

# SeaGlassWear

Who said diamonds are a girl's best friend? Valerie Gates, a Wood's Hole native, is offering an elegant, classy, and all-natural way to bring a little sparkle to your life with her sea glass jewelry. Over two years ago Valerie gave birth to the idea of making jewelry after inheriting a massive sea glass collection from her grandmother who had hunted the Cape's finest beaches for roughly forty years. She then turned her hobby into a business called SeaGlassWear. It was a long road for the self-

taught jeweler, especially finding the right material to make her one-of-a-kind earrings, necklaces, and bracelets. Valerie was seeing green after the brass she originally used changed color, so all of her pieces are now adorned in shimmering silver.

Valerie has made an effort keep her production within the Cape area by employing a local silversmith for her new Nobska Collection (named after her favorite lighthouse at Woods Hole). Surprisingly, the hardest part is not making the jewelry, but sorting through piles of sea glass to find pieces comparable in size and color.

Valerie matches her pieces as close as possible, however, she cannot guarantee anything is perfect; because after all, the glass is made by the ocean. Although most of her sea glass stash is from her grandmother's collection, on occasion Valerie has found a bucket of goodies left on her doorstep by a neighbor trying to help out.

In addition to her immensely popular SeaGlassWear, now Valerie has also introduced a very fashionable line of SeaStoneWear. To view or purchase some of Valerie's designs, visit [SeaGlassWear.com](http://SeaGlassWear.com) or call

(781) 235-3480. On the South Shore, SeaGlassWear can be found at The Studio in Duxbury, Essentials in Hanover, and The Clothes Line in Scituate.

