

Bead Scene



My Story – SWCreations.net

by Stephanie A White



My name is Stephanie White. Born in North Dakota, I was the only daughter in a military family. My parents divorced in 1977 and I grew up in Colorado with my mother, who moved around quite a bit when I was a child, so I never felt grounded.

I started making beaded jewelry at a very early age for friends, family, and myself. My passion and interest in beads has never wavered. What started out as a hobby would eventually turn into an amazing business that allowed me to start a new life which I think may be inspiring to other women who are considering starting a new business or even a new life.

My life was always surrounded by alcohol in some form, involving both family and friends. After a few youthful indiscretions, I was married at the age of 25 and had a beautiful daughter. My marriage was rocky from the beginning, and I suffered through

years of verbal and psychological abuse from my alcoholic husband.

His abuse eventually led to debilitating health problems, but I found a healthy outlet in my childhood hobby of making beaded jewelry. With almost no support from my spouse, I decided to start my own business. After being scammed by a company that promised to design a website for me, I decided to take matters into my own hands and taught myself web design.

The situation continued to deteriorate at home and the verbal and emotional abuse became more severe. Finally, I discovered a 12-step program, Alanon, and from that moment on I began to recover from the effects of other people's alcoholism on me. At about the same time, my business SWCreations.net took off, and I was finally able to save enough money to purchase my own home and to finalize my divorce.

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Now, with a stable home environment, my health is perfect. I have managed to turn all my many healthy creative outlets into assets for my business. SWCreations.net receives more than 3.3 million hits a month, and my business has grown from a simple hobby to a woman-in-business success story. Turning the focus on myself was the key to making my life better!

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