

Lynda Hammond
THE GARAGE SALE GAL



Vote for me

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Vote for the Garage Sale Gal and help bring the skill and art of garage sale buying and selling to TV.

That's right, just a few clicks on your computer and I'll take this column—my adventures and pointers and your tips and stories-- to national television.

But first I must win the honor.

Ah, an election---there's nothing I like more!

I remember it like it was yesterday.

It was 1972 and I was in the fourth grade in Mrs. Frasier's class at James Road Elementary in Columbus, OH. I was running for secretary of our class and needed to make a speech so I asked my mom for some advice.

Her words are forever etched in my mind as she said thoughtfully, "Well, politicians usually promise you something during their campaign."

Got it.

Promise something.

So, the next morning I got up in front of the class, made a short speech and at the end added "And if you vote for me I promise I'll give you free candy".

It didn't go over well.

I got more groans and boos than I did while trick-or-treating on Halloween night. I was shocked at the reaction-- I mean who wouldn't want candy?

I didn't win the position of secretary and I've never run for anything again...until now.

Now, I'm vying for my OWN TV show.

Oprah Winfrey is looking for someone to host a talk show on her cable channel: OWN short for the Oprah Winfrey Network. Candidates make a video tape and post it to her Web site.

The topic can be anything—pet peeves, cooking, exercise and even garage sales. Then contenders try and get friends, family, co-workers and in my case, *Arizona Republic* readers, to vote for the host they like best. The tapes are very entertaining. Some people are dressed as clowns, others use puppets to do the talking and some demonstrate their special moves---walking, running, martial arts.

As for the moves on my audition tape---I sashay around my house showing off a few of my favorite garage sale buys---my 7-foot-tall iron candle holder, my huge brass table top that hangs above my bed. And you'll love the rather scary, bar-tender novelty I found for just fifty cents. You'll also see part of my lovely garage stuffed to the gills with bargain buys. Also on the try-out tape, I share my passion for garage sales as well as a few of my selling tips---showing viewers that garage sales are all the rage.

I have a few hurdles to jump through though.

The top vote-getters get to be on a reality show and the winner of *that* show gets her own program.

I'm doing pretty well. At last check the top vote-getter had more than a million votes.
I had 700.

Okay, so I have a ways to go yet.

Help!

A vote for me is a vote for garage sales!

Vote for the Garage Sale Gal

Go to the link: <http://www.azcentral.com/members/Blog/LyndaHammond> Scroll to the end of the column and click on the rather long link there. Then watch my thrilling, exhilarating—perhaps even Oscar worthy-- two-minute video. If you like it, click on the “vote” tab. Come to think of it—if you *don't* like it click it anyway!

I'll give you candy!

I promise!



(pic provided by Lynda Hammond) This is me in the 4th grade—a budding politician!
Talk to the Garage Sale Gal!

Do you have a question or comment about garage or estate bargain sales? Email the Garage Sale Gal: Lynda@GarageSaleGal.com.

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