Queen Reference Guide

Notes:

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| **Year** | **Queen** | **Biography Progress and Writer?** | **Thumbnail Image** |
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| 1924 | Dorothy Williamson | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1930 | Ruth Snyder | 🚧  Emily |  |
| 1931 | Bertha Knight | 🚧  Emily | A person with short hair  Description automatically generated |
| 1932 | Kathleen Kelley | 🚧  Emily |  |
| 1933 | Mary Louise Moore | 🚧  Emily | A person smiling at the camera  Description automatically generated |
| 1934 | Marjorie Giddens | 🚧  Emily | A person smiling at the camera  Description automatically generated |
| 1935 | Betty Runkle | 🚧  Emily | A close-up of a person smiling  Description automatically generated |
| 1936 | Beatrice “Bea/Bee” Huyck | 🚧  Emily |  |
| 1937 | Doris Harrison | 🚧  Emily |  |
| 1938 | Beth Page | 🚧  Emily |  |
| 1939 | Mary Frances Copps | 🚧  Emily | A person smiling with a flower  Description automatically generated |
| 1940 | Leone Johnson | 🚧  Emily | A person wearing a crown and a hat  Description automatically generated |
| 1941 | Christine Elizabeth Colson | 🚧  Emily |  |
| 1942 | Juanita Iveane Hall | 🚧  Emily |  |
| **1943** | **Gloria Lansden** | ✅  Lauren | A person wearing a crown  Description automatically generated  Newspapers.com |
| 1943 | Sylvia Chambliss | ✅  Lauren | A person wearing a crown  Description automatically generated |
| **1944** | **Iris Abel** | ✅  Lauren | Newspapers.com |
| 1945 | Laurel Norden | ✅  Lauren | A person wearing a tiara and a necklace  Description automatically generated |
| 1946 | Selma Rocker | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1947 | Nance Stilley | ✅  Lauren | A person wearing a crown and a bird  Description automatically generated |
| 1948 | Shirley Rhodes | ✅  Lauren | A person smiling with a large feathered hat  Description automatically generated |
| 1949 | Joan Cook | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1950 | Kathy Darlyn | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1951 | Carolyn Stroupe | ✅  Lauren | A person smiling for a picture  Description automatically generated |
| 1952 | Pat Burgoon | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1953 | Marion Ettie | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1954 | Ann Daniel | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1955 | Sally Ardrey | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1956 | Dorothy Steiner | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1957\* | Frances Layton | ✅  Lauren | A person wearing a tiara  Description automatically generated |
| **1957\*** | **Carol Baldwin** | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1958 | Kay MacLean | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1959 | Sandra Freeman | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1960 | Florence Cloud | ✅  Lauren | A person smiling at the camera  Description automatically generated |
| 1961 | Sandra Guthrie | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1962 | Sharon Conrad | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1963 | Brenda Sue Scarbrough | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1964 | Nancy Collins | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1965 | Karol Kelly | ✅  Lauren | A person wearing a tiara and a sash  Description automatically generated |
| 1966 | Lavoyce Leggett | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1967 | Patti Bohannon | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1968 | Lynne Allen | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1969 | Kathy Young | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1970 | Suzanne Rogers | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1971 | Sue Comer | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1972 | Christine Couldron | ✅  Lauren | A person wearing a crown  Description automatically generated |
| 1973 | Wanda Lynn Miller | ✅  Lauren |  |
| **1974\*** | **Terry Ann Browning** | ✅  Lauren | A person with long hair smiling  Description automatically generated |
