

DEEP IN THE HOLLOW

Eliza Solender

Age: Over 39

Occupation: President of Solender/Hall Inc., a commercial real estate company specializing in the representation of nonprofit organizations and small businesses

Neighborhood: Inwood Road Estates, across from the Lamplighter School

What was your first job?

I was a student intern at KERA working for Jim Lehrer's News Room program. It was a wonderful experience working on many exciting news stories.

As a child, what job did you dream of having?

My earliest memory is that I wanted to be a management consultant. I'm not sure if I even knew what it meant. I just thought the title sounded cool. As a real estate broker, I do a lot of consulting with my clients about their business strategy. So, I suppose I have fulfilled my childhood dream.

What was the greatest gift you have received?

One year for Valentine's Day, my husband gave me a ruby ring inside a Judith Leiber red, heart-shaped pill box. It was an awesome gift.

What was the worst gift you have received? An iron

Why did you choose to live in Preston Hollow?

It is incredibly convenient. I drive Inwood Road and the toll road all the time. My record for driving on the toll road was eight times in one day.

What does Preston Hollow need? More sidewalks! We need to encourage people to walk.

What is your guilty pleasure? Reading a great murder mystery. I am able to totally escape and block out almost everything.

What inspires you? Working with my husband, Gary Scott. He is a commercial real estate attorney and real estate broker. I rely on his expertise all the time. Plus, we've been married 33 years, and every day with him is special.

What is your favorite drink? My new favorite drink is a basil gimlet. We use the basil growing in our backyard and combine it with simple syrup, gin, lime juice, and lots of ice. It is incredibly refreshing and not too sweet.

Where was your favorite vacation? Anywhere my husband and I can drive. I love road trips. We can drive for 10-15 hours and never stop talking. It's fun to discover new places. We recently spent the night in Clayton, N.M., and had an absolutely fabulous time.



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What is something people don't know about you? Gary and I collect art and have some unique and unusual pieces, including a

sculptural piece I created composed of glove drying forms I found at the former Fishburn's dry cleaning plant.

What's on your mind? This difficult economic period is really tough on nonprofits. My nonprofit clients are seeing more

clients in need of services, yet donations and grants have been reduced. We all need to do what we can to provide financial support.