

Garage Sale Gal
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May I take your order please?



Lynda Hammond

Louise Salaz wanted a coffee table. Not just any coffee table, though. This one had to have a dual purpose.

She wanted one where the top can be raised up and locked into position forming a dining table.

“I needed it for my camper. We had room for only one table so I wanted it to work for eating off of too.”

She’d seen them before at garage sales but at the time didn’t need one. She priced them at furniture stores but they were too pricey at \$300 and up.

Then an idea popped into her head. She decided to get some help in her search. She contacted someone who loves a bargain, spends as little as she can on everything she buys (read: is cheap!) someone who’s a bargain fanatic and visits up to a hundred garage sales a week—*me, the Garage Sale Gal*.

“Well, you came to one of my garage sales a long time ago and I thought if anyone could find one (a coffee/dining table) for me it would be you.”

Ask and you shall receive.

Now, to me this was a tall order. When Louise called me with her request I thought it might take me awhile. But just four days later I found one.

I pulled up to a sale in Mesa and there it sat at the end of the driveway. I told the seller I knew someone who wanted it. “Great,” the lady told me. “Bring ‘em on by.” The table was wooden, about 2 by 4 ft. and the price was \$30.

I called Louise. She wasn’t home but I left a rather enthusiastic message on her phone machine. “You’re not going to believe this,” I said. “I’ve just found your table.”

Louise called, got the details and was out of her house in a flash to get her table that would complete the picture for her camper. “It fits wonderfully, it’s perfect. We love it. It also has wheels on the bottom and we can roll it out of the way anytime.”

Louise says she and her husband will be *rolling* the camper up to the Mogollon Rim on weekends for some R&R and a meal or two around her new table.

So, the next time you want something—like Louise did—spread the word. Tell your friends and family. Who knows? Maybe your favorite find is just a request a way.

(Suggested caption for picture: PHOTO BY LYNDA HAMMOND):

MY FAVORITE FIND



Louise Salaz, 58, sits at her recent favorite find. It's a coffee table that extends into a dining table. Louise called me asking if I might be able to find one for her at a garage sale. No problem. Just four days later I found one. "We have room to sleep six but only room to feed four, so I thought this was something we could use for dining, as well."

Do you have a garage sale find you love? Something that makes you smile when you look at it? Share it with us. Send us your picture. Include your name, email address and phone number and email it to: Lynda@GarageSaleGal.com. Watch for the story of *your* treasure in this column!

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