| 1974\* | Debi Adair | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1975 | Sonya Surrency | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1976 | Candace Upthegrove | ✅  Lauren | A person wearing a crown  Description automatically generated |
| 1977 | Lisa Maile | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1978 | Lisa Lyon | ✅  Lauren | A person wearing a crown  Description automatically generated |
| 1979 | Nancy Ness | ✅  Lauren | A person wearing a crown  Description automatically generated |
| 1980 | Theresa Mahoney | ✅  Lauren | A person smiling at the camera  Description automatically generated |
| 1981 | Brenda Eubanks | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1982 | Dawn Griffin | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1983 | Deidre Perkins | ✅  Lauren | A person with a crown  Description automatically generated |
| 1984 | Lori Schirard | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1985 | Vicki Lynne Carver | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1986 | Rosemarie Payne | ✅  Lauren | A person wearing a crown  Description automatically generated |
| 1987 | Renee McLeod | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1988 | Judy Berretto | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1989 | Sherri Hensley | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1990 | Laura Benefield | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1991 | Mandy Hancock | ✅  Lauren | A close-up of a person  Description automatically generated |
| 1992 | Sheri Cook | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1993 | Emily Howell | ✅  Lauren | A close-up of a person  Description automatically generated |
| 1994 | Tobitha Bryant | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1995 | Dana Morgan | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1996 | Becka Cerni | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 1997 | Shannon Potts | ✅  Lauren |  |
| **1998** | Candace “Candy” Griffin | ✅  Lauren | A person smiling for a picture  Description automatically generated |
| 1999 | Kim Duppenthaler | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 2000 | Kimber Wood | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 2001 | Jennifer Peavey | ✅  Lauren |  |
| **2002** | **Morgan Ortagus** | ✅  Lauren |  |
| **2004** | Erin Nichole "Nikki" Upthegrove | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 2015 | Summer Foley | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 2016 | Stephanie Capon | ✅  Lauren |  |
| **2017\*** | **Paige Todd** | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 2017\* | Rachel Smith | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 2018 | Megan Price | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 2019\* | Michaela McLean | ✅  Lauren |  |
| **2019\*** | **Juliana Fray** | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 2020-2021 | Leila Sabat | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 2022 | Payton Barrington | ✅  Lauren |  |
| 2023 | Casana Fink | ✅  Lauren |  |

\*In 1957, 1974, 2017 and 2019, the first Queen listed resigned her position. Frances Layton resigned to get married. Terry Browning resigned as she won Miss World USA 1974. Paige Todd resigned to focus on her studies. Michaela McLean resigned as she won Miss Florida 2019 and was busy in that role and competing in Miss America 2020.

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* While it seems dated, “homemaker” appears to be the best term to describe any of the Queens who were not employed and who managed the home. “Homemaker” is more individual-based term rather than a term that bases her identity relative to her spouse (“housewife”) or child (“stay-at-home-mother”). It also apparently was undergoing a [reclamation in 2013](https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/homeward-bound/201304/how-do-you-feel-about-the-word-homemaker-0) as a gender-neutral term that also was expanding on the meaning of what it takes to manage a home.

Biographies

