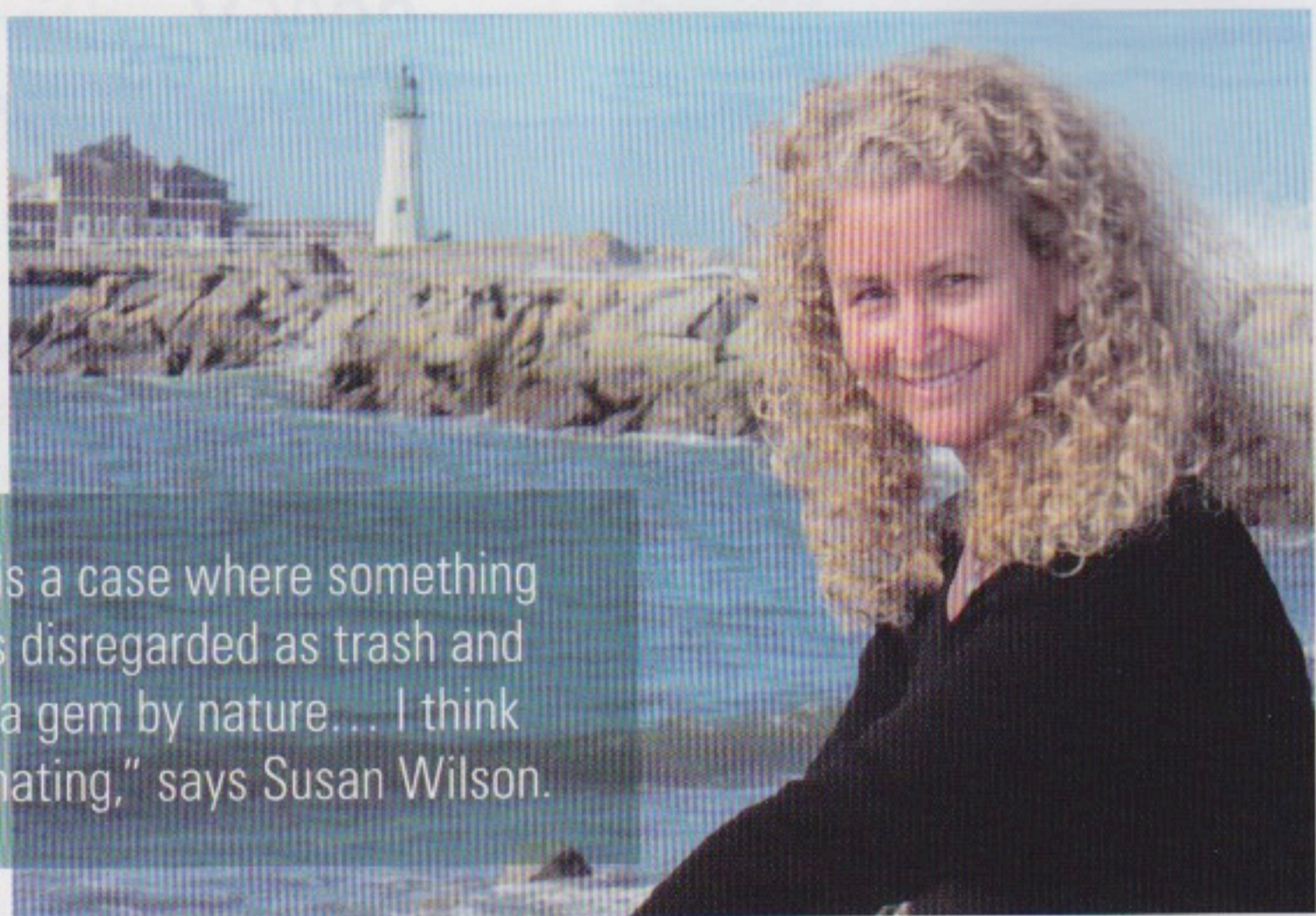


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"Sea glass is a case where something manmade is disregarded as trash and turned into a gem by nature... I think that's fascinating," says Susan Wilson.

## Sea Glass Jewelry

Silversmith **Susan Wilson of Liliana Designs** creates genuine sea glass jewelry at her home studio in Scituate.

**COLLECTING:** Wilson will hop on her kayak to browse the sand beds off of Devil's Foot Island in Woods Hole and walks the beaches near her home

in Scituate. Most finds are common sea glass colors such as sea foam greens, pastel blues and a sheer white, but wild pieces are always out there.

**EXAMINING THE FINDS:** It's hard to tell the actual age of sea glass unless there are specific aspects of the location that can be dated. The frostiness of the glass comes from its reaction with the salt water, leeching out certain properties over time.

**CRAFTING:** Using a diamond drill bit, Wilson places the sea glass in a tray of water (loose glass particles can be extremely hazardous when released in the air) and drills a hole through the glass to create beads.

**ARTISTRY:** Wilson's adoration for the bezel setting has given her a chance to showcase some rare glass colors like a ruby red heart shaped piece. Other techniques such as wire wrapping give the glass natural elegance. To watch Wilson's tutorial on making sea glass jewelry, visit [www.lilianadesigns.com](http://www.lilianadesigns.com).

