



# SHOWTIME!

*a Senior Queen's Showcase*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024 AT 2:00 PM

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## **The Greenwood Little Theatre**

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We applaud the efforts of Dr. Jerryl Briggs, Devanon Fitzgerald, Dr. Edward Morse, and Dr. Kim Broadwater whose dedication and support made this collaboration possible.

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Special thanks to GLT Board of Directors, Greenwood Mayor and City Council, Greenwood Realtors, National Association of REALTORS®, Greenwood Utilities, Charles Thomas Concrete, Robertson Fabrication, John Gewalt, and John Heston Powers for their generous contributions.

The initial phase enhanced accessibility and beautification of the historic Davis Auditorium, restoring and revitalizing walks and concrete pads, installing security lighting, handrails, and expanding the handicap parking area.

## From the Director

Dear Patrons,

Senior pageants provide an incredible platform for older women to showcase their grace, wisdom, and accomplishments. It's a celebration of confidence, fun, and friendship. You will see today that these queens have a special bond of sisterhood.



My vision was to invite queen friends to Greenwood for a fun weekend and an opportunity to show off their talents without competition. I wanted them to see our great community of Greenwood and for you to also see these fantastic senior ladies. As you read their biographies, you will see they are strong community servants and have accomplished so much. Even through health issues, these women have the stamina to excel and make the most of every moment.

We are all grateful to God for enhancing our abilities through our senior years. The opportunities we have experienced through the pageantry world are amazing.

Thank you, Greenwood and friends, for your support. Please enjoy - "Showtime" - A Queen tribute to Greenwood.

Betty Aden, Director

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# Musical Numbers

**Mistress of Ceremonies:** Sherry Strother, Founder of the "Senior World National/International Pageant System and Ms. Senior Universe 2019.

The Star-Spangled Banner .....	Sally Beth Vick
Hey, Look Me Over .....	Queens Production
Walking After Midnight .....	Sara Jo Burks
Sunny Side of the Street .....	Betty Wheat
Phantom of the Opera Medley .....	Sally Beth Vick
What a Feeling .....	Betty Aden
The Best Song Ever .....	Betty Aden Dance Campers <i>Mamie Patridge, Stella Richardson, Ann Grace Thornburg, Neely Hart Montgomery, Hailey Culpepper, Sara Riley Mims, Dylan Branson, Maisie Ann Mims</i>
Chicken Dance .....	Aileen Brady
Putting on the Ritz .....	Dr. Barbara Mauldin
You Don't Have to Say You Love Me .....	Dreisa Sherill
There's No Business Like Show Business ....	"Just Dance" Dancers <i>Betty Gail Kalich, Betty Aden, Kaye Schroeder, Ann Ellis, Susan Wellborn</i>
They Just Keep Moving the Line .....	Barbara Travis
Rollin In My Sweet Baby's Arms .....	Sara Jo Burks
All Shook Up.....	Kellie Gragg
Corner of the Sky .....	Dreisa Sherill
Do I Hear a Waltz .....	Dr. Barbara Mauldin
Everything Old is New Again .....	Barbara Travis & Betty Wheat
Grand Old Flag .....	"Just Dance" Dancers
Battle Hymn of the Republic .....	Belinda Duke
God Bless America .....	Betty Aden, Queens, Campers, Dancers, Audience



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# Meet the Queens



**Betty Aden**

*Ms. Super Senior  
Universe 2018*

Betty Aden, 82, won Ms. Super Senior Universe 2018 in Las Vegas. She started her pageant journey at 73 with the title Ms. Senior Mississippi America. She has been the National Choreographer for Ms. Senior World Pageants for the past five years and received the Best Production Award at the 2022 Global Beauty Awards. Betty has hosted the annual "Betty Aden Dance Camp" for forty-one years and has contributed choreography for GLT musicals. Living in Greenwood, she is actively involved in various community organizations and works as a water and fitness aerobics instructor. A 27-year breast cancer survivor, Betty is a proud mother of three and grandmother of four.