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| **Queen** | **Bio** |
| **✅Dorothy Williamson 1924** | Dorothy Williamson was born on March 8, 1902, in Winter Haven, Florida. She was the daughter of Francis E. Williamson, owner of Winter Haven’s Ritz Theater. Dorothy was 22 years old when she was crowned as the first Citrus Queen in 1924, alongside the one and only Citrus King, Harvey Henderson. The citrus rulers were chosen by ballot and voted on by the people of Polk County. After her reign, Dorothy was the President of Winter Haven’s Business and Professional Women’s Club. She passed away on August 2, 1943.  **Sources**  Burr, Josephine. *History of Winter Haven Florida*. Larry Burr Printing Company, 1974.<https://www.egovlink.com/public_documents300/winterhaven/published_documents/Winter%20Haven/Library/History_of_Winter_Haven.pdf>.  “Dorothy Williamson (1902-1943).” Find a Grave. Ancestry.com, April 16, 2011.<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/68453153/dorothy-williamson>. |
| **✅Ruth Snyder 1930** | Ruth Snyder was born on August 27, 1910 in New Jersey. She attended and graduated from Lakeland High School. Ruth was 19 when she won the crown of Florida Citrus Queen in 1930. Towards the end of her reign, in October 1930, Ruth got married to her first husband Kenneth King. After her reign, Ruth went on to New York and became an actress and homemaker. Years later, she moved to Houston and married her second husband Richard Onarecker. She later passed away on July 20, 1971.    **Sources**  “Clois W. Snyder.” *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), January 30, 1962.  “First Citrus Queen.” *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), March 10, 1964.  “Former Residents of Lakeland Wed in New York City.” *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), October 13, 1930.  “Ruth Cooper Snyder (1910-1971).” FamilySearch, accessed August 16, 2023. <https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/GW2V-YBX/ruth-cooper-snyder-1910-1971>.  “Ruth Snyder Onarecker (1910-1971).” Find a Grave. Ancestry.com, September 14, 2015. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/152315446/ruth-onarecker>. |
| **✅Bertha Knight 1931** | Bertha Knight was born on July 15, 1912 in Bartow, Florida. Bertha was 19 when she won the crown of Florida Citrus Queen in 1931. Her father Edgar Wilson Knight was a federal state plant inspector exposing her to the citrus industry from a young age. Bertha’s sponsor during the competition was the Bartow Chamber of Commerce. During her reign as queen, she got married to her first husband Hubert Myers in 1931. Bertha would later marry her second husband Rev. E. Lawrence Bottinger in 1976. After her reign, became an interior designer and opened her own restaurant. She passed away on November 27, 2006.    **Sources**  “Bertha Knight Bottiger (1912-2006).” Find a Grave. Ancestry.com, November 28, 2006. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/16816876/bertha-bottiger>.  “Judges Pick Bartow Girl to be Queen of Orange Festival.” *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), January 21, 1931.  “Miss Bertha Knight, Orange Fete Queen, Married at Bartow.” *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), March 26, 1931. |
| 🎞️**❗Kathleen Kelley 1932** | Kathleen Kelley was born on May 5, 1908 in Pinellas County, Florida. She was 23 when she won the crown of Florida Citrus Queen in 1932. Her sponsor for the pageant was the Kiwanis Club of Lakeland. Post reign Kathleen would marry Arthur Raymond Hanson in 1934 and later would move to North Carolina where she was a homemaker. She passed away on November 5, 1980.    **Sources**  “Kathleen Kelley Hanson (1908-1980).” Find a Grave. Ancestry.com, July 19, 2013. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/114046891/kathleen-hanson>.  “Kathleen Odom Kelley (1908-1980).” FamilySearch, accessed July 21, 2023. <https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/GMZ5-D3K/kathleen-odom-kelley-1908-1980>.  “Western North Carolina Deaths, Funerals.” *The Asheville Times* (Asheville, North Carolina), November 7, 1980.  Ledger - microfilm |
