



“Nothing compares to the independence that comes from having your own business.”

LINDSAY PARKER

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Lindsay Parker grew up on the east coast of Florida, just a stone’s throw from the Kennedy Space Center. Like most children in her area, she spent weekends at the beach, but while others were scanning the sky for space shuttles, she was always looking down, searching for bits and pieces washed ashore by the tide.

That fascination with found objects led Lindsay to Florida State University, where she earned a degree in anthropology, with an emphasis in archaeology. She parlayed her education into a job with a Florida firm, where she participated in digs focusing on prehistoric Native American artifacts. “My favorite digs,” she explains, “were the ones where we weren’t expecting to find anything, and we’d find something magnificent.”

Part and parcel of her interest in relics was her captivation with jewelry. “Thinking back on my life, there were two constants: I loved jewelry, and I loved history,” Lindsay explains. “And when I really put all the pieces together, I don’t think there was ever a point that I didn’t want to make jewelry.” After stints as a travel writer and a software product manager, she decided it was time to pursue her true passion.

Luckily for Lindsay, the stars aligned, and her now-husband introduced her to a friend who was a master jeweler. She began a traditional bench apprenticeship, learning the basics, and eventually the trickier nuances of the craft, before striking out on her own with a fittingly named business—The Antiquarian.

Lindsay designs each one-of-a-kind item, using mainly gems repurposed from antique jewelry. Most pieces are cast in gold, but she is equally adept with silver, platinum, and palladium. No matter the metal, her designs illustrate an extraordinary attention to detail and are certain to become cherished heirlooms, a fact that stirs her entrepreneurial—and history-loving—heart.

“I’m a perfectionist by nature, and it’s hard for me to jump into the unknown without having every scenario laid out,” Lindsay notes. “But I took the leap because my desire to start a business finally outweighed my fear of doing so.”