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SCEALU ON THE SHORE

South Shore couples that are planning to get married no longer have to search far and wide for well-made wedding favors for their guests. Marshfield resident Tina White, owner of the company Scealu, has created an elegant line of sea inspired handcrafted ornaments and wedding favors.

"This craft has allowed me to combine many different interests into one product; art, graphics, and a fascination with the sea," says White. The artist collects bay scallops, coral, starfish, and sea urchins from local beaches and then cleans, bleaches, and carefully drills each one. Each piece then has a shattered glass (not glitter) finish added to both sides. Delicately

shaped wire hangers and pertly tied ribbons are fastened to each ornament.

White works closely with the customer so that the order is filled to their expectations and the accompanying caption expresses their sentiments. After each shell has been finished, they are affixed to cardstock inscribed with a thank you note to the wedding or party guests. White's final touch is a gold or silver wax seal set atop the card. White, who worked in the fashion industry for ten years, completes each ornament herself, as she wants to ensure the highest quality gift. To view White's handcrafted ornaments, visit www.scealu.com.



PARADING FROM PLYMOUTH TO PASADENA

As a child, Susan Hands never imagined that she would one day take part in creating the famous Rose Bowl Parade floats she watched every January. Always an avid flower fan and gardener, Hands has worked as a floral designer on Rose Bowl floats for the past 12 years. Originally asked by a friend to act as her assistant in Pasadena, California, the Scituate native works on two or three floats each year.

This year, at the 120th Rose Bowl Parade, Hands will be working on two floats: Odd Fellows and Rebekah's and The Lions Club under the theme of "Hats Off To Entertainment." The florist, who has worked at Valente's in Plymouth for the last seven years, works on constructing large floral arrangements with flowers flown in from all over the world. Together with a hefty staff of volunteers and florists Hands spends long days assem-



bling and decorating beautiful and sturdy floats that can last the five-and-a-half mile parade course as well as stand up to being put on display afterward. Hands enjoys working with flowers such as birds of paradise, heliconia, and ginger.

"Every inch of the float has to be covered in something

naturally grown," says Hands. "I have seen everything from brussel sprouts to kumquats to green beans used as the base." Working on the Phoenix Decorating Inc. team, Hands helped assemble the forty-two floral arrangements that won the 2004 Farmer's Insurance float the Best Animation and Motion award. Having originally accepted the offer on a whim, Hands has enjoyed the experience and the people she has met and plans on returning to Pasadena every winter for as long as she can. For more information on the Parade, visit www.tournamentofroses.com.