| **✅Mary Lou Moore 1933** | Mary Louise Moore was born on September 11, 1916 in Clearwater, Florida. She was only 16 when she won the crown of Florida Citrus Queen in 1933. Mary received her high school diploma post-reign as queen. She then went on to marry her husband Kelsie Loomis Reaves in 1937. She would move multiple times with her husband first for her career as a Radio Talent to New York City and later for his military career to the Philippines where he was stationed. Mary passed away on December 15, 1997.    **Sources**  “Mary Louise Reaves (1916-1997).” Find a Grave. Ancestry.com, February 15, 2015. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/142597141/mary-louise-reaves>  “Queen Crowned at Opening of Orange Fete.” *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), January 25, 1933.  “Miss Mary Lou Moore Lt. Reaves Will Wed Tonight at Fort Screven, GA.” *The Tampa Times* (Tampa, Florida), October 23, 1937.  “Mary Lou Moore Signs with Radio Stations.” *Tallahassee Democrat* (Tallahassee, Florida), March 6, 1936. |
| **✅Marjorie Giddens 1934** | Marjorie Giddens was born on March 1, 1917 in Lakeland, Florida. She was 17 when she won the crown of Florida Citrus Queen in 1934. Marjorie attended and graduated from Lakeland High School. Her sponsor during the competition was the Lakeland Rotary Club. Marjorie would later marry her husband the Honorable William A Macomber, Jr. and move west to San Diego, California, and later Nevada. She passed away on December 22, 1990.    **Sources**  “Debbie Verdieck to be Bride of F. Jefferey Macomber.” *Redlands Daily Facts* (Redlands, California), May 5, 1976.  “Giddens.” *Independent* (Long Beach, California), June 13, 1963.  “Orange Fete Queen Named.” *The Tampa Times* (Tampa, Florida), January 17, 1934.  “Marjorie Giddens.” FamilySearch.com, accessed July 21, 2023. <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/G798-JYT>.  “Named Queen of Oranges.” *Henderson Daily Dispatch* (Henderson, North Carolina), January 23, 1934  “Stewart-Giddens Nuptial Vows Taken in Formal Rites Saturday.” *The Pomona Progress Bulletin* (Pomona, California), June 24, 1946.  “Vista Court Judge Dead.” *Times-Advocate* (Escondido, California), May 3, 1973. |
| **✅Betty Runkle 1935** | Betty Runkle was born on June 4, 1914 in Sunbury, Pennsylvania. She was 20 when she won the crown of Florida Citrus Queen in 1935. Betty attended and graduated from Winter Haven High School. Post-reign, Betty would stay in Florida and work as a volunteer at Cypress Gardens. She also would go on to marry her first husband Harlan Jameson in 1940 and then would later marry her second husband Leroy Sutton. She passed away on April 5,2002.  **Sources**  Ellis, Billie. “Woman Has 60 Year History With Gardens.” *The Ledger* (Lakeland, Florida), September 29, 1996.  “Elizabeth F. ‘Betty’ Runkle Jameson Sutton (1914-2002).” Find a Grave. Ancestry.com, February 11, 2015. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/142478221/elizabeth-f-jameson_sutton>.  “Queen of the Florida Orange Festival.” *The Tampa Times* (Tampa, Florida), January 22, 1935. |
| **✅Beatrice “Bee/Bea” Huyck 1936** | Beatrice “Bee” Huyck was born on September 17,1914 in Batavia, New York. She was 22 when she won the Crown of Florida Citrus Queen in 1936. She attended the American School of Chicago where she received her diploma. During the pageant, she was sponsored by the Haines City Chamber of Commerce. Post-reign, she would marry her husband John Friesner, Jr. in 1937. Bee would also go on to become a volunteer “pink lady” at Winter Haven Hospital, a member of the Winter Haven Garden Club, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She passed away on January 31, 2012.  **Sources**  “Beatrice Lucy Huyck Friesner (1914-2012).” FamilySearch, accessed July 21, 2023. <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QVLF-7BFY>.  “Beatrice Lucy Huyck Friesner (1914-2012).” Find a Grave. Ancestry.com, September 18, 2012. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/97336085/beatrice-lucy-friesner>.  “Friesner-Huyck.” *The Orlando Sentinel* (Orlando, Florida), February 20, 1937.  “Orange Queen.” *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), January 28, 1936.  “‘36 Orange Queen Wed at Palataka.” *Miami Tribune* (Miami, Florida), February 18, 1937. |
| **✅Doris Harrison 1937** | Doris Harrison was born on February 19,1920 in Bartow, Florida. She was just 16 when she won the crown for Florida Citrus Queen in 1937. Doris was sponsored by the American Legion during the competition. She would also win the American Legion Beauty Pageant in 1937. After her reign, Doris would go on to become a job advisor for the state. She passed away on March 19,1997.  **Sources**  “Doris R. Harrison.” *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), March 21, 1997.  “Doris Ramelle Harrison (1920-1997).” FamilySearch, accessed July 21, 2023. <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/MSVR-37F>.  “Miss Bartow.” *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), December 27, 1936.  “Orange Queen.” *News-Press* (Fort Myers, Florida), January 22, 1937. |
| **✅ (Pearl) Elizabeth “Beth” Page 1938** | Pearl Elizabeth “Beth” Page was born in 1920 in Bartow, Florida. She was 17 when she won the crown of Florida Citrus Queen in 1938. She held a connection to the citrus industry through her uncle Claud Page and was a member of one of the first families of Bartow. She attended and graduated from Bartow High School. Beth was also the winner of the American Legion Beauty Contest, as well as the Garden Festival Queen of 1939. Later, she would marry her husband Wilbur A. Steen Jr. in 1945. The exact date of when Beth passed away is unknown.  **Sources**  “Bartow Girl Named Orange Festival Queen.” *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), January 18, 1938.  “Beth Page Steen (1920-unknown).” Find a Grave. Ancestry.com, January 22, 2008. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24109401/beth-page-steen>.  “Claude Page.” *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), January 27, 1963.  “Crowned Queen.” *St. Lucie News Tribune* (Fort Pierce, Florida), April 13, 1939.  “Miss Pearl Page of Bartow is Bride of Wilbur A. Steen, Jr.” *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), January 21, 1945.   Pearl Elizabeth Page and Wilbur Steen, marriage license, January 20, 1945, file no. 1945912902, Polk County Clerk of Courts, <https://apps.polkcountyclerk.net/browserviewor/>.  “Will Reign as Festival Queen.” *The Tampa Times* (Tampa, Florida), January 18, 1938. |
| **✅Mary Frances Copps 1939** | Mary Copps was born on September 29, 1921 in Tampa, Florida. She was 17 when she won the crown of Florida Citrus Queen in 1939. Mary was sponsored by the Tampa Terrace Hotel. She attended and graduated from Plant High School.  During her reign as queen, she married her husband Gabriel “Gabe” Paul in 1939. Mary later moved to New York and Cincinnati and became a model and homemaker. She passed away on June 21, 2015.  **Sources**  “Mary Frances Paul.” *The Plain Dealer* (Cleveland, Ohio), July 26, 2015. <https://obits.cleveland.com/us/obituaries/cleveland/name/mary-paul-obituary?id=20365152>.  “News of Social and Club Events in Tampa and Vicinity.” *The Tampa Times* (Tampa, Florida), April 18, 1939.  “Tampa Girl, 17, Queen of Fete.” *The Tampa Times* (Tampa, Florida), January 24, 1939.  “Vicki Vies for Place Among Long List of Citrus Royalty.” *St. Lucie News Tribune* (Fort Pierce, Florida), February 5, 1974. |
| **✅(Evelyn) Leone Johnson 1940** | Leone Johnson was born in 1920 in Plant City, Florida. She was 20 when she won the crown for Florida Citrus Queen in 1940. She was sponsored by the Haines City Booster Club during the competition. During her reign, she married her husband Richard T. Brown in August 1940. She went on to become a homemaker and stayed in Florida. She passed away on April 28, 2007.  **Sources**  “Brown, Leone.” *The Orlando Sentinel* (Orlando, Florida), May 1, 2007. https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/orlandosentinel/name/leone-brown-obituary?id=25141876.  “Evelyn Leone Johnson Brown (1919-2007).” Find a Grave. Ancestry.com, July 19, 2010. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/55158887/evelyn-leone-brown>.  “Leone Johnson is Queen of Festival at Haven.” *The Orlando Sentinel* (Orlando, Florida) January 23, 1940.  “Miss Johnson and Richard Brown are Married at Orlando.” *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), September 1, 1940.  “Vicki Vies for Place Among Long List of Citrus Royalty.” *St. Lucie News Tribune* (Fort Pierce, Florida), February 5, 1974. |
