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The Art of Thrift - Oahu by Jennifer Roy

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There is a special â€œalohaâ€• vibe which permeates throughout the Hawaiian Islands. Granted, all of the islands of the State of Hawaii are beautiful, but Oahu is a first rate stand-out on the international travel scene, largely because of Honolulu. Honolulu is an interwoven tapestry of Los Angeles caliber hopping, international surfing culture, hawaiian culture, beachgoers and a party scene with a dash of â€œshakaâ€• and then add tourists from all over the world. It gives tourists and locals alike the opportunity to combine fashion, natureâ€™s beauty, fun clubs, great live music,excellent breaks and fine dining. And, now there is a new attraction... the thrifting scene.

As the economic belt tightens, we all still want to experience the wonderful feeling of enhancing our lives with something new, or different, from time to time, but at a discount and these days,preferably a deep one. And, of course, we still need a vacation to recharge the batteries, but not run down the wallet and yes, we always like to party with style but are now realizing the virtue of exhibiting â€œcash consciousnessâ€•, so welcome to your Discount Retail Therapy Hawaiian

Vacation on Oahu!

Let us presume that you found an incredible deal on airfare and accommodations but need to get a few things while youâ€™re in Hawaii to complete that clubbing outfit or compliment your everyday wardrobe back at home. Oahu boasts several large thrift stores in the Honolulu area. This is thrift gold right here folks!

In recent years, especially since the economic crash of 2008, The Salvation Army, Savers and GoodWill took a quantum leap from your average non-for-profit thrift chains that had regular clientele struggling to make ends meet, to the â€œgo toâ€• hot spots for cash conscious locals and now thrift minded visitors looking for fashion and the unique things that a place like Hawaii has tooffer. Oahu features 7, yes seven, GoodWill stores and 5 Salvation Army Thrift Shops, plus a plethora of smaller boutique style thrift and antique shops on North King Street like Mission Outlet, and thatâ€™s just on Oahu!

Most people donâ€™t realize it but not only does thrifting keep money in your pocket, it also provides a paycheck for someone else. The latest trend is to buy those pieces you just canâ€™t get anywhere else but at the Mall or other boutiques, and then do a little digging at a second hand store like Twice Blessed on Diamond Head Circle to find some great, hardly used clothes and other accessories, not to mention home furnishings, art and other collectibles as well.

Whether itâ€™s a Saversâ€™ bobble-headed hula girl for your dashboard, or that cute, yet totally affordab couture designer clutch bag you just got at Paris Station or Pzazz on Waialea Ave. which will make you an absolute monument to fashion at the next party, you can find most anything from wonderful to wacky in Hawaiian thrift stores. Come to Hawaii for the beauty and leave with a bargain... Aloha from the terrific pacific!

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