

Winter Park Prominently Featured in *Southern Lady* Magazine



Burma Davis Posey pictured with a copy of *Southern Lady's* pictorial coverage of Winter Park. Observer photo by Carole Arthurs

By Carole Arthurs
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Winter Park, along with many of its museums, businesses and restaurants, is the featured story in the summer issue of *Southern Lady* magazine. This honor and national publicity was arranged by Burma Davis Posey, a Winter Park resident and former member of the Florida Arts Council.

Posey had suggested the Winter Park article to the managing editor of *Southern Lady*, after her home and Royal Doulton collection (the largest in the world) was the cover story of *Southern Lady's* Winter 2001 issue. The story on her exquisitely holiday-decorated home and Royal Doulton collection (27 patterns of porcelain) covered 10 pages of editorial and photographs.

The Winter Park article, entitled "Off Orlando's Beaten Path...Winter Park, Florida" features in editorial copy and photographs, the "Emily" fountain at Central Park; the Scenic Boat Tour; Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens; the Cornell Fine Arts Museum; the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum, as well as local shops in Brandywine Square -- Chintz & Company and Cida's. The article also focuses on Park Promenade Jewelers, Peterbrooke Chocolatier, Palmano's Espresso Bar and several other stores and restaurants.

"I had always wanted visitors to know that we have more than the theme parks to see when visiting Central Florida," said Posey. She said the magazine had not featured many articles on Florida as they preferred stories about the "Old South." When she heard that, Posey said she smiled and told them, "You

have to visit Winter Park!" They agreed and a four-day visit was scheduled.

Posey arranged for the editor and photographer to stay at the Park Plaza Hotel. When they arrived, she took them on the Scenic Boat Tour. "It is a wonderful way to give our guests an overview of the beauty and personality of our beautiful town," said Posey. She also arranged for visits to the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum, the Annie Russell Theatre, the Albin Polasek Museum, the Cornell Fine Arts Museum and Rollins College. She took them to dinner at Park Plaza Gardens, the Briar Patch and O'Boys Barbecue. They visited BeBe's, Park Promenade, Chintz Company, the Doggie Door, Cida's and Timothy's Gallery to arrange photo shoots. She also arranged for them to take photographs of Kraft Azalea Gardens, the Park Avenue fountains in Central Park, and the beautiful signs around town. She said they were really impressed with Winter Park's unique peacock signs.

She called Winter Park City Hall and spoke with the public relations director, Scott Grail, Vice Mayor Barbara DeVane, and Gordon Blitch, assistant director of cultural development, inviting them to meet with her *Southern Lady* friends to share additional information.

"As expected, editor Ann Dorer and creative director Mac Jamieson loved our beautiful town," said Posey. "They worked from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. each day. The result is a gorgeous pictorial and gracious verbal tribute that went to the stands nationwide on July 1."

Posey, a former Miss Georgia, also wrote an article on the history of the Miss America Pageant which was featured in *Southern Lady's* winter issue.

A Wonderful July 4th Celebration



Uncle Sam and his buddies. Observer photo by Carole Arthurs



Jean Sprimont, director of Keep Winter Park Beautiful, distributes fans and t-shirts. Observer photo by Carole Arthurs



Bach Festival Choir and Orchestra directed by Dr. John V. Sinclair Observer photo by Carole Arthurs