**Aileen Brady**

*Ms. Classic  
Nationwide 2023*

Aileen Brady, 70, hails from Frisco, Texas, and holds the title of Ms. Classic Nationwide 2023. She stands out as the first winner of the Ms. Classic Nationwide title in the pageant's new Senior and Classic divisions introduced the previous year. Aileen has participated in various pageants, including Ms. Senior America, Ms. Senior USA, Ms. Senior World, and Ms. Senior Earth Global.

Beyond her pageant accomplishments, Aileen is a Personal Trainer dedicated to helping seniors stay active. Married to John Brady, their family includes three cats and two turtles. Aileen actively volunteers in her community as a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and The Women's Vintage Society of Dallas.



**Sara Jo Burks**

*Ms. Senior USA  
2018*

Sara Jo Burks, crowned Ms. Senior Alabama 2017 and Ms. Senior USA 2018, has been a prominent figure in the pageant scene for over 40 years. She holds an MBA with postgraduate work in Management from Troy University and served as an adjunct instructor and Assistant Director for Housing & Residence Life until her retirement in 2019.

Recognitions include "Best in Education" at the Global Beauty Awards in 2021 and the "Legacy" award in 2023. Sara Jo is a member of various organizations, including the Miss Alabama Volunteer Pageant Board and the Executive Director for Ms. Senior World Pageant. Passionate about helping others fulfill their pageant dreams, she believes age is never a barrier.

# Meet the Queens



**Belinda Duke**

*Ms. Ohio Senior  
America 2023*

Belinda K. Duke, Ms. Ohio Senior America 2023 and Ms. Senior Cumberland County 2021, is a 68-year-old advocate with a passion for working with Veterans and promoting education in Aviation and Aerospace. She holds a master's degree from Middle TN State University, pursuing a Ph.D., and has been honored with the "Golden Hammer Award" by Vice President Gore for her contributions as an Environmental Scientist at John C. Stennis Space Center - NASA.

Belinda has been married for 40 years to Aerospace Scientist Dr. James (Marty) Duke and enjoys extensive RV travel with their 10 grandchildren.



**Kellie Gragg**

*Ms. Senior  
Nationwide 2023*

Kellie Gragg, based in Birmingham, AL, boasts a diverse background in real estate, entrepreneurship, and military service. With over two decades of success as a Real Estate Broker, she also dedicated 12 years to the United States Coast Guard. Kellie is the founder of A W.I.S.E. Woman Ministry, offering guidance through discipleship and biblical counseling. She is a certified Life Coach, Speaker/Trainer affiliated with the esteemed John Maxwell Group, and holds the title of MS Senior Nationwide 2023. Recognized for her commitment to personal development, Kellie is nominated in three categories at the upcoming Global Beauty Awards, showcasing her journey of professionalism, service, mentorship, and faith-based ministry.



**Dr. Barbara  
Mauldin**

*Ms. Senior America  
2015*

Dr. Barbara Mauldin, a full-time practicing general dentist of 40 years, has made significant contributions to both the dental profession and humanitarian efforts. Serving as the Speaker of the House for the Mississippi Dental Association and president of the Mississippi Dental Association in 2019-2020, Barbara has been recognized as Alumna of the Year by her dental school.

Engaging in annual mission trips before Covid, Barbara offered dental care in Nicaragua, Honduras, Peru, and Nepal. Actively involved in Rotary, she received the Citation for Meritorious Service for her post-Hurricane Katrina efforts. Barbara won the Ms. Mississippi Senior America 2015 pageant and ultimately became Ms. Senior America 2015.

# Meet the Queens



**Kathy Paiml**

*Ms. Senior Alabama  
2023-24*

Kathy Paiml, 66, resides in Helena, Alabama, and holds the title of Ms. Senior Alabama 2023-2024. Married for 43 years to Roger with three sons, Kathy is a retired elementary school principal and now a part-time teacher at UnlessU, a school for adults with developmental disabilities. With a heart for the special needs community, she actively serves with the Down Syndrome of Alabama organization and also serves as a volunteer baseball coach with the Over the Mountain Miracle League.

A 17-year breast cancer survivor, Kathy is also on the Board of Directors of the Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama. Her philosophy of life is encapsulated in S.M.I.L.E - See Miracles in Life Everyday.



**Dreisa Sherill**

*Ms. Senior World  
60's 2021*

Dreisa Jordan Sherrill, drawing on over 40 years of expertise in the pageant industry, is a well-known figure. She recently launched Queen D Consulting LLC, offering services in pageantry, fashion, and home décor. With a background as a pageant consultant, wardrobe stylist, and educational administrator, Dreisa has made significant contributions to various areas.

Ms. Sherrill, a titleholder in several pageants, including Ms. Senior World 60s 2021 and Ms. South Carolina Senior America 2022, has received numerous accolades, including the Global Beauty Awards' Best Rookie Contestant 2022. Recognized by the Governor of South Carolina, she has traveled extensively to promote senior women and support veteran causes.



**Sherry  
Strother**

*Ms. Senior Universe  
2019*

Sherry Strother boasts a four-decade-long career in the beauty, fashion, and pageant industry. As the founder of the "Senior World National/International Pageant" system, Sherry has created a premier beauty event for women ages 50-79. Serving as a motivational speaker, author, advocate, and daughter of the King, she has received multiple awards, including the Global Beauty Awards for "Rookie Director/Producer of the Year."

Sherry's dedication extends beyond pageantry, as she actively engages in community service and youth advocacy. With a supportive husband and a family deeply involved in pageantry, Sherry's life revolves around service and uplifting others.



# Meet the Queens



**Barbara Travis**

*Ms. Mississippi  
Senior America  
2009*

Barbara Travis, an economic and community developer, has held multiple local and state positions, including Executive Director of the Mississippi World Trade Center. As a teacher at two Mississippi universities, her work gained recognition in various publications, and she was featured on NBC's TODAY SHOW for her teaching techniques.

Currently a freelance writer and public speaker, Barbara serves on advisory boards for several organizations and actively participates in senior women's pageants for 15 years. Engaging in hobbies such as reading, writing, home decorating, and dancing, Barbara's diverse interests reflect her commitment to personal and professional development.



**Sally Beth Vick**

*Ms. Super Senior  
Universe 2019*

Sally Beth Vick, 81, Jasper, Alabama, is a multi-titled beauty queen, including Ms. Super Senior Universe 2019 and Ms. Super Senior USA 2018. She's also an Honorary Board Member of Ms. Senior Alabama, known for her performances at various events.

A cum laude graduate from the University of Alabama at 41, Sally Beth has received accolades such as the "Pageantry Magazine" Legend Award in 2020 and the Global Beauty "Best Talent Award" in 2022. She actively supports senior women, encouraging them to embrace their uniqueness. Accompanied by her supportive husband, Jimmy, Sally Beth's journey is adorned with achievements and recognition.



**Betty Wheat**

*Ms. Mississippi  
Senior America  
2021*

Betty Wheat, Ms. Mississippi Senior America 2021, is a graduate of MUW with a degree in Speech Pathology. A member of the Sassy Steppers, a senior tap group, Betty is actively involved in church activities, Operation Gratitude (honoring the military), and a Caregivers Support Group.

She is also an active member of the Professional Women's Association and Welcome Neighbors Club. Betty's engagement in various community and social organizations reflects her commitment to making a positive impact.

# Production Crew

PRODUCER ..... Alicia Dallas  
DIRECTOR ..... Betty Aden  
CHOREOGRAPHY ..... Betty Aden, Marcy Wuestenhofer  
SET DESIGN ..... GLT Volunteers  
LIGHTS ..... GLT Volunteers  
SOUND ..... Glenn Nail  
T-SHIRTS ..... Betty Aden, Alicia Dallas, Jeanne Gewalt  
PROGRAMS ..... Alicia Dallas  
PHOTOGRAPHERS ..... Alicia Dallas, Bob Draper  
BOX OFFICE MANAGER ..... Jon Peede  
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VIDEOGRAPHY ..... Maurice Kelly



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# *a Special Thank You*

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Top, L-R: Susan Wellborn,  
Ann Ellis, Kaye Shroeder  
Bottom, L-R: Betty Aden,  
Betty Gail Kalich