| **✅Elizabeth Colson 1941** | Elizabeth Colson was born around 1925 in Leesburg, Florida. She was 16 when she won the crown of Florida Citrus Queen in 1941. She attended and graduated from Leesburg High School. During the competition, the Kiwanis Club sponsored her. Post-reign, she won Most Photogenic Girl in Florida in 1942. Elisabeth later married her husband James R. Golden in 1943. She later moved to Atlanta, Georgia and Washington D.C. where she became a high fashion model. As of writing, it is unknown if she has passed away.  **Sources**  “Leesburg Girl Selected New Queen of Orange Festival at W. Haven.” *The Tampa Times* (Tampa, Florida), January 28, 1941.  “Golden, James R.” *The Orlando Sentinel* (Orlando, Florida), December 21, 2011. https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/orlandosentinel/name/james-golden-obituary?id=19841929.  “Miss Christine Colson and Lieutenant Golden Married at Leesburg.” *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), October 10, 1943.  “Photogenic.” *The Tampa Bay Times* (St. Petersburg, Florida), June 12, 1942. |
| **✅(Juanita) Iveane Hall 1942** | Juanita Iveane Hall was born in August 1923 in Los Angeles, California. She was 18 when she won the crown of Florida Citrus Queen in 1942. She attended and graduated from Lakeland High School. She was sponsored by the Lakeland Junior Chamber of Commerce during the competition. After winning Florida Citrus Queen, Iveane went on to win Miss Florida. She had previously won Miss Lakeland and Miss Florida Glamor Girl in 1941, and later Azalea Queen. Post-reign, she married Harold Scruggs in 1943, whom she moved with to Phoenix, Arizona and to Panama as part of his military career. Iveane passed away on August 15, 2000.  **Sources**  “Boys in Uniform Salute Average Girl Symbolized by Beauty Winner.” *The Philadelphia Inquirer* (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), April 19, 1942.  “Col. Harold Woodward Scruggs (1916-2007).” Find a Grave. Ancestry.com, November 21, 2007. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/23016486/harold-woodward-scruggs>.  “Orange Festival Queen is Crowned.” *The Tampa Times* (Tampa, Florida), January 22, 1942.  “Citrus Exposition to Add New Queen.” *The Tampa Times* (Tampa, Florida), February 10, 1951.  “Glamor Girls - In Fur!” *The Key West Citizen* (Key West, Florida), July 10, 1941.  “Juanita Iveanne Hall Scruggs (1923-2000).” Find a Grave. Ancestry.com, April 28, 2009. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/36516645/juanita-iveane-scruggs>.  “Lakeland Beauty Crowned ‘Azalea Queen’ at Palatka.” *The Tampa Times* (Tampa, Florida), March 2, 1945.  “Scruggs-Hall.” *Tallahassee Democrat* (Tallahassee, Florida), September 5, 1943. |
| **✅Gloria Lansden 1943** | Gloria Lansden was born on January 8, 1926 in Winter Haven, Florida. She graduated from Winter Haven High School. Gloria was 17 years old when she was crowned Florida Citrus Queen. After her reign, she attended the Protestant School of Nursing in Nashville, Tennessee and Peabody College. Eventually she moved to Akron, Ohio, where she worked as a nurse. Gloria married Paul Herman on February 4, 1953. Gloria passed away on October 6, 1996.    **Sources**  “Dr. Frank T. Lansden.” *Hendersonville Times-News* (Hendersonville, North Carolina). September 6, 2012.  “Gloria Lansden (Deceased).” FamilySearch, accessed August 16, 2023. <https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/GF8M-SCD/gloria-lansden->.  “Marriage Announced.” *The Orlando Sentinel* (Orlando, Florida), February 27, 1953.  “Miss Gloria Lansden Crowned Orange Queen.” *The Orlando Sentinel* (Orlando, Florida), February 9, 1943.  [Photograph of Gloria Lansden, Tangerine Queen]. *The Dayton Herald* (Dayton, Ohio), December 26, 1943.  “Soldiers Eat Throne of Citrus Queen.” *The Miami Herald* (Miami, Florida), February 9, 1943. |
