

Going Green for Autism with Forever Glass

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When Bernadette Guimarin of Placerville, CA popped into Beaufort River Glass on Bay Street and met owner Jennifer Wenk, it was a meeting of kindred spirits.

“I have a tendency to converse with most people willing to engage in my shop,” says Jennifer, “and Bernadette happened to be one of them. We got talking about spun glass and she asked if I had any. I said no. One thing led to another and she revealed what she does for a living and the nature of the business. I was terribly intrigued and completely got their mission.”

Bernadette and her sister Cathy Porter own Forever Glass, a company that creates beautiful keepsake bowls out of recycled glass. And not just any glass, either. They use personal memorabilia: a goblet from a wedding, for instance, or a wine bottle from a special birthday party. They’re not just recycling glass; they’re recycling memories. It’s spiritual *and* material sustainability we’re talking about here.

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