

SEAGLASSWEAR™ & SEASTONEWEAR™

Jewelry from the sea by valerie gates



Artist Statement

When Valerie Gates' aunt passed away three years ago, she left a 40-year collection of Cape Cod beach glass. Though intrigued by the worn beauty of the pieces, Gates, an art director, at first was not sure what to do with the buckets of the discarded pieces of bottles. But three years later, the simple gift has turned into two collections of sophisticated jewelry that have gained critical acclaim (*New England's Finest* in *Yankee Magazine* June 2005) and are featured in over 60 museums and fine galleries across the country,

"I like the statement it makes on many levels about recycling and the simple beauty in nature, mixed with sterling silver to create an elegant piece of jewelry. I love helping nature recycle these ocean gems...what once was rejected is now revered and we get a second chance to see its beauty," said Gates.

Seaglass is formed when discarded glass bottles are thrown into the ocean. Over time, sand, saltwater and rocks smooth away the rough edges and create these jewels of the sea. Today seaglass is more difficult to find because plastic bottles have replaced glass.

The Nauset Collection and The Nobska Collection of SeaGlassWear, are made from genuine sea glass, hand-selected and ocean-made from discarded bottles, therefore variations will occur and are part of the natural beauty and originality of each item.

Blue-Green - most likely from old Coca Cola bottles - fairly rare

Brown - most likely from beer bottles

White - most likely from a variety of bottles

Olive Green - most likely from wine bottles

Kelly Green - most likely from beer bottles

Cobalt Blue - most likely from old medicine bottles - very rare

Lavender - most likely from WWII glass with a chemical compound that turned in the sun - very rare