

The Bead Destashery

Where one Beader's stash is another's treasure.



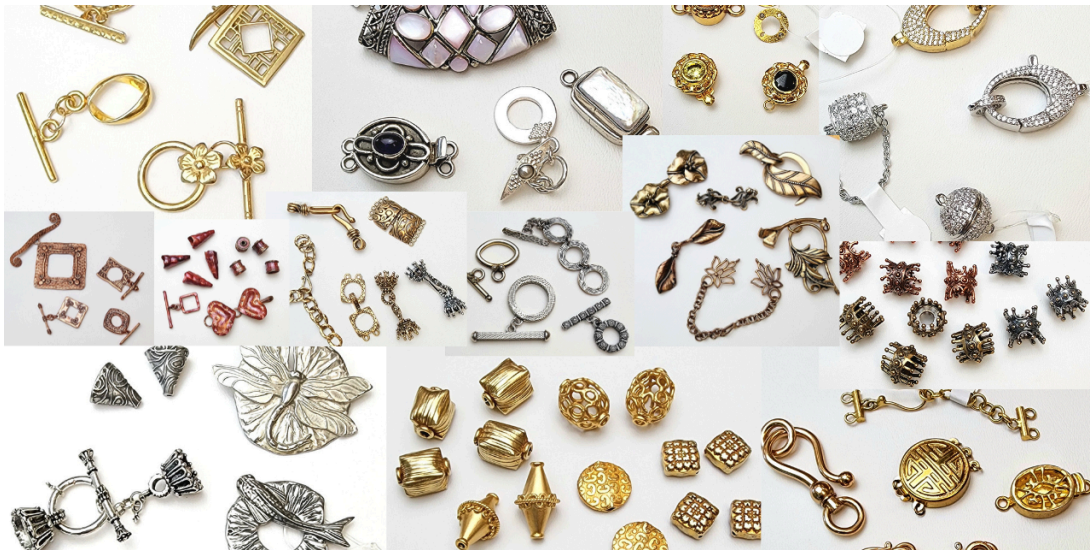
Who We Are

The Bead Destashery, LLC is Tacoma's newest bead seller, backed by over 30 years of experience. Opened in early 2026 by Viki Lareau, founder of The Bead Factory, Tacoma's original bead store from 1992-2020.

For decades, The Bead Factory was a popular source for quality gemstones, pearls, precious metals, and many other jewels. Viki

and her partner & co-owner, Mark Lareau, along with their team, were well known for providing excellent customer service & education to jewelry makers of the Pacific Northwest. Many of those makers became lifelong patrons & friends. Along the way, amassing expansive bead collections from an era that no longer exists. Most beads today are mass produced for big box retailers. But The Bead Factory (often called “the Nordstrom of bead stores”) featured primarily higher quality, specialty materials. Customers knew they were making something of value they could feel truly proud of. Unfortunately, those types of items are no longer available today - until now.

The Bead Destashery is a curated bead shopping experience. Many of our beads are from the private collections of longtime Bead Factory customers, consigned with us so these rare items can be newly discovered all over again. It is **not** a recreation of The Bead Factory. But you will find the same passion for beads, commitment to excellent service, and over 3 decades of expertise.



What Is “Destashing”?

“Destashing” is a new, trendy term that basically means decluttering or cleaning out a specific area. Destashing seems to have been coined specifically for the craft industry. People everywhere are destashing their Knitting, Quilting, or Paper Art supplies. We’ve actually already been doing this with bead collections since 2018. We called them Estate Sales and held them online or as in-person special events. But the goal is the same - finding these special pieces a new home so they can be appreciated again instead of being hidden away in a box.

What We Do

Spectacular beads, rehomed. Over half of our inventory comes from the private collections of our longtime customers, gathered over decades, and now consigned (or “destashed”) to us so they can be loved again. We focus on high-quality items since they are getting increasingly hard to find today. And since beads do not go bad, these collections are as beautiful as the day they were first chosen. They include many Bead Factory favorites such as Freshwater Pearls, Gemstones, Artisan lampwork, precious metals, and more. Most items are 20+ years old, made with craftsmanship not found today.

A shop that’s always expanding. Because our beads arrive by collection, our selection is never the same twice. We try to keep our consigned items as close to their *original* price whenever possible. Many of our items are priced considerably less than their current market value.

Everything you need to make your jewelry. Alongside our special collections, we always stock essential jewelry-making supplies, including findings, wire, and tools, to help complete your project.

The joy of discovery. Our space is small by design. We are more of a curated treasure chest for those wanting something high value & unique. Every visit is a chance to find special treasures at a quality & price you won't find elsewhere.



Thank you for continuing to be a part of our story as this industry evolves. *Same passion & commitment, new vision.*

Sparkle Brightly Like The Star You Are!

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