

## RETAIL THERAPY

(performed at JACK on 11/10/2022)

*notes from some participating audience members (all appear as originally written)*

- **Describe one item of clothing that you are wearing this evening. Keep this item of clothing in mind when you answer the subsequent questions.**
  - Beige trousers (classic cut) that were given to me from my dear grandfather with slight tears in them. I fixed them and love them.
  - Blue Jacket
  - Black tank top/ blazer
  - Pink sweater
  - Scarf
  - White soft leather trainers – high tops. Nike brand.
  - A satin pajama top. Half of its buttons are missing, so it doesn't close. I had the matching pants but they ripped. It's blue with white flowers.
  - Blue, pink + tan bleached flannel from NH flannel landfills/repurposed with bleach!
  
- **Did anyone wear this item before you? If so, who?**
  - Grandpa
  - No one
  - No, I bought it.
  - No
  - No
  - No
  - A complete stranger
  - Yes, original flannel owner (pre-bleach)
  
- **Who purchased this item?**
  - My grandpa
  - Me
  - Me
  - I did
  - Me
  - Me
  - I did
  - Me! And original flannel owner + flannel repurposing shop

- **Where was this item purchased?**

- London
- Cannot recall
- TJ Max (City/Country not specified)
- H&M (City/Country not specified)
- Approximately 30 years ago (Store and City/Country not specified)
- From a shoe store in Montreal (City/Country not specified)
- Goodwill (City/Country not specified)
- New Hampshire

- **Where was this item produced?**

- Unknown
- Unknown
- China
- I think in a factory somewhere.
- Don't know
- Vietnam
- Korea
- Pakistan and NH (repurposed)

- **In what year was this item purchased?**

- 1990
- 2017
- February 2022
- 2022
- 2020
- 2015
- 2020 or 2021

- **How many days has this item been worn?**

- 120+
- 20
- N/A
- 150
- Many many days (probably 2 years or 730 days)
- 300+
- A lot
- 20 days

- **What was the approximate original price for this item?**
  - Unknown
  - \$200
  - \$50
  - \$25
  - £13
  - \$70 CAD
  - I paid \$\$\$ for this and the pants.
  - \$40
  
- **What was the reason for purchase?**
  - My grandfather was a doctor. I think he wore these after work.
  - Choice
  - I wanted something to wear to an art show.
  - I liked the color and I could afford it. I also wanted a sweater.
  - A scarf to wear both casually and for work
  - My old pair of trainers had worn holes in the bottom and I didn't own other shoes that were weather appropriate.
  - I felt pretty when I tried it on.
  - Originally as a gift for my advisor and to start a repurposed clothing business
  
- **How much is this item worth now?**
  - \$20
  - \$10
  - Probably \$25 because it has been worn
  - Not sure
  - Priceless to me!
  - Probably < \$5 if I tried to sell them because they're heavily used, but very important for me for the function they serve.
  - Probably could sell it on Depop for \$30.00 because Gen Z would eat it up.
  - \$60 - \$80 or more in Brooklyn, NY because repurposed [fashion] is "in" right now and generally unique
  
- **Do you have any other information you'd like to share about this item (e.g., random facts or memories you associate with the item)?**
  - N/A
  - Smart casual office wear bridging the gap between suit and jeans in today's casual culture in the office
  - I remember being so excited I had found such a simple black blazer jacket

- I wear it when I think I want a nice, cozy outfit that looks nice.
- I thought I had lost the scarf on a weekend away about 5 years ago and felt bereft. It means a lot to me. It has followed me through 3 decades of my life. It is my comfort.
- I like the tapping sound they make on the floor of the theatre where I work.
- It's a pajama top, but I've never worn it as a pajama top lol
- I think of this as my stylish yet casual gay date.
  - It's made by this small family business in New Hampshire that rescues flannels from landfills + makes them new again with their unique bleaching method.