

# *Pageantry*

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# The Models

Linné Ahlstrand  
Randy Allen  
Charlotte Alpert  
Carol Anders  
Bette Arlen  
Sylvia Baraff  
Jean Bartel  
Virginia Bates  
Mary Ellen Batten  
Lysa Baugher  
Eleanor Bender  
Eve Bernhardt  
Irene Bolton  
Jolene Brand  
Barbara Brent  
Wesley Brent  
Kay Brown  
Marilyn Burtis  
Carol Byron  
Gwen Caldwell  
Laverne Capodice  
Laurie Carroll  
Sue Casey  
Katherine Cassidy  
Pat Channing  
Helen Chapman  
Lorinne Crawford  
Lorraine Crawford

Joan Culver  
Linda Danson  
Roxann Delman  
Millicent Deming  
Sandra Jo Drummond  
Pat Emery  
Jeanne Ferguson  
Phyllis Forbes  
Chris Fortune  
Doris Gildart  
Margie Graner  
Pat Hall  
Lori Hilton  
Jan Hollar  
Judith Jacobson  
Pamela Grayson  
Ellie Kent  
Shirley Kilpatrick  
Frances King  
Honey King  
Joy Langstaff  
Patti Lawler  
Elizabeth Lee  
Meredith Leeds  
Elizabeth Logue  
June Lundi  
Renee Marshall  
Lola Mason  
Sally McCloskey  
Honey Merrill  
Dede Moore  
Gloria Moore



Mary Morlas  
Taffy O'Neil  
Sheila Noonan  
Betty Onge  
Jacquelyn Park  
Allyn Parsons  
Donna Percy  
Kathy Raymond  
Maxine Reeves  
Grayce Reilly  
Mary Rodman  
Lois Schaumburg  
Betty Scott  
Hazel Shaw  
Zanne Shaw  
Pat Sheehan  
Dori Simmons  
Marylin Simms  
Pat Sinclair  
Elizabeth Smith  
Dee Gee Sparks  
Maureen Stephenson  
Annabelle Thiele  
Beverly Thomas  
Patti Throop  
Paula Vernay  
Wendy Waldron  
Lynn Wallad  
Judy Walsh  
Scott Weldon  
Nancy Westbrook  
Sandra Wirth  
Carol Wynn



"Dedicated to the actresses and models who immortalized  
pageantry"

# Introduction

Pageantry is a commemoration of the various –and often obscure– actresses and models of the 1940's, 1950's, and 1960's. They competed in pageants, posed for photographers, and appeared in magazines and movies. In addition to profiling the various models, there's a lot of interesting facts about the outlandish and less mainstream pageants of that era. "Miss California", "Miss Cheese", "The Strawberry Queen", and "Miss Letter Carrier" were some of the pageants used to promote products, functions, and causes. The winners were academics, fashionistas, dancers, farmers, housewives, and athletes. They were blondes, brunettes and redheads.

I've wanted to write something about this forgotten industry for months. These women were very popular in their heyday, but faded into obscurity shortly afterwards. They deserve to be remembered in some capacity. Some of them (Millicent Deming, Mary Morlas, and Helen Funai) were more than willing to be interviewed about their modeling days, while others were reclusive and didn't wanna think about it. The children were ecstatic about this as well, with some of them not even knowing that that their mothers did modeling. I hope that everyone featured in Pageantry feels honored and appreciated.



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# Linné Ahlstrand



Linné Nanette Ahlstrand (1930–1967) was born to immigrants from Sweden. After years of working at a postcard factory in Chicago, Illinois, the 5'2" blonde set her sights on Hollywood. She was Playmate of the Month in July 1958 and had speaking roles in *Beast From Haunted Cave* (1959) and *Living Venus* (1961). Her untimely death at the age of 36 made her the first Playmate of the Month to pass away.

“She was diagnosed with breast cancer months after we got married. It was devastating.” – Barry Snowbarger

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# Randy Allen



Born in San Francisco, California, Patricia "Randa" Lee Allen (1930–1988) was one of the few natural redheads in the modeling industry. She –born to Austin and Grace Allen in San Francisco, California– moved to Hollywood in 1950 and sought to be a star while studying at the University of Southern California 1952 was a successful year for her, as she was crowned Miss Home Freezer and Queen of the National Rabbit Week.



The latter pageant caught the attention of Howard Hughes, who offered her a role in *Son of Sinbad* (1955) as "Wench" where she was one of the few actresses to have dialogue. She also had roles in the stage productions of *Look, Ma, I'm Dancin'!*, *A Penny For Charon*, and *Little Claus* at the Ring Theater. Her career took a nosedive after she was arrested on gambling charges while at a café. She was found not guilty, but her career never recovered. Her last public appearance was at the California Corset, Bra, and Lingerie Show in February 1958 where she modeled apparel. She married Lee Carroll on December 13, 1953 and they divorced in 1957. She married Raymond J. Kerr in February 1960, and they remained married until her death in October 1988.



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# Charlotte Alpert



Born as Charlotte Lander (1927–1996) in Los Angeles, California, Charlotte was a popular model because of her long legs, towering height of 6', and slim figure. She was also phenomenally talented. Her passion for the theater led to her helping found –with her husband David Alpert– The Players' Ring, a production company that remained active in doing stage productions. Charlotte starred in several of their plays including *I Love Lydia* and *Once in a Lifetime*, both of which won critical acclaim.

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