

GARAGE SALES

Selling Collectibles

Chances are, you aren't going to find that missing copy of the Declaration of Independence in your attic. But you might find lots of other vintage collectibles that are having a moment in the sun right now. That popularity could put some extra cash in your pocket if you know what you're looking at. Keep reading to find out more from Country Living.

VIDEO GAME CONSOLES

The first kids to veg out in front of a video game are in their 40s now, and those ancient history consoles are worth big bucks. A PlayStation prototype sold for \$360,000 in March 2020, and individual games in good working order can also bring big bucks.

MID-CENTURY MOOLAH

From furniture to fashion, mid-century modern is back in a big way. The same thing goes for barware and kitchen-



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ware. Look for glassware labels like Libbey, Federal Glass, Culver and more in funky 1950s colors and patterns. Rare finds can go for thousands, so check what you have before putting it out on your card table.

MILTON BRADLEY BOARD GAMES

That wave of nostalgia also washed over analog games, too. Milton Bradley made his first game — the Checkered Game of Life — in 1860. The company eventually launched

more than 1,000 board games and unopened boxes can fetch hundreds in the collectibles trade. But even well-loved games with all their pieces can get you at least \$10.

ART DECO CLOCKS

These little clocks for the desk or wall were popular in the 1930s and 1940s. Pristine models by Westclox or Telechron can reach into the thousands, but even a run-of-the-mill model that reflects the opulence of Art Deco can net you \$20.

LUNCH BOXES

Vintage tin lunch boxes featuring bygone characters can get you in the thousands of dollars.

OZARK TOURIST POTTERY

These niche vases measured about four inches tall and were made by Morton Pottery in earthy, swirly tones. Makers like Niloak and Nemadji popularized these tiny pieces in the 1920s and 1930s. They were often sold as roadside souvenirs and

can now fetch hundreds of dollars with the makers mark.

SUPER BOWL MEMORABILIA

A pair of Super Bowl tickets from a past game, Sports Collectors Daily says, can sell for between \$200 and \$1,000. Tickets with a white strip can fetch up to \$4,000 and Super Bowl II and Super Bowl XII tickets are particularly rare.

AMERICAN GIRL SAMANTHA DOLL

One of the original American Girl dolls, a Samantha in with her original clothes and accessories was every 1990s girl's dream. Nowadays, that doll in good condition can get you up to \$3,300.

MECHANICAL BANKS

Grandpa's old piggy bank might get you a couple thousand if it's got a mechanical feature on it. Country Living says the Mechanical Bank Collectors of America have been looking for these whimsical banks since 1958.

UPSIDE-DOWN BALL MASON JARS

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BUYER'S TIP

Research Collectibles Before Buying

Do your research. If you think you're looking at a real rare piece of Americana worth thousands, check with a reputable appraiser before writing a big check.

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