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Look! We have twins!

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Not children, just matching kayaks



Exactly one month ago I blogged that I had an immediate need to make 3 purchases.

The first was a new kayak. 5 of our 6 grandchildren were visiting and the 18 year old at 6'2" had a tough time getting his legs into a comfortable position.



Also, our 14 year old granddaughter wanted to move up to something bigger (and faster) than the one we bought for her when she was 7.

Everybody's favorite is the 12 foot Pungo. So we bought a 2nd one. Joe & I took it out on its "maiden voyage" yesterday and I love it. They've even made some improvements since we bought our 1st one 12 years ago. Of course I'll give it up to a grandchild when necessary. When we have a full house, we double up in the canoe.

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Purchase #2 was a long sleeve black top for the Carnegie Hall performance.

I found one (Chicos Travelers) at Goodwill. Good price but I still wasn't looking forward to long sleeves in NYC in June under stage lights.

While sightseeing in NYC I found a sleeveless extremely lightweight top on clearance for \$9.99. I wore that to the dress rehearsal and during the 2 hour wait to go onstage. There was a walk of 6 stories down from our rehearsal room to the performance hall plus 15 minutes standing on the steps during the intermission. I carried my long sleeve top and when we got the call I put it on over my sleeveless thing.

Our International Chorus sang for 45 minutes. Once off stage I pulled off the long sleeve thing and climbed back up the 6 flights. A wonderful experience made better by the fact that I didn't melt.



This photo was taken by someone in the audience and posted on FB. I bought the official photo including the close-up of me in a group of 6 as a memento that I was really up there singing. Those haven't been delivered yet.

Finally, my 3rd purchase turned out not to be necessary.

My wonderful DH FIXED the washing machine! I really didn't want one of the new models - too many problems that hopefully will be fixed by the manufacturers given more time.

Joe discovered that the springs on the tub were worn out. That's why the machine wouldn't spin. He bought a set of new springs for about \$30 and my old faithful machine is now working fine.

Got to love my engineer!

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PRNCSCUP1-2FULL

Way to go Joe!! Hurrah for the fix! Sounds like you had a good time purchasing. Glad the new kayak is going to be fun for all and you found a remedy for the heat and trek to your performance! I've been waiting to read about your concert! Glad I finally got caught up with you!
1774 days ago



MARYJEANSL

I too am catching up - so many things going wrong in my life as a homeowner, there's not enough time for more fun things. I am so glad your washing machine is fixed - that is awesome!! And that you were so smart in your clothing for the big concert. Congratulations on a very successful performance!
1785 days ago



CHAYOR73

you sure are a busy person!!
1799 days ago



KRISSY82

Excellent purchases!!! It's great that you didn't end up needing to buy a washer. Fixing it was





much cheaper!
1800 days ago



PGBACK



Twins!

Kayaking with all the family sounds wonderful. Just think of all the memories being made. How many kids could say something about kayaking with their grandparents? It is great that you found a way to keep cool for your major performance. Obviously, your daughter

is not the only musically talented person in the family.



On such a great honor!



Great to me married to a "Mr. Fixit" also! I have one of those
1801 days ago



MISCHAKEO



You are lucky to have an engineer in your life. I have to call appliance repair people. That was so exciting to be at Carnegie!
1802 days ago



SLENDERELLA61



Very impressive! Congrats on the singing at that famous venue. Would love to hear you!! The kayaks look wonderful, and what a great experience with grandkids!!
1802 days ago



SPEDED2



Three times blessed. The photos are great! Can't wait to see the close-ups. Have a Happy 4th.
1803 days ago



PHEBESS



Wonderful plan layering your tops! And yes, got to love a man who can fix appliances!!!!
1803 days ago



JEANKNEE



Glad you're happy with your two purchases and had no need for the third. Yeah, DH! Isn't it wonderful having a resident engineer?
1803 days ago



LIVEDAILY



Wonderful finds all!! The kayaks look great - glad you had a chance to break them in!! Oh, I love Chico's clothes! That was a lovely find! And yay to DH for fixing the washer!!
1803 days ago



SYLPHINPROGRESS



Whoa, the elevator was out? Where was your engineer then!?!?!
1803 days ago



CD4114015



I am SO glad the washer was fixable...I don't want ANY new appliances! Live in fear will have to ONE day...everything changes so much.

