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"I sit and watch the dragonflies race by in the field," says Southfield, Mass.-based designer Joyce Weeks, describing the inspiration behind the delicate beetles and butterflies she strings from a rainbow of minuscule glass seed beads. Her one-of-a-kind beaded-bug necklaces are intensely detailed, with iridescent patterns in bright jewel tones, lifelike composition, Swarovski crystal eyes—even tiny, movable wire legs. And even though Weeks caps to using field guides when creating templates, her creations are "not meant to look real, just fanciful." Needless to say, **Southfield Designs'** eight-legged creations garner the most noticeable reactions: "Whenever I wear the spider, people either smile . . . or walk away."

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