



As a former Miss Georgia, Burma Davis Posey

writes this article from first-hand experience with the Miss America Pageant. During her reign as Miss Georgia 1968, she averaged six appearances per week, traveling throughout 27 states.

Since then, she has worked with the Miss America Organization, producing, performing in, serving as emcee, or judging over 450 state and local pageants. Often mentoring contestants who seek the Miss America title, Burma believes in the magic of the crown.

“Miss America serves as a positive role model, especially for our young people,” she says. “She makes over two hundred appearances each year and travels approximately 20,000 miles each month. Miss America becomes a national spokesperson for her community service platform.”

Noting that each contestant across the nation is involved in a community service platform, Burma says, “On the state level alone, we have 51 of our brightest young women working diligently in their respective areas to serve others.”

And the Miss America Program serves women, too, Burma points out. “This Miss America Program has become the largest provider of scholarships exclusively for women in the world. Over \$40 million in scholarships were made available last year alone!”



Pins, earrings, a necklace, and a ring—these sparkling beauties are a few of the many that jeweler Holly Hardwick of Royalty Designs, Inc. offers to Miss America enthusiasts.



A floral arrangement presented in a large replica of the Miss America crown serves as centerpiece when Burma Davis Posey hosts one of her many dinners surrounding Miss America pageant events. The replica was produced by Holly Hardwick of Royalty Designs, Inc.