

250th Celebration Miss Fremont Scholarship Pageant

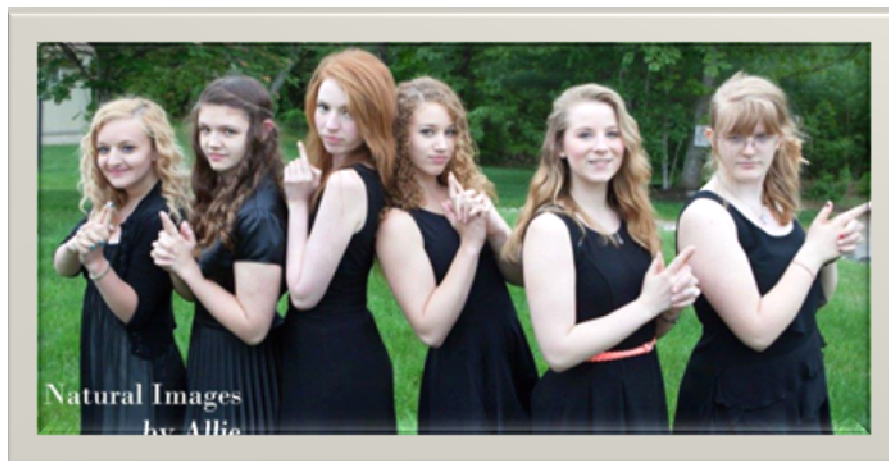
2014 Miss Fremont Contestants

Amanda Arsenault, Ashley Buchanan,
Madison Burke, Tiffany King,
Megan Mission, and Gabrielle Studley

Finding out that we had a pageant 50 years prior and Jane Turner, Miss Fremont Queen 1964 was still living in the area, I thought this would make a wonderful segment for the 250th Celebration and bring the generations together. Thankfully with generous donations from the 250th Committee, Jack Mullen and Peg Pinkham, we were able to give \$1,000.00, \$600.00 and \$400.00 scholarships to 3 lucky contestants.



February 15 was our final day for sign-ups and we had eight (8) young ladies that wanted to participate. The girls ranged from Grade 8 to 11. The girls learned how to put together their resume' which would be given to the judges on the day of the event for their 10 minute private interview. Once a week we practiced with mock-interviews, the Opening number "Celebration by Kool and the Gang," Talent, On-Stage Question and due to the 250th Celebration, we added Fremont History Questions. We had two (2) contestants drop out. Miss Fremont Queen would visit and help the girls during practice with the pageant walk, and tried on Mrs. Turner-LaBelle's Pageant dresses she wore during her Pageant in 1964, that was quite a thrill.



On Sunday June 15th 2014, Father's Day, was our event.

Each Dad/Uncle Dad walked with their daughter/niece during the Evening Wear competition. The girls learned so many valuable life lessons during our time together, team work, helping others, and just growing as a whole. It was a very rewarding thing to observe in our weeks together and I am so very proud of all of them!

Special Thank you to the following:

250th Committee Members: Rick Pinder, Leon Holmes Jr, Donna Smith, Darlene DeMilia-Amengual, and Terry Sullivan. Roger Moore of 007 DJ, from Raymond was our Music Director and made the Ellis School Gym sound amazing. Our Judges: Mary Anderson, Rita McPherson, Dot Wiggin, Ellen Arcieri, and Christine Rizzotti and Judge's Chair Lori Holmes. Our auditors: Leon Holmes Sr, Peter Bolduc and Don Gates.

Heidi Carlson for writing a continuation of the poem "Poplin/Fremont Then and Now" originally written in 1914 by Clara Robinson:

*Two hundred fifty years ago
Our beloved Fremont borne.
Winters filled with cold and snow
Welcome summer sun so warm.*

*Fremont has grown by leaps and bounds
These past one hundred years.
If our founders could see us now
The changes would be clear.*

*Town fathers now meet every week
And tend to business long at hand.
We have groups for Recreation, Energy,
Conservation and Planning for the land.*

*In our extensive history books and treasures
We get lost and recall the past.
We remember old fashioned pleasures
But the time has gone so fast.*

