

NHW Appoints New Director, Debuts New Artwork

A new year kicks off exciting news for National Hereford Women (NHW). Our southwest area board position has been filled and our third piece of commissioned Hereford artwork was unveiled during the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Director appointed

Describing herself as a “true Hereford woman,” Becky Spindle, a fourth-generation rancher from Stanley, N.M., has been appointed to fill a position for the southwest area on the NHW board.

Becky is deeply rooted in all things Hereford thanks to her father Bill King having started their registered Hereford business 43 years ago. Becky and her sisters were active members of the New Mexico Junior Hereford Association, where Becky served as queen, president and vice president. She also served as secretary and second vice president during her term on the American Junior Hereford Association board from 1993-96.

“I love the friendships I’ve made over the years through my Hereford

experiences, and I look forward to helping the NHW organization grow and promote our Hereford youth,” Becky says. “We go to most Hereford events with our kids so there are lots of opportunities to meet more people who want to become involved in NHW and further our mission.”

Becky’s family bleeds Hereford just as deeply as she does. Her husband, Tom, is foreman for King Herefords, running about 350 cows including Hereford, Charolais, Angus and commercial females. Becky is the operation’s bookkeeper. Their children — Jordan, Abby, Cash and Charli Grace — enjoy showing cattle at county and state fairs and national shows. Jordan is the president of the state junior Hereford association and Abby is the queen.

Becky brings a wealth of experience to her NHW role. Among several positions, she serves on her county Farm Service Agency board and as a board member of the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, New Mexico Cattlegrowers’ Association, New Mexico Hereford Association and the local 4-H club.

NHW’s southwest quadrant includes the states of California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma.

Artwork debuted

Hereford art aficionados will be pleased to know NHW’s third in a series of colored pencil artwork by recognized show cattle artist Amanda Raithel debuted at the Fort Worth Stock Show.

“The 11” x 14” artwork, ‘Majestic,’ is a one-of-a-kind piece that depicts a winter scene with both horned and polled Hereford bulls,” says Denise Billman, NHW president and ways and means chairman. “We would like to thank Becky Harrell of Harrell Herefords

for the inspiration for this art piece. It is a very long and drawn out process determining the subject matter. With Becky’s talents it was much easier.

“We are thrilled the framed original piece was auctioned off in the Cowtown Select Sale in Fort Worth. We greatly appreciate all of the support we were shown there. It is always refreshing to have the opportunity to meet and visit with fellow Hereford enthusiasts that share our mission.”

The print may be viewed on NHW’s Facebook page as well as the NHW website. “The interest in this newest artwork had already become apparent as I was receiving calls with inquires, and had received advanced orders for it even prior to its unveiling,” Denise says.

The Raithel series includes the first two prints, “Setting Precedence” and “Secrets,” both of which are still available through NHW. Signed and numbered prints will be available on all three art pieces at numerous Hereford outings throughout the country including the 2013 Junior National Hereford Expo in July and the NHW annual meeting in November, both in Kansas City. The prints can also be ordered anytime by contacting Denise at 330-204-5865.

Keep in mind these prints are limited editions. There will not be any re-prints on them, so their value will only increase. The prints make unique gifts and awards and state associations receive special pricing on orders of three or more.

Proceeds from the sale of the original as well as the prints ensure the continuation of all the programs and scholarships that are administered by NHW. “Your continued support is pertinent to the continuing education and enrichment of Hereford youth,” Denise says. **NHW**

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