

# NHW Members Preparing for JNHE

National Hereford Women (NHW) will host a breakfast and membership meeting during the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 6, in Indianapolis.

The meeting will begin at 8:30. Those who are not free from “barn duties” before 8:30 are welcome to skip breakfast and drop in for the meeting. The meeting will be in the Farm Bureau building across from the fairgrounds.

Everyone is welcome — members and non-members. Casual dress — come as you are. It’s all about Herefords, women in the business and the juniors NHW support.

For breakfast reservations, contact Mary Ann Berg at 330-857-7967 or maryannberg2003@yahoo.com.

## Ways and means

This year the NHW has been busy working on ways and means projects. From an awesome “semen basket” to jewelry and canvas totes, we are thrilled about our offerings. We have an exciting yearly project planned.

Check out artist and former Hereford junior member Amanda Raithel’s work. She has graciously provided us with a few of her prints to offer now as well as playing a huge role in our projects yet to come.

## Scholarship heifer success

Samuel Lawrence, Avilla, Ind., won a \$1,000 heifer scholarship at the 2005 JNHE in Wisconsin. The scholarship was sponsored by the National Organization of Poll-ettes. Samuel was an excited peewee member when selected. He was also a member of

his state’s fitting team, which placed second in the contest just before his name was drawn for the \$1,000 prize. What a memorable experience for a 7-year-old.

The female he purchased was named a Dam of Distinction in 2010. She met the highest standards of commercial cattle production. He has also entered her 2009 heifer in the Indianapolis JNHE.

This success story demonstrates the impact of the scholarship programs that are awarded to promote the involvement of youth members in the Hereford breed. What began with a little luck, Samuel seasoned with a lot of hard work, which became a recipe for a once in a lifetime experience.

The NHW will award a \$1,000 heifer scholarship at the 2010 JNHE, and who knows what will come when that new story is written.

## Getting to know the NHW board

Serving on the American Junior Hereford Association board from 1986-1989 and watching her mother, Maxine Koontz, serve as a member of the American Hereford Women board years ago, instilled a sense of pride in and dedication to the Hereford breed into **Donna Fulton**.

Four years ago, Donna was elected to the American Hereford Women (AHW) board. She says she has enjoyed the opportunity to travel and meet many of the outstanding Hereford breeders across the country. “One of the most rewarding experiences has been supporting the youth that continue to promote

one of the foundation breeds of this country,” she says.

Donna and her husband, Rodney, and her mother continue to co-own and manage H&C Hereford Farm near Lexington, N.C. H&C was recognized as a Golden Breeder by the American Hereford Association for raising Herefords for more than 50 years.

Today, along with Herefords, they also have a small registered herd of Red Angus cattle as well as a commercial herd. The deep-rooted family heritage is being continued as the Fultons’ two daughters, Tristen and Abigail, are active in the North Carolina Junior Hereford Association and the National Junior Hereford Association, participating in local, state, regional and national junