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Re-Purposed Treasures

**Artist Statement**

We push aside objects in our lives to make room for new ones. Turning up after years of neglect, they seem impossible to give up. We cling with white knuckles to the memory behind them. They remind us of the places and people who impacted our lives the most. This piece features a sterling silver heart earring from a first boyfriend and a shell heart from a high school vacation to Florida. A rock animal from years spent as a server in Yellowstone and a cupid heart charm from the man left behind to go there. All of these objects could not be discarded at one time or another. Their importance fades, but love for the people they represent lives on.