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Karen-Kay Eiriksson, 20, of Boulder Creek, receives flowers from 1982 Miss Santa Cruz County, Laurie-Christine Rizzo.

# Boulder Creek woman Miss Santa Cruz County

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SANTA CRUZ — Hello again. The hills are alive with the sound of music, but don't blame it on the one I love.

That was the message Saturday night at the Cocoanut Grove for the annual Miss Santa Cruz County Pageant.

Karen-Kay Eiriksson, 20, of Boulder Creek, was crowned this year's queen by the 1982 Miss Santa Cruz County, Laurie-Christine Rizzo.

Eiriksson, who graduated in 1980 from San Lorenzo Valley High School, is the daughter of Rita Eiriksson. Miss Eiriksson is studying languages and hopes to become an interpreter and translator for the United Nations. Using her singing talents, she would like to work and entertain in the UNICEF program. A student at DeAnza College, she plans to study linguistics at UCSC.

First runner-up was Jennifer Lynn Charett, 18, of La Selva Beach. She is the daughter of Rosemary and Phillippi Charette, works for the Synertek

company and attends Cabrillo College parttime.

Second runner-up was Shelly Rene Castro, 21, who graduated in 1980 from Harbor High School and lives in Santa Cruz with her parents, Harold and Karen Castro.

Third runner-up was Sandra Lynn Abram, 22, also a San Lorenzo Valley High School graduate (1978), who has attended San Jose State University for four years and is working on a degree in advertising copywriting. Her parents are Fred and Carolyn Abram of Santa Cruz. She was also named Miss Congeniality.

Eiriksson, who was awarded a \$1,250 scholarship, will compete here in the Miss California Pageant in June.

The runners-up received scholarships totaling \$1,700 and each winner received an additional \$200 scholarship.

Rizzo, the outgoing queen, received bouquets of pink and yellow roses and a photograph of herself looking at her crown.

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The ten contestants in the pageant delivered to the audience their renditions of such songs as "Hello Again", "Sound of Music" and "Don't Blame It on the One I Love."

This year's pageant theme was "Fantasy Island." The tropical ferns, palms and waterfalls on the stage were indeed a fantasy, considering the hard-driving winds and rain-soaked roads outside.

Masters of Ceremonies Aubrey Lumley told the hundreds in the audience, "Thousands of volunteers have worked to keep a dream alive to offer the opportunity to young women

to achieve their personal and educational goals" through the pageant.

Eight years ago, he said, the Miss Santa Cruz County scholarship fund totaled only \$450. This year's amount is \$4,500, he said.

The pageant had been "floundering" several years ago before it was taken over by today's executive director, Janice Allegri, said Lumley.

Other contestants included Wendi Ford, 24, of Scotts Valley; Debra Jean Veltri, 17, of Boulder Creek; Kathy Lynn Rentz, 20, of Bethany Bible College; Catherine Mahmood, 19, also of Bethany; and Connie Hansen, 19, of Santa Cruz.

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