

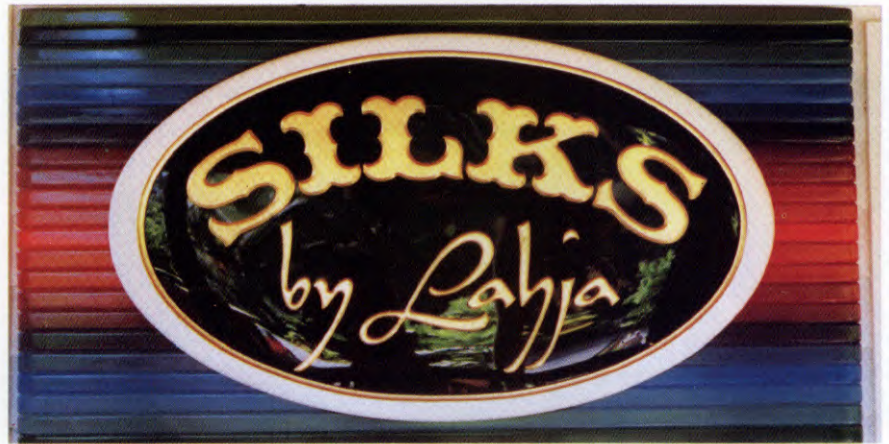
Vince Brodeur

Sanibel Island, Florida

Vince Brodeur's work appeared in SignCraft as early as our first issue, in our feature of the Signs of Sanibel Island. A profile of Vince and his work appeared in the March/April, 1985 issue. He died last year, at the age of 54.

Vince lived and produced most of his work on Sanibel, a small coastal island about 15 miles from Fort Myers. Any sign artist who has visited this popular resort area will recall his work.

There was seldom anything "rustic" about Vince's wood signs. The look was usually more sophisticated and



classy. He used cut-out wood letters frequently, sometimes gilded, other times with a layer of 1/8-inch acrylic bonded to the letter face for added durability.

The durability of a sign was an important factor for Vince. He believed every sign should be built to last. In a tourist area, the turnover of businesses is high, and some signs

disappear long before they have stood the test of time. Even so, many of Vince's signs have been up for well over a decade and still look great.