| **✅Sylvia Chambliss 1943** | Sylvia Chambliss was born in 1923 in Knoxville, Tennessee. She was 20 years old when she was crowned Florida Citrus Queen in 1943. This was in a special wartime ceremony to persuade the public to purchase war bonds. Prior to the Florida Citrus Queen contest, Sylvia was a water skier at Cypress Gardens. After her reign, she moved to New York City where she was a model. Sylvia married John McElvey on September 7, 1944 and eventually moved to Middleburg, Virginia where she farmed horses. As of writing, it is unknown if she has passed away.    **Sources**  “Chamblisses Backed Park from the Start.” *The Ledger* (Lakeland, Florida), January 18, 2006. <https://www.theledger.com/story/news/2006/01/19/chamblisses-backed-park-from-the-start/26679249007/>.  Dinocola, David. "Selling Sunshine: How Cypress Gardens Defined Florida, 1935-2004." Master’s thesis, University of Central Florida, 2009. *Electronic Theses and Dissertations, 2004-2019*. 4081. <https://stars.library.ucf.edu/etd/4081>.  “Miss Chambliss Weds at Winter Haven.” *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), September 17, 1944.  Sylvia Chambliss and John McElvey, marriage license, September 10, 1944, file no. 1944912344, Polk County Clerk of Courts, <https://apps.polkcountyclerk.net/browserviewor/>.  “Sylvia Gilchrist.” FamilySearch, accessed August 2, 2023. <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KT2Y-SVV>.  “Vicki Vies for Place Among Long List of Citrus Royalty.” *St. Lucie News Tribune* (Fort Pierce, Florida), February 5, 1974. |
| **✅Iris Abel 1944** | Iris Abel was born on June 7, 1924 in Florida. She was 19 when she was crowned Florida Citrus Queen, and her sponsor was the Winter Haven Junior Chamber of Commerce. Her crown was presented by Seaman Robert Crutchfield of the U.S. Navy as the traditional Florida Citrus Exposition was postponed for the year due to World War II. After her reign, Iris moved to San Francisco, California. Iris passed away on January 4, 1983.  **Sources**  “Festival Queen.” *The Herald-Sun* (Durham, North Carolina), February 2, 1944.  “Iris U Abel (1924-1983).” FamilySearch, accessed July 17, 2023. https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/GC4H-5Q5/iris-u-abel-1924-1983.  “Orange Festival Queen.” *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), January 30, 1944. |
| ✅**Laurel White Norden 1945** | Laurel White Norden was born in July 1928 in Winter Haven, Florida. She was 17 years old when she was crowned Florida Citrus Queen. Prior to the Florida Citrus Queen contest, Laurel had been crowned Florida’s Magnolia Queen. After her reign, Laurel completed her bachelor’s degree at Wesleyan College and went on to George Peabody College for Teachers to obtain a master’s degree. She worked as a teacher in Florida. Laurel married Jim Lenfestey on June 28, 1956. She passed away on October 3, 2010.  **Sources**  “Crowned Queen of Orange Festival.” *The Key West Citizen* (Key West, Florida), March 9, 1945.  “Laurel White Norden Lenfestley (1928-2010).” Find a Grave. Ancestry.com, January 18, 2012. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/83673884/laurel-norden_lefestley>.  “Lenfestey, Laurel.” *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), October 5, 2010.  “Magnolia Queen.” *The Miami Herald* (Miami, Florida), June 25, 1943. |
