



## Skyros plates slide into Slades

Since establishing Slades gift shop in 1975, Judie Koploy (above) has exhibited a knack for finding unique dinnerware. She now is offering Skyros Designs, a sturdy and beautiful line of earthenware in neutral hues that goes from oven to table to dishwasher. "I like the density of it, the shapes, the variety of sizes," says Koploy, holding up a Skyros ceramic dish. Koploy found the line courtesy of a customer, who asked if she might carry the Greek brand of Portuguese-generated dishware. She traveled to Atlanta to look at the collection and immediately bought the entire line. Slades carries the most extensive selection of Skyros in the state of Michigan. Skyros is a woman-owned and woman-operated company

that bills itself as a purveyor of passion for life, laughter, love and hard work. Slades was established in 1975 by Koploy as a 400-square-foot gift shop in Franklin Village's Slade House. It moved to the Orchard Mall in 2005 and sells more than 100 different categories of crystal, china, decorative accessories and bridal registry items. "It's great fun to find such lovely items that make a house a home," says Koploy. Orchard Mall, at Maple and Orchard Lake roads in the heart of West Bloomfield Township, was built in 1972 as a one-of-a-kind enclosed, small retail center with natural light streaming in through skylights and windows. It is 96 percent occupied today.

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