

Lynda Hammond **THE GARAGE SALE GAL**



Lucy Lamp Folo *Lynda Hammond*

When Angela Randon and her husband pulled up to a garage sale recently, she saw something she had to have and *now!* “The car was still in motion and I jumped out. I needed to get there before someone else got to it,” Angela says laughing about the incident.

I was the one holding the garage sale and the item she wanted so very much? That *I Love Lucy* lamp I told you about in last week’s column (I Love Shopping, and Apparently Lucy as Well, December 9).

I bought the lamp for just \$1 at a garage sale in Ahwatukee and later saw the same one in an old episode of *I Love Lucy*. It’s an ugly, 1950s floor lamp made of maple (thank you to reader Marilee Pritchard for setting me straight on the type of wood) and topped with a large, frilly tan and brown shade. You just can’t look away. “I’ve never seen anything like it before. I loved that it was old, an antique. It took my breath away. It literally took my breath away,” Angela said in describing the first time she laid eyes on the lamp.

Problem is that lamp was amongst my prized-possession, items I wasn’t selling. It was sitting far back in the garage—I thought it was out of sight. You see, when I hold a garage sale I put my sale items in the driveway and rely on my husband to hang his handy sign across the garage door opening: “This Junk Stays”. (I just love him!) But usually I get more attention on the things not for sale. Yes, I’m breaking my own bylaw---Garage Sale Gal rule #256: cover things not for sale or close the garage door.

Okay, so now back to Angela and my lamp that’s not for sale. I think I’m going to have to change my tune. I moved recently and let’s just say it wasn’t pretty. The amount of stuff I have is a tad embarrassing. I got a lot of ‘tsk, tsks’ from Mom. “Lynda,” she said while helping me pack and coming across empty make-up cartons, “Don’t you throw anything away?”

Mother’s always right.

She did get me to thinking more about my passion. I am trying to buy less but in the meantime I better start unloading some of the old—and in this case yes, the Lucy lamp must go. But there’s this dilemma. What should I charge Angela? She already knows I paid just one dollar. Like any seller I’d like to make a profit but I don’t want to be greedy about it.

What are your thoughts?

I really do need and want your thoughts.

So this column topic will continue into the New Year.

Send me an email on what you think I—an avid “collector”--- should charge Angela, a very kind-hearted garage saler for the extremely rare and lovely lamp (not that I’m trying to sway your advice with that description or anything!).

I’ll include some of your comments and ideas in the next few weeks.

By the way, Angela is okay with this rather involved selling tactic. She wants it no matter what. “I would put it in my living room. That’s my place, my room of ‘ah’. Oh, yes that lamp would top off the feeling ...for me.”

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To see the lamp in a picture from the I Love Lucy episode just visit my blog:
<http://www.azcentral.com/members/Blog/LyndaHammond>



(pic provided by Lynda Hammond) Mesa resident Angela Randon really wants to buy this lamp from me.

Lynda Hammond is the author of the new book, [The Garage Sale Gal's Guide to Making Money Off Your Stuff](http://www.GarageSaleGal.com). Check out www.GarageSaleGal.com for details on where to buy the book.

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Well, yeah....depending on if I can afford it or not but I love it ...just love it. How much are you asking for it?

Yes.....

He loves it just as much as I do...Michael.

I always find some hidden secretsyou never know how much it's worth. You can always find things you'd never see at a store..and there are so many personal stories that go along with the items...

An antique doll..i found the best one at a yard sale...shirley temple...dunbury mint.. oh goodness...it's old. 4 years ago...

Paid...100.00 it's worth about five hundred....mesa...

Lives in mesa...

I'm 52 years old..and I've been garage saling about 30 years..i used to yard sale with my mom...

On the east coast in Montgomery Alabama..started garage saling...

Euclid...now.

You know what usually a lot of times I just go just to be surprised. But if I'm looking for a particiual item everyone knows I'm going to dcome back with it. What ever I need I know I can go out and get. If I kneed a dresser I'm going to come back with it if I need a wingback chair I'm going to come back with it.

I pulled up and I saw the lamp. The car was still in motion and I jumped out. I needed to get there before someone else got to But I saw so many unique things...so many things you had took my breath away..but that lamp was the main thing.

I've never seen anything like it before, that it was an antique it took my breath away it literally took my breath away.

Well why do you have it out here..someone else is going to want this lamp.

Oh my goodness...I'm absolutely amazine..d how much you sellin it for?

How much would you buy it for..

I would put it in my living room...the living room is my place, my room of ah....realzinag...

Oh. Yes..that lamp would top off the feeling ...for me.

I would put that lamp in between those two chairs...off white leather with nail trim, wingback cherry trim, I paid...\$250 for both...they're thick and gawdy..

I kind of like gaudy things...

We had downsized but we're looking to move into a bigger home because I don't have room for anything..

Parents of foster parents of severely handicapped children and we've adopted....

Six severely handicapped children...

Retired...

That's our life...that's what we do....

Oh...gosh yes...furniture closethese shoes toys...everything...

I love it I'd ather go to a garage salel than the mall..

Fridays...because everybodfy else is at work and I get first dibs...

We actually went out eaqrlier...my hubansand had a dodcoss appt so I had to stay home...

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They call me the queen... because they know I look for good yard sales, get up early and go yard saling. I have friends are you going today....of course, I'm going right now.

And a lot of people feel they have to go elsewhere to find good sales but I find the best ones in mesa, right here in mesa.

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wants lucy lamp. Bad.

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