

# Flea markets a friendly way to buy and sell

When I was 6 years old, I met Allen Haff of Auction Hunters at an estate sale. He thought I was very cute and was surprised at how much I knew about antiques. He decided to film me for a possible appearance on his TV show, and while the footage Allen shot never aired because the powers that be didn't think I was as cute as Allen did, Allen emailed my mom to tell her what great little salesman I was and suggested I would probably have a lot of fun selling at flea markets.

The next weekend, mom and I went to visit our good friend Zack, who owns a thrift shop near where I live. Zack always calls my mom when he gets Bakelite bracelets, and my mom always bakes (or buys) him cookies. My mom told Zack about Allen Haff. Zack, who is very religious, said, "This is a blessing from God; you have to take Connor to sell at Glendale Community College Flea



Market where I sell. It is small and easy to do. You and Connor must, Mija, you must. Connor will love it!" The market is at 1122 E. Garfield Ave. Glendale, CA 91205; 818-240-1000.

So that is how my life at the flea markets began. Mom and I and (as of last month) Dad do four to six flea markets a month. My favorite is Patrice and Lori's Topanga Vintage Market at Pierce

College (Victory Boulevard at Mason Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA, [www.topangavintagemarket.com](http://www.topangavintagemarket.com), 310-422-1844), held on the fourth Sunday of every month. It is a nice size and they always have a lot of antiques and the people who come don't haggle as bad as they do at other markets!

I also love Fiora Bee's Silver Lake Art\* Craft & Vintage Market (1511 Micheltona St. at Micheltona Street Elementary School, Silver Lake, 323-467-0623, [www.silverlakeartcraftvintage.com](http://www.silverlakeartcraftvintage.com)), held every Saturday (if it doesn't rain!) The people look like actors and actresses or rock stars. Sometimes there is music, and it is very cool because Fiora is very cool and also owns GhettoGloss Art Gallery and Vintage Store, where I got some vintage Pez candy dispensers.

Besides making a lot of friends and having my own table to sell my own stuff, flea

markets are a great way to find antiques and vintage toys. Last week, I found a 1930s Weller Bowl for \$2.00. I bought it and put it at my booth, and at the end of the day I sold it for \$50. I also always find old Barbies early in the morning very cheap! My dad found a lot of 40 vintage lighters. Mom and I thought he was crazy to buy so many, but I checked [WorthPoint.com](http://WorthPoint.com) typically they sell for more than he paid. I ended up selling them in lots on my eBay account Youngstpicker and did well.

If you like to meet new people and buy and sell in the same place, flea markets are perfect. You can even bring an iPad mini like I do, so I can check the value of things on [WorthPoint.com](http://WorthPoint.com) before buying something that might not be a good buy (like I made my Dad do with the lighters)!



Connor, Allen and his parents set up a table or booth at four to six flea markets each month near their California home. Connor likes to chat with visitors and enjoys searching for underpriced items at other tables that he can resell at his.

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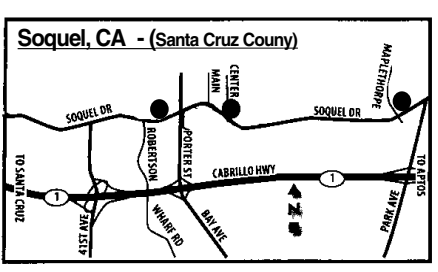
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