Funny, John has talked about getting kayaks for months but with deciding to stay here and renovate we decided to wait til next year on those....get the renos this year first because I am ANXIOUS for those!...glad to see yours though! ENJOY for sure!

LOVELY lake too!



1803 days ago



MJZHERE



I too don't want a "new" model washing machine and the "old" one currently using was on it last leg. Our neighbor got rid of theirs and my husband also fixed it - for a \$8 part. So happy to have my "new" machine which is being put into use today - I posted on fb that my husband is amazing (thats how happy I am).
1803 days ago



WOOFERCOALBOY



Cheers for your now-working washing machine! And enjoy the kayaks. AND so glad for your

Carnegie Hall performance.
1803 days ago



ONEKIDSMOM

Sounds like 3 wins! Love it when you can "fix" something (I reminded my son about the time I replaced the belt on our dryer back at "the old house")... saves \$\$ but naturally takes a bit of time. But the sense of accomplishment and being in control of the "things" in your life? WORTH IT!



1803 days ago



SMILINGEYES2

Have a great time with the grands.
1803 days ago



GINIEMIE

Love that you got a new Kayak for the "grandchildren", I pray you get plenty of use out of it. I remember once how you said that you liked to bargain shop, glad you found what you needed, plus something that made your wait to back stage more comfortable. Lastly I'm glad you have a man that is willing to fix things to make them last, my Steve did that too. He fixed everything, except my washer and dryer 11 years ago. He had bought the parts, just never got around to fixing them before he passed. My thing was to let them go with their parts for a pittance and buy new ones for my newer home. Hope you have plenty of chances to go out on the water this weekend.

God bless.



1803 days ago



50YEARSAWIFE

Sounds like you made great purchases and had a great time performing at the concert.
1803 days ago



PEGGYO



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WATERMELLEN

Excellent shopping (and non-shopping, even better!!)

Want to know my real values? Ask how I spend my time and my money: surest indicator. (And yup, still driving at 1998 Volvo which was acquired free)
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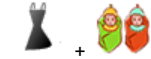
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SWEDE_SU

sounds like some great solutions all the way around!
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KTTAYLOR21

Sounds like your purchases were winners :0) Awesome!!! Congrats!!! I was just telling my DH That I wanted to go kayaking in DC. I think they would love it.
1804 days ago





PHOENIX1949



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CAKAROO



1804 days ago



KRISZTA11

The new Kayak looks great - I imagine it must be wonderful to have all the grandchildren with you, sharing enjoyment of being out on the lake.



to your DH for fixing the dishwasher!

I'm always happy when we don't have to throw away a machine or piece of furniture because of a minor fault, because we can fix it.

1804 days ago



DEBVNE

How awesome that your grands come and visit and enjoy their time outdoors as you clearly do. I would love to try kayaking...hopefully in the not too distant future! Performing in Carnegie, had to be a thrill...and six flights is a bunch. It would be difficult for some. You were clever to problem solve to avoid melting...with bargain hunting no less! Your Mr. Fixit is a keeper...not eager for a new washer myself. We recently had to purchase a new dishwasher. While it is infinitely quieter, still trying to figure it out...ha! Enjoy the holiday weekend!



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KEERAKYRAM

I have always wanted a kayak. It is on my list of rewards.

1804 days ago



HELEN_BRU

My friend here in Calgary, who also sings in a choir, performed at Carnegie Hall as well.

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GARDENCHRIS

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FIINALEE

Great Blog. Thank you!

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POINDEXTRA

All that time in the lake sounds wonderful. I'm glad the washer was fixable too.

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