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Miss Farmington 1974 remembers: Pageant more than a beauty parade

Susan Reed Arciniaga is a woman with a quest. Unlike other searches, hers is fated to end on July 20.

Mrs. Arciniaga is heading the search for a new Miss Farmington. As chairman of the pageant, which is sponsored by the Farmington Festival Committee, she has the task of coaxed contestants in an era of women's liberation.

Young hopefuls 17-26 years of age should have their entries into the Farmington Chamber of Commerce by May 25.

Miss Farmington will have the opportunity to grow through the experience, Mrs. Arciniaga said.

"I don't think it's a meat market. People who say those things don't know what the contest is about. It gives the girls a chance to compete in all areas of their being," she said.

Contestants are judged on the basis of their personality, appearance and talent.

"The talent thing isn't just stuck in," said Mrs. Arciniaga who won the contest in 1974.



SUSAN REED ARCINIAGA
 Farmington's pageant is part of the Miss Michigan and Miss America contests. The winner will represent the city at the Miss Michigan contest in June 1978. She also receives a \$250 scholarship from the festival committee.

AMONG THE ADVANTAGES that Mrs. Arciniaga discovered during her contest days was the opportunity to meet young women who came from different backgrounds.

"When I went up to the Miss Michigan contest, I was surprised. I expected all the contestants would be like me. But they weren't. They came from different backgrounds and some really small towns," she said.

"It was a growing experience." She's kept her connection with the contest since her reign as Miss Farmington. In the ensuing years she has returned to sing at the pageant.

She also has managed to sandwich working for her associates degree at Oakland Community College with singing lessons, sewing and entertaining with a strolling violin ensemble, the Singing Strings.

Although she plans to obtain her degree from Oakland Community College, she doubts she will enter a four year college.

MEANWHILE, she's working to encourage young women to improve themselves by entering the pageant. To help the contestants, she draws on her own experiences as a Miss Farmington. Since she surmised that the contestants might want more time to prepare for the event, she has established an earlier entry deadline.

"That way, the girls have two months to correct things that they don't like about themselves. If they need to shed about 10 pounds but didn't have the incentive before, they have two months to do it now."

"If they haven't been reading the news to be informed like young adults should be, then they have time to start keeping up with things," she said.

Another bit of advice for the contestants is that the contest could be less expensive for them than they would assume. Contestants need a long gown with evening shoes, an interview costume, which must have a skirt, and a one piece bathing suit with matching pumps.

"Most high school girls have a long gown from their prom," she said. "They don't have to put that much into financing while in the contest."

IN ADDITION the Farmington Festival Committee is offering the contestants workshops in public performance and presentation as well as in personal appearance.

Ms. Bratton is a state trooper

Robin Bratton of Farmington Hills is one of 64 Michigan State Police officer candidates to be sworn into duty recently. She will be assigned to the department's Bay City post.

Trooper Bratton is one of 34 women who graduated from the State Police Academy. The class is tied with the class of 1972 as the third largest in the school's history. The department is 160 members short of its authorized complement of 2,113, according to State Police spokesman.

Spruce up mailboxes during week

Spiff up a mail box during Mailbox Improvement Week, May 23-28. The postal service has named the week as the time that rural, city motorized or contract delivery routes should be spruced up.

Mail receptacles should be designed to protect the letters and packages from weather. They should be conveniently located and safe to use.

Neat mailboxes are good mail boxes, according to spokesmen for the department.



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