**Connor’s Corner**

**By Connor McCroy, age 8**

Welcome to Connor’s Corner.

Garage sales and estate sales that are not advertised are usually the best because there aren’t as many people and you can get better antiques. At an unlisted sale this weekend, I found a 1961 vintage bubble cut Barbie with the rare pink lips. She had no green ear but a pin poke on her cheek. Dolls this old often have some flaws.

Because I was cute, the lady sold her to me for two dollars. About an hour later I realized it had the head that was on the wrong body and the doll in this condition was only worth about two dollars, what I paid!

It is important to be careful and check what you buy, even if it is only two dollars, however I was lucky because I knew an antique doll seller named Georgene, who had a collection of antique Barbie doll parts. I called her and asked her if she had the right body. She did and told me to come to her store (Georgene’s Antiques 448 S. Fair Oaks Pasadena, CA 91105).

It is important to be nice to people and make friends with other antique dealers so they can help you and you can help them when they need it.

In the past I bought 60’s Barbie cases and a Barbie #4 in a black and white swim suit from her. She likes me and always gives me good prices. She is so nice because she sold me the body for twenty dollars. Now I have the whole doll.

In this condition, a 1961 first edition White Ginger Hair Bubble Cut Barbie is worth from fifty to one hundred dollars. One in mint condition is listed as sold on [www.worthpoint.com](http://www.worthpoint.com) for $424.00. If you would like to buy this doll contact me with an offer at [americasyoungestpicker@gmail.com](mailto:americasyoungestpicker@gmail.com)

Please stay tune for more antique adventures from “Connor’s Connor” next month.

BIO:

8-year-old Connor McCrory “Youngestpicker”, is a prodigy picker.

McCrory, who was born with congenital heart disease, is vibrant and healthy. But because of his heart condition, Connor can’t play sports like most kids, so at the age of 4 he began collecting vintage Lionel trains. At the age of 5, after watching “Auction Hunters,” “American Pickers” and “Storage Wars,” he decided that he was going to collect antiques and own an antique store or auction house when he got older. Check out Connor’s [**Facebook page**](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Youngest-Picker/104534416300551) and a brilliant radio interview with [**Worthpoint Radio**](http://www.worthpoint.com/blog-entry/antiques-auction-forum-podcast-connor-mccrory-picking-prodigy)