

NHW Encourages Women to Get Involved

Are you involved in an organization that is dear to your heart? Do you serve in a favorite role such as hospitality or fundraising or as an officer? Perhaps you like to join the groups in which your family participates. Then the National Hereford Women (NHW) is for you!

NHW is looking for dedicated women who will embrace our traditional activities along with new ones as we venture forward following our second birthday. We treasure the leadership of so many women who have made and are making their mark in furthering one of the important missions of the organization — supporting our youth and their activities and encouraging their successes.

“We have had two busy years of new birth activities,” says Mary Ann Berg, NHW president. “We’ve revised and created bylaws, established a board by joining the former organizations of National Organization of Poll-ettes and

American Hereford Women and retained the best of both.”

There is tremendous room for new and former members to join the NHW ranks through committees and volunteering. Committees for 2011-12 include: bylaws; Certified Hereford Beef (CHB) ambassadors; communications, including writing for the newsletter, website and *Hereford World*; courtesy and hospitality; historian; membership; NHW handbook; annual meeting; national queen; ways and means (fundraising); scholarships; and awards and contests. We are always seeking nominations of NHW members to serve on the board and become involved on a national level.

Mary Ann says the board looks forward to realizing goals and boosting membership. “It is now time for us to fulfill goals and promises. We will establish criteria within the board to increase communication with state organizations, including encouraging states to start an NHW organization or revive what already exists. We also want to follow up on junior members who finish the junior program and are ready to make the leap into the adult program. Junior women are actually given a complimentary year’s paid membership. Let’s get them involved immediately and encourage them to give back by helping with our numerous youth activities.”

One great way for members to learn more about NHW is to contact their area or region directors. Directors have state officers’ contact information and are available to answer questions or address concerns. The four regions and their directors include:

Northeast region: Janine Radel, Spring Green, Wis.; Gay Maddox, Zionsville, Ind.; MaryAnn Berg, Dalton, Ohio; Denise Billman, Newcomerstown, Ohio; Susan

Hayhurst, Terre Haute, Ind.; and Jill Bielema, Ada, Mich.

Northwest region: Paula Acheson, Woodbine, Kan.; Barb Ernst, Windsor, Colo.; and Lori Hambright, Chapman, Kan.

Southeast region: Diann Strickland, Mershon, Ga.; Beth Burns, Pikeville, Tenn.; and Lauren Echols, Arlington, Va.

Southwest region: Ann Guess, Jayton, Texas; Shellie Collins, Chattanooga, Okla.; Shannon Mehaffey, Grandview, Texas; Catie Sims, Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Colleen Chaffin, Morgan, Texas.

These women are instrumental in supporting the youth at Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE). The 2012 JNHE in Grand Island, Neb., will be chock full of opportunities for new member involvement. Many Hereford women find it easy to volunteer time with NHW while they attend events with their families. NHW sponsors the junior contests including creative arts, extemporaneous speech, CHB grill-off, illustrated speech and prospect awards. Scholarships are coordinated by NHW in collaboration with the Hereford Youth Foundation of America including the Ed Bible, John Wayne, Poll-ette Founders, Future Cattleman and Golden Bull.

NHW’s sponsoring of a heifer drawing during JNHE has given the organization great visibility and provided a far reaching benefit for the junior members.

All of these opportunities are available for the nominal \$20 annual membership dues, which help defray expenses incurred by the above activities. State organizations may charge additional annual dues.

We welcome your participation! For more information, contact Mary Ann Berg, 330-857-7967 or visit the NHW website, HerefordWomen.com. **NHW**

National Hereford Women

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