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ON THE COVER: Ballroom dancers Tom Webster and Brenda Fariole at DNE Dance Studio. Photo by David H. Brow.

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say it with SPIDERS

By Caroline Pacl
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Not everyone likes spiders, but most agree they are the perfect creepy-crawly symbol of Halloween. Liz Stewart, owner of Lush Beads, has created elaborate spider jewelry to bewitch your friends throughout this macabre month.

She twists beads into colorful pins, earrings, ornaments or standalone spiders.

"People like to put them on their monitors at work or hang them in windows," said Stewart, who loves this time of year.

Her spiders make great gifts, are appropriate for all ages and come in enough colors to be worn year round.

The spiders have bodies made of polymer clay that come in different swirly designs and have legs made with flexible wire and glass beads. She will also customize a spider to match your wardrobe and style. Some Halloween accessories can be tacky, but Stewart says her jewelry is "tasteful and something you can wear to work."

Stewart, who started beading to relieve stress from a demanding IT job, has a keen eye and playful spirit. She's been able to turn her talents into a full-time retail business and beading school.

Stop by Lush Beads for other Halloween jewelry like pumpkin and skull earrings. Prices range from \$6 for standing spiders, \$10 for pins, \$15 for hanging, and up to \$20 for earrings. Stewart, a member of Boston Handmade, sells her jewelry at the South End Open Market on Sundays throughout October.

Lush Beads, 122 Western Ave., Studio A-313, store hours: Wed- Fri. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun 12-4 p.m. Buy online at www.lushbeads.etsy.com, (978) 459-7240. Learn to make your own insects in her spiders and bugs class Oct. 22.



Spooky jewelry at Lush Beads made by Liz Stewart.

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Hop to it

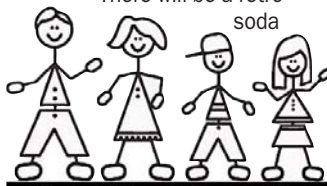
Build up that bouffant, pouf up the pink skirt, shine those saddle shoes and hopscotch over to Roudenbush Community Center Saturday night for the Sock Hop Dance.

No, it's not the '50s, but it's been 50 years since the Westford Historical Society has been in place. And 100 since the William Frost School has

been around. Is there a better reason to get loose?

Help celebrate the Richie Cunningham era with music from Frankie Valley, Chubby Checkers and other wistful sounds of the '50s and '60s. Get a leg up on Halloween by coming in costume.

There will be a retro soda



family friendly

fountain with root beer, prizes for best costume and a hula hoop and dance contest.

Forget hiring the baby sitter, and bring the tykes in tow. And with the extra money you'll pocket, treat the family to a malted on the way home.

Saturday night from 7-10:30 p.m., Roudenbush Community, 65 Main St., Westford (978) 692-5511, www.westford.com/museum. Adults are \$10, students sixth grade and over \$7, and fifth grade and under \$3.

