



Miss Cranberry County 2010

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October 2, 2010 Prep Pageant Form

“Building A Queen’s Crownbox”

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\$100.00 Prep Pageant fee payable to BWSPA or The Burt Wood School of Performing Arts

On Saturday, October 2, 2010, from 2:00pm-5:00pm, The Burt Wood School of Performing Arts will be offering a one day event entitled **Building A Queens Crown Box- A Workshop for Pageant Enthusiasts**. The workshop will be conducted by Burt Wood School faculty member Valerie Amaral. Valerie is a resident of Acushnet and graduated magna cum laude from the University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth. Miss Amaral has studied voice for 12 years: classically for three years with John Weiss and she has studied for the past ten years with Lorna Brunelle at The Burt Wood School of Performing Arts. In 2004, Valerie joined the Burt Wood staff full time as a voice, acting, and pageant preparation teacher.

In 2001, Valerie won the title of Miss Massachusetts Outstanding Teen, which is a teen pageant program run by the Miss America Organization. The Miss America's Outstanding Teen program now has a national competition and is growing rapidly every year. On June 23, 2007, Valerie became the first and only Miss Massachusetts Outstanding Teen to also become Miss Massachusetts. She competed for the title of Miss America in January 2008, in Las Vegas, Nevada, where she was a Quality of Life Finalist for her community service work and she won the Children's Miracle Network Award for being the year's top fundraiser, the Preliminary Talent Award and the Most Talented Non Finalist Award for a grand total of \$11,000.00 worth of scholarships. During her year as Miss Massachusetts, Valerie also had the opportunity to travel throughout the state and country, and she was honored to perform both for the then-undefeated New England Patriots at Gillette Stadium and also with the Boston Pops conducted by Keith Lockhart. On her way to becoming Miss Massachusetts, Valerie held the titles of Miss Merrimack Valley, Miss New Bedford, Miss Cambridge, and Miss North Shore. She was also seen on the Miss America Reality TV series "REALITY CHECK." Valerie Amaral was also a pageant coach on MTV hit show MADE. In August of 2009, Valerie started her first year of law school at Suffolk Law in Boston. Valerie is now happily "retired" from pageants and eager to share her knowledge and tips with those who hope to be a future Teen or Miss titleholder.

The Queens Crown Box workshop will help students succeed in all areas of pageantry. With an emphasis on: wardrobe (where to find the best deals), makeup and hair, jewelry/accessories, how to fill out paperwork, fact sheets, resumes, and introduction cards, walking (evening gown), walking (swimsuit / modeling), the importance of a positive attitude, pageant etiquette, how to select a talent piece or spokes model piece, how to select the *right* pageant, tips on how to select the perfect pageant coach/preparation team, how to select the perfect platform, what to look for in a pageant, overall pageant do's and don'ts, how to prepare for an interview, and how to compete with good sportsmanship; each student will leave with a stronger understanding of how the pageant system works. Parents will be able to attend a private Q & A session with Valerie while the students have a 30 minute snack break. Girls must bring shoes to walk in, a dress to practice walking in (gown not needed), make up and hair products/accessories, their fact sheet/paperwork (if they have previously competed in a pageant), and a crown winning smile! Both Miss and Teen contestants are encouraged to attend.

Students must register no later than Monday, September, 27, 2010. The workshop is \$100.00 and must have at least ten students in order to run. For more information visit burtwoodschool.com and click under UPCOMING EVENTS or call 508-946-1071.

