Dancy Joseph R Form 3 April 27, 2012 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Dancy Joseph R		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARTS WAY MANUFACTURING CO INC [ARTW]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	04/26/2012		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
1007 BEAVER CREEK DRIVE (Street) DUNCANVILLE, TX 75137					(Check all applicable)X_ Director 10% Owner			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting	
					OfficerOther (give title below) (specify below)			Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		Table I - N	lon-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Be	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity			2. Amount of Beneficially ((Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	•	
Common St	ock			58,000		D	Â		
Common St	ock			115,800		Ι	of LS	to be owner of general partner SGI Technology Venture I, L.P. (1)	
Common St	ock			33,000		Ι	Josep	ph R. Dancy IRA	
Common St	ock			53,000		Ι	By S	pouse (1)	
Common St	ock			1,400		Ι		ustodian for one minor child r UTMA	

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	

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

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Dancy Joseph R 1007 BEAVER CREEK DRIVE DUNCANVILLE, TX 75137	ÂX	Â	Â	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Ryan C. Brauer as attorney-in-fact for Joseph R. Dancy pursuant to power of attorney filed 04/27/2012 herewith.

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therin.

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