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| **✅Sally Ardrey 1955** | Sally Ardrey was born in 1934 in Marion, Ohio. She was 20 years old when she was crowned Florida Citrus Queen. She was sponsored by the Haines City Junior Chamber of Commerce and danced for the talent portion of the contest. Prior to receiving the title of Florida Citrus Queen, Sally had also been crowned Miss Sarasota and Miss Bradenton. After the contest, she moved to New York City where she was a singer and actress. She was married to Joseph Fitzgerald. Sally then moved back to Florida where she was an aerobics instructor, receptionist, and mother. She passed away on June 22, 2022.    **Sources**  “Beauties, Citrus Share Exposition Honors.” *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), January 21, 1955.  “Glamor Trails Former Citrus Queens.” *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), February 8, 1974.  Milton, Elizabeth. “Bradenton Girl Wins Citrus Queen Contest.” *The Tampa Times* (Tampa, Florida), January 20, 1955.  “Sally Lee Ardrey.” Legacy.com, June 24, 2022. https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/sally-ardrey-obituary?id=35372031.  “Sally Lee Ardrey (1934-2022).” Find a Grave. Ancestry.com, June 12, 2023. https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/255369810/sally-lee-ardrey. |
| **✅Dorothy Steiner 1956** | Dorothy Steiner was born in 1936 in Detroit, Michigan. She received her diploma from Seacrest High School. Dorothy was 19 years old when she was crowned Florida Citrus Queen in 1956. Her sponsor was the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce, and she performed a dramatic monologue for the talent portion of the contest. Prior to the Florida Citrus Queen contest, Dorothy had been crowned Miss Dixie, Glade Queen, Miss Bicycle of 1956, Miss Boca Raton, and Miss Florida Fishing Queen. After her reign, Dorothy went on to be crowned Miss Florida in 1957 and competed in the Miss America competition, where she placed 4th runner-up. She then pursued an acting career in New York City and Los Angeles. Dorothy married Robert G. Brown in 1962, and then later married her second husband John Lodge Garbutt. The couple moved back to Boca Raton, Florida, where Dorothy became a yoga instructor. As of writing, she is presumably still living.  **Sources**  “A New Queen.” *Tampa Bay Times* (St. Petersburg, Florida), July 22, 1957.  “Boca Extends Royal Welcome to Dorothy with Banquet Sunday.” *Boca Raton News* (Boca Raton, Florida), July 26, 1957.  “Boca Raton Beauty is New Citrus Queen.” *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), February 16, 1956.  “The Eastern Philosophy is Her Thing.” *Boca Raton News* (Boca Raton, Florida), August 16, 1970.  “Four Years Ago.” *Boca Raton News* (Boca Raton, Florida), January 23, 1966.  “Joseph B. Steiner.” *Boca Raton News* (Boca Raton, Florida), September 8, 1966.  “Miss Dorothy Steiner.” *The Palm Beach Post* (West Palm Beach, Florida), July 5, 1953.  “To Begin Work.” *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), March 9, 1956.  Gurnett, Nancy. “Such is Our Heritage.” *The Orlando Sentinel* (Orlando, Florida), February 19, 1956. |
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| **✅(Brenda) Sue Scarbrough 1963** | Brenda Sue Scarbrough was born around 1943 in Pensacola, Florida. She was 20 years old when she was crowned Florida Citrus Queen in 1963. Sue was sponsored by Pensacola Junior College. Prior to the Florida Citrus Queen contest, Sue was crowned Miss Pensacola in 1959, Miss Northwest Florida, Miss Putt-Putt, and Miss Pensacola Junior College. After her reign, Sue married James F. Farber on September 12th, 1964. The couple moved to North Carolina, where Sue was a military wife. They later returned to Florida, and she worked for Escambia Developers. As of writing, she is presumably still living.    **Sources**  “Await Beauty Pageant.” *The Orlando Sentinel* (Orlando, Florida), March 6, 1963.  “Hostess is Sue Farber.” *Pensacola News Journal* (Pensacola, Florida), October 20, 1968.  Lloyd, Patt. “Florida Showcase is First Stop for ‘63 Citrus Queen Sue Scarbrough.” *Pensacola News Journal* (Pensacola, Florida), April 14, 1963.  Parsons, Al. “Pensacola Beauty is New Florida Citrus Queen.” *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), March 15, 1963.  “Sue Scarbrough Marries Captain Farber.” *Pensacola News Journal* (Pensacola, Florida), September 13, 1964. |
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