

Quidditative, Riveting, Sleek, Tolerant, Up-to-date, Vogue, Wistful, explosive, pretty, Zapped

Dear Andrea,

Andrea's words to live by...

All-American, Bearing, Cordial, Diminutive, Ethereal, Fantastical, Good-natured, Heart-tugging, Impeccable



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Beauty. Beautiful. Most Beautiful?

"Discover Your Own Inner Beauty"

I found myself wondering what the meaning of all of this is and why the world places so much emphasis upon it. This was sparked because of my trip to the beauty capital of the world, Los Angeles for the "Most Beautiful" Issue to shoot this Cover along with six other very celebrated and known women in their respective fields. By Andrea Patrick Forte.

This would be my third appearance in the Most Beautiful Issue and my second Most Beautiful Cover for Supermodels Unlimited. I am very honored to have been selected. I used to live in Los Angeles for quite some time and knew that to be in this industry you need to be focused on yourself and on your beauty and everywhere you look everyone is always trying to be the most beautiful. My photo shoot experience had not changed my reaction or feelings about this topic and although the faces may have changed since I left to go live in serene Southwestern Pennsylvania, not much else had. Don't get me wrong, I caught glimpses of genuineness, kindness and selflessness during my stay from strangers, but I took the role of observer not "player" this time and I learned alot....again.

For me at 47 years old, it's always nice to be complimented with an honor for something for my appearance, but this is something I have always felt was a gift from my parents. How I have chosen to present myself, take care of myself, has been my decision and if I receive a gesture or compliment from someone for this, it means I have been dedicated to living a healthy, disciplined lifestyle. And any awards or recognition I receive, is shall I say the "icing on that chocolate cake".

For me, the most beautiful feeling I can receive is when I make someone laugh or when I received a huge hug from someone

at the photo shoot and they tell me they loved meeting me (not because I was famous or a celebrity) and they want to stay in touch with me. (Hey Allan, Crystal & Kathleen Rose! BFF's Always!). Or when someone appreciates the work I have done to try and inspire others throughout my career.

That to me is beautiful.

Beautiful is allowing others to see the beauty in you instead of you controlling how you are portrayed to the world.

Beautiful is having your friends always stand up for you no matter what and be there for you no matter what.

Beautiful is having a husband and family that cares and supports you through all of your ups and downs and is only a phone call away.

Beautiful is meeting new friends and hoping to remain friends.

Beautiful is allowing the creative process to just happen and hopefully a beautiful "product" will be appreciated by all.

Beautiful is not allowing others to destroy your joy because of petty differences.

Beautiful is getting to know Kirsten Haglund, Miss America as I drove her back to her hotel after the shoot and discovered first hand what a bright future is ahead for this beautiful, caring bright woman.

Beautiful is wanting to be with someone not because of their outside beauty but because they simply are.

Beautiful is keeping your promises and never letting the meaning of true beauty escape you.

Because, once you fall into the trap of believing the hype, in my opinion, you aren't as beautiful to me anymore. Remember, you are only as beautiful as you think you are and your inner beauty is much more important than your exterior in the long run.

So, "Think Beautiful" and you'll be beautiful in all that you do and the only person who really needs to think that you are is YOU.

Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not.

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Poetic, Open-hearted, Nonchalant, Meticulous, Laid-back, Kalon, Justifiable