*Nearly gone are carefree days
That they knew of yesteryear.
Both parents work to pay the bills
And travel far from here.*

*Sports schedules, dance, and scout events.
They travel near and far.
Families have so much to do
And everyone has a car.*



Girls enjoying Fremont Pizzeria
before the opening number

*Our great Town Hall from nineteen ten
Serves our needs as it did back then.
Traditional Town meeting is no more
Deliberative Session takes place on the meeting floor.*

*Our map has changed with the Town's landscape
Renaming roads for safety in nine eleven's wake.
North and South our oldest roads
They borne the measure of heavy loads.*

*New rules and regulations to build.
Roads where only hooves did travel
Are now before us paved,
And only one remains in gravel.*

*Roads expand all over town
Cars and trucks and bus and van
No horse or carriage travel around
Segways traverse over the land*

*More guns and violence on the street,
Policemen deal with crimes of hate.
Danger might lurk on any corner,
And firemen deal with toxic fate.*

*Ipods, ipads, cell phones galore.
Our forefathers would never think
That such crazy implements
Would replace quill pen and ink.*

*Forms of contact all have changed
They tweet and text and use Facebook.
Kids are growing up too fast
And change the way of our worldly look.*

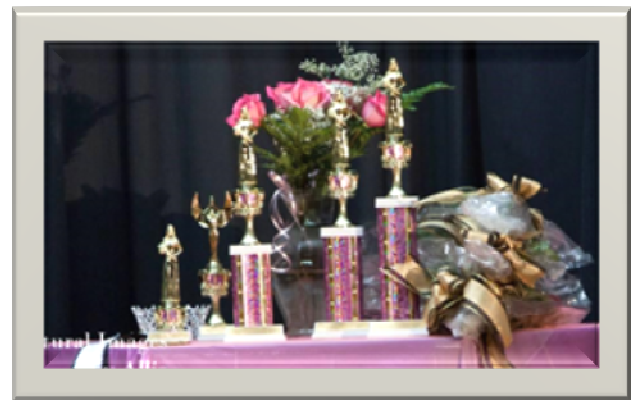
*The internet is all the rage
Of how we interact.
We must be careful how we teach
Our children to react.*

*Email, the web they use each day
No telegraph or telegram.
Words they quickly send
Through instant message and instagram.*

*The water tower stands above
On historic business ground
Though we do not hear the siren roar
Roads named Spaulding and Frost go round.*



Jane Turner-LaBelle
Making her final walk
after 50 years



Directors Jen Picone and
Mary Wheaton-Pinder

*Some of the fields still sow
Amongst so many houses grow.
We love the days we sit and play
On old fences where they once made hay.*

*Our new library is filled with books.
Children play on new ball fields.
A playground and batting cages
That volunteers have helped us yield*

*The Oak Ridge and Glen Oakes forests,
Spruce Swamp and wetlands prime.
Well known we are for lumber mills
Deep woods harvested over time.*

*The Meetinghouse remains a place
Of honor, beauty and stately grace.
Though no longer horses freely roam
We still call Fremont home sweet home.*

*A new Miss Fremont we will crown
To show the beauty of our fine Town.
May history live in this great place
And may God bless our land, all 50 states.*



Amanda Arsenault being crowned Miss Fremont 2014

Thank you to Fremont Pizza for feeding our Judges and Contestants, Natural Images by Allie for taking the most amazing pictures of the contestants and our Event; Sweatshirt Etc for donating T-shirts to the contestants and directors; Ultimate Bouquet in Raymond for beautifully made contestants bouquets; Fremont Garden Club for making the Dad's Corsages; and Freshwater Farms in Atkinson for the Stage Center Piece.

Thank you to the 250th Committee for letting me put together a Miss Fremont Scholarship Pageant with the help of Jennifer Picone, Miss Fremont Co-Director, and Kathy and Lauren Campbell, Directors of the Miss Raymond Pageant.

With the Town and Fremont Parks & Recreation Commission's support, we are planning on a 2015 Miss Fremont Scholarship Pageant on June 7, 2015. Please mark your calendars!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Wheaton-Pinder
Miss Fremont Scholarship Pageant Coordinator/Director

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