

# Getting to Know NHW Board Members

It is with great apprehension that I tackle the project of writing the column about the National Hereford Women (NHW). This extraordinary group of women has accomplished so much in the past two years. Combining the two outstanding ladies' organizations into one amazing group is nothing short of fantastic.

Each month *Better Homes and Gardens* Editor Gail Goodson Butler writes about what she has learned. It would take too long to list what I have learned in the past three months in regards to this great organization, but I would like to showcase a few of the directors and their projects.

This month we feature Paula Acheson and Jeanine Radel who coordinate the historian committee.



**Paula**

**Paula Acheson** of Woodbine Kan., and husband, Greg, have three children and one granddaughter. Paula works as a medical records chart analyst at Abilene Memorial Hospital. She is a charter board member of the NHW.

The Achesons have a herd of 25 registered polled and horned Hereford cows. Paula started 4-H at the age of 10, and her family has been involved in the Extension program in Dickinson County, Kansas, ever since. The Acheson family was named the county's 2010 4-H family of the year.

Paula and her family have been very active in Kansas Hereford organizations. She was a charter member of the Kansas Junior Polled Hereford Association (KJPHA). She served as the 1975 Kansas Polled Hereford Queen and was first runner-up for National Polled Hereford Queen.

Greg and Paula served as KJPHA advisors when they first got married. She was a member of the Kansas Poll-ettes, serving as secretary and president, and was a runner-up for National Poll-ette of the Year. Their family is currently a member of the Kansas Hereford Association, and Paula is a member of the Kansas Hereford Women.



**Jeanine**

**Jeanine Radel** lives near Spring Green, Wis., with her husband, Kim. They have been raising and showing Hereford cattle since 1997, and they currently have a small herd of 12 cows.

They became members of the Wisconsin Polled Hereford Association in early 1998. Soon after, Jeanine joined the Poll-ettes and became the Wisconsin State Hereford Sale food stand chairperson, which she continues to be today.

Since 2002 she has served as the Wisconsin Hereford Women secretary. In 2006 she was second runner-up for the National Poll-ette of the Year. In 2009 she was elected to the National Organization of Poll-ettes (NOP) board.

"It has been an honor and a pleasure to be part of such a

great group of women, and I look forward to continue working with them," she says.

The Radels have three grown children and one grandson. They all enjoy helping with the cattle when needed, and they showed cattle and sheep during their 4-H years.

In Jeanine's spare time, she works part-time at Lands' End in the phone center.

These two women are in charge of two massive projects. First, they are looking for history involving Hereford women from across the U.S. Current plans are to take scanners and external hard drives to major shows and have women bring in their boxes of memories to be scanned onto hard drives. In the future the scanners and hard drives will be made available to state organizations. The info will be stored by decades and then by national, state and personal information and pictures to make it easy for future researchers.

The second project is the Gammon Barn, birth place of the first polled Hereford bull. The Gammon Barn is now located at the Iowa State Fairgrounds, and all of the NOP history is stored there along with much of the former American Polled Hereford Association memorabilia.

Currently this building is available to tour during the Iowa State Fair and by special appointment. Plans are being made for a trip to take the scanners there and start preserving that information.

The committee will also be making a list of projects that need to be done. Currently there is a need for ceiling fans, new display cases and weather proofing in the upper level. We would welcome donations and ideas for future funding of the Gammon Barn.

For more information on these projects, contact Paula at [gpacheson@tctelco.net](mailto:gpacheson@tctelco.net) or Jeanine at [jeanine.radel@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanine.radel@yahoo.com) **HW**

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