

NHW is Ready for 'Hereford Nation'

Queen's Tea — a new tradition

Dusty from the barn, Sunday best and donning state sashes are some of the many types of attire that are present at the Queen's Tea during the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE). Each year the National Hereford Queen hosts a growing event for girls of all ages to enjoy some time away from the barn, creating memories and craft projects while interacting with state royalty and the national queen.

The event was started in 2011 with past National Hereford Queen Bethany Nolan. The goal of the Queen's Tea for Nolan and the National Hereford Women (NHW) was to grow interest from a young age for state queen programs. In the last three years, the event has doubled in attendance, with the largest turnout planned for the 2015 JNHE in Grand Island, Neb.

A highlight of the event is a drawing for junior princesses to have the opportunity to help the state queens and 2015 National Hereford Queen Katie Nolles in the ring during the show. Girls ages eight to 12 are eligible to participate. This year will also feature a fun photo backdrop for



photos with royalty, desserts and crafts. Plan to be in attendance 1 p.m. Sunday, June 28, in the banquet hall to participate in these events along with a meet-and-greet session for state queen coordinators.

Nolles has fond memories of her first Queen's Tea. "I remember picking out a special dress for my first Queen's Tea, and looking forward to the event for months," Nolles said. "Meeting all of the state queens made me feel like a million dollars."

As the JNHE is in Nolles' home state, she aims to make the event exceptional for those in attendance. "I am working to make my Queen's Tea a special event for each young lady who joins us and chances are many future National Hereford Queens will be in attendance. I am so excited to welcome you all to my home state."

NHW at JNHE

As "Hereford Nation" converges on south central Nebraska, the NHW is continuing to increase the value that the organization provides to the breed. The 2015 Annual Meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday, June 29, in the Foundation Club. The meeting will feature committee reports from the NHW and discussion of ideas for the future. Andrew Brooks from Certified Hereford Beef (CHB®) LLC will provide an

update on advancements within the CHB program.

Also at this year's JNHE, state princesses will be invited to hand out ribbons during the showmanship contests.

Following the great success of the 2014 NHW Social, the members of the NHW are excited to announce this year's social will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 2, in the Foundation Club. This year's event will feature drinks and light hors d'oeuvres along with the sale of the first reproduction print of the Bud Snidow painting which was given to the NHW. The original print was auctioned at the Cowtown Select Sale in Ft. Worth, Texas, earlier this year. The NHW is excited to present this offering to Hereford breeders at the JNHE and to continue the giving legacy of Bud Snidow.

The NHW will also be selling the collection of signed and numbered original artist prints by Amanda Raithel, exclusive to the NHW, at the organization's booth during the week along with several new items. Stay tuned to the NHW Facebook page and website for more information about Hereford-themed items heading to Nebraska. **HW**

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