Crawford and her engineer and framer husband, Ralph, founded the frame shop and gallery in 1915, and John and Martha Benson purchased it in 1955. John Benson had just left his job as a high school shop teacher and took up framing after buying the Studio Shop. Today, the couple’s daughters, Janet Martin and Kristen Benson, along with Janet's husband, Carl, still own and run the shop, which is the oldest retail business in Burlingame. In 2008, the family opened The Studio Shop Annex in San Mateo, California, where they sell discounted frames and mouldings, as well as home and gift items. They have expanded the original location to include a gallery, where they feature local and international artists. thestudioshop.com

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