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Kit Rodenbough (left), owner of Design Archives, talks with customers at her shop in downtown Greensboro. Design Archives is one of the largest vintage stores on the East Coast.

# A perfect fit

With experience as a designer and marketer under her belt, Kit Rodenbough turns her store, Design Archives, into a success

## DESIGN ARCHIVES

**What:** Retail establishment that sells clothes, accessories and decor from the 1980s through the 1990s

**Where:** 304 E. Market St., Greensboro

**Hours:** 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday

**Information:** 272-1800, [www.shopdesignarchives.com](http://www.shopdesignarchives.com)

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Kaitlin Finneran, 19, a student at UNCG, shops at Design Archives.



Rodenbough talks with a customer placing items on consignment at the shop.

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Staff Writer

**GREENSBORO** — It's 2 p.m. on a Wednesday and Kit Rodenbough is watching a woman in a yellow track suit rummage through the back seat of her champagne Corolla.

From the neat pile of clothes, she extracts fur coats, velvet dresses, an orange cape and a host of other plastic-sheathed treasures.

"Oh! That is so beautiful!" Rodenbough coos.

"I've got to take that today."

She wasn't planning to buy any more winter clothes just yet, but passing up well-preserved garments is tough for the owner of downtown vintage store Design Archives.

"Right now, I probably have enough inventory to stock a couple stores for five years," she says.

Rodenbough, 50, is Greensboro's premier vintage clothing mistress. For five years, she has been buying, preserving and selling clothing stitched with history.

Managing a store isn't always easy, and it's far from glamorous, but for a woman whose biggest fear is boredom, it's the perfect fit.

Like many creative types, Rodenbough's passion for fabric manifested itself during childhood. By the time she was 9, she was set on a career in design.

"There's a picture of Kit when she's 2 hanging up doll clothes on a mini fruit tree," says father Charles Rodenbough. "That must have been where it started."

Rodenbough was born in Germany, where her father was stationed with the U.S. Air Force,

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