Breitung John Charles Form 4 April 28, 2005

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Breitung John Charles | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|--|---------------|-------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | | ARTS WAY MANUFACTURING CO INC [artw] | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify | | | |
| 5571 6TH AVENUE | | | (Month/Day/Year) 04/27/2005 | below) below) President | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
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| ARMSTRONG, IA 50514 | | | | Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac | quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | |
| 1 Title of | 2 Transaction | Data 24 Dag | mad 2 1 Securities Acquired | 5 Amount of 6 Ownership 7 Nature | | | |

| (City) | (State) (| Table Table | e I - Non-D | erivative S | ecuri | ties Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------|--|--|-------|------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | Fransaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Stock Purchase Option | 04/27/2005 | | P | 15,000 | A | \$ 3.03 | 19,500 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | 4. Transactio | | 6. Date Exercises Expiration D | ate | 7. Title a | of | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Nu Deriv |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of | | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of Derivative | (Month/Day/ e | i cai j | Underlyi Securitie | _ | Security (Instr. 5) | Secur Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. 3 | and 4) | | Owne |
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| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | A | mount | | |
| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | or Title N | r Iumber | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | of | f | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | Sl | hares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Breitung John Charles

5571 6TH AVENUE President

ARMSTRONG, IA 50514

Signatures

John C. 04/28/2005

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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