

## Slades - Twenty Years and Still Going Strong

One of the best sales of the year is coming up around this Thanksgiving. Slades owner Judy Koploy is marking down the finest selection of china, dishes, silverware, pottery, and serving pieces in the area.

"It's an unusual time to have a sale," Koploy admitted. "But we'll have a lot of good things. We're going to have a nice sale."

In fact, the store has a reputation for long being a place where lots of good things can be found, including gifts for any occasion from baby showers to weddings to sweet sixteen parties and bar mitzvahs.

For over 20 years, Koploy has been offering some of the best china, glass-

ware, or flatware to an appreciative clientele. She's steadily expanded her store, increased her selection, and added staff to the point where she now has 12 employees.

When she opened the store in the Slade house in Franklin, she had a very limited inventory and little space.

"We owned this house as a rental," she said, "and I decided to open a shop in it."

Since then, she's acquired better and better lines of china.

"I finally got the Baccarat line after 17 years," she said.

And she's increased space, first by moving to Applegate Square and then by buying out two stores as the occupants moved out.

Through all these changes, focus of the store remained the same: to serve.

"I'm always here to help customers," Koploy said. "My staff and I are dedicated to working for the customers' satisfaction."

For example, Slades offers a bridal registry service and any bride that registers receives one free place setting of china, glassware, or flatware as a free gift (with a guaranteed minimum purchase of 12).

Slades is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and can be reached at (810) 354-0066.

The store is located in Applegate Square at 29721 Northwestern Highway in Southfield.



Judy Koploy displays handcrafted pottery, one of the many unique gift items found at Slades.

## Bead Works Offers Beads And More From All Around the World

Bead Works, the bead store in Franklin Village, is a unique place. It is owned and staffed by women and caters primarily to women.

It is housed at 32751 Franklin Road and the 150-year-old building was once a rooming house. Now it is home to a wonderful store that features beads and gifts to dazzle the eye, whet the appetite, and let loose imagination and creativity.

The showcases and walls are filled with glass beads from Czechoslovakia, crystal from Austria, silver from Bali, clay from South America, cinnabar and porcelain from China, old and new beads and pieces from Africa, Turkey, Pakistan, Jordan, India and Thailand, and a large selection of American and Venetian art glass.

Gift items include boxes from



Janine Samet, Nadine Danner, Kathy Mamet, and Ida Joyrich of Beadworks

Turkey, Israel and India; mirrors from Turkey, dolls from Russia and China; photo frames and a marvelous collection of evening purses.

The creative staff helps Bead Works customers design their own necklaces, bracelets, earrings, stick pins and evening purse straps.

They can make "vintage type" necklaces and even teach how to bead beautiful small bags and amulets. All necessary supplies are available, as well as a full selection of instruction books. If customers don't wish to make their own, they can have it made to perfection by the staff. Bead Works employees are also expert in redesigning and restringing old necklaces.

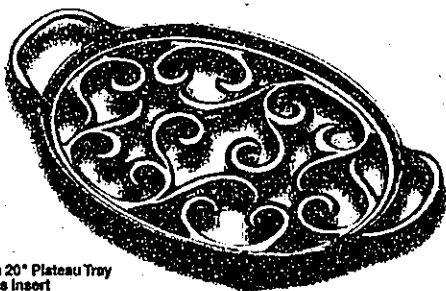
There is definitely an allure to beads that has been present throughout history. Women and men have adorned themselves in beads since time immemorial. The women of Bead Works are well versed in the origin and ancient lore of the thousands of beads in the store and can also be helpful in the selection of semi-precious stones such as onyx, jade, coral, lapis malachite, amethyst and many others.

Bead Works has been located in the same location in Franklin Village for 13 years at 32751 Franklin Rd. and can be reached at (810) 855-5230.

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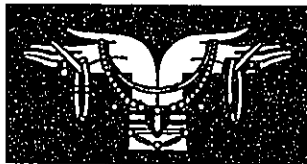
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