

2005 Miss Maine Pre-Pageant Workshop and 1st Annual *“SPRINGTIME GALA”*

The 2005 Pre-Pageant Workshop was held Saturday, April 30th, at the Taste of Maine in Woolwich. The contestants gathered for a Welcome by Audrey Findlen, 2005 Miss Maine Pageant Executive Director; Ami Vice, Miss Maine 2004 and Valerie Clemens, Miss Maine 1980, Miss Maine Pageant President and NAMASP President. The activities of the day were filled with a Manners and Etiquette Seminar conducted by Ann Noyes, Mock Interview Sessions, Talent Presentations and Wardrobe Consultations...to better prepare them for the approaching Miss Maine Competition. The Pine Tree Prince and Princesses also met to rehearse for the Miss Maine production with Becky Beck Atkins of Studio 40, Director.

The evening's Springtime Gala began with fabulous vocal entertainment by Representative Leila Percy, former Miss Maine contestant, accompanied by pianist Matt Fogg. Valerie Clemens and Ami Vice were hostesses for the evening's program which featured performances by former Miss Maine title holders, members of the Pine Tree Prince/Princess Program, the Gemini Dancers of Bath Dance Works and each of the Miss Maine Contestants showcase their competition talents. Ami Vice performed an unforgettable "glass shattering" vocal and even Valerie Crooker Clemens "tap danced away" to the accompaniment of talented Allyn Gamble, Miss Maine 1971. A Silent and Live Auction then followed with Miss Maine Board Member and auctioneer, Charlie Crosby. The event was an enormous success and raised much needed funds for the Miss Maine Scholarship Program. Mark your calendars for April 2006!

The Springtime Gala is an Official Miss Maine Scholarship Program Fundraiser. All proceeds to benefit the scholarship program for the young women of Maine. The Miss Maine Scholarship program is a not-for-profit, all volunteer program.



Photos L-R: The Gemini Dance Company, 2005 Miss Maine Contestants with Candy Gregory owner of the Taste of Maine and Ami Vice, Charlie Crosby and

Valerie Clemens auctioning the contestant's hand-painted glasses, Ami Vice performing for her guests.

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