

HIDDEN TREASURES APLENTY AT GRAMMIES RECYCLING

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Pat Bonozew sits in her office among piles of books, Xbox games and dolls.

"I couldn't sell this because it was cracked," she says, pointing to a teapot. "But it was cute and I knew it could still be useful."

So she filled it with some soil and turned it into a planter that now sits in her window, along with several other teapots and coffee cups that now serve the same purpose.

Bonozew has always liked the idea finding a use for items once they are no longer suitable for their original purpose.

Now, along with her son Tim, who has been recycling scrap metal for 35 years, she has opened Grammies Recycling Store. The store, which opened in July, aims to divert items from the landfill while providing inexpensive items for people on a budget.

Most of the items are donations of things people no longer want. Others come from estate sales, storage units and people downsizing (Grammies does offer a pickup service).

With the popularity of shows like American Pickers and Storage Wars, Tim says finding hidden treasures on the store's shelves is part of the attraction for people.

"A lot of people like the thrill of finding stuff," he says. "And we get some really interesting stuff. You never know what you're going to find."

Among some of the more unique items currently in the store are an antique projector that uses glass slides, a Hammond organ, an antique



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Pat Bonozew displays one of the hidden treasures at Grammies Recycling Store, an antique German-made sewing machine that folds away into a cabinet.

shortwave radio that still works and a German-made Mundlos sewing machine that dates back more than 100 years.

Recently, somebody offered to buy the tubes from the organ, but Pat prefers to see it go intact.

"People say nobody will buy that," she says, "but it's such a unique thing. I'd love to see it go to a good home."

Pat says that in addition to meeting people, researching some of the items that come into the store is one of the most enjoyable parts of the business.

Books, clothes, albums, furniture, household items, toys and knick-knacks are popular items.

GRAMMIES RECYCLING STORE

Location: 49A Mountainview Rd. North

Hours of Operation:
Wednesday to Friday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday: Noon to 5 p.m.
Monday to Tuesday: Closed
Contact: 905-877-6508

And if you can't find what you're looking for, the store offers a community board where people can post items they are looking for.

"There was someone who wanted barn boards for crafts," Pat says. "A couple of days later, a man came in, saw it and said, 'My barn just fell down.'"

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- Eighth Line between 27 Side Road and 32 Side Road – local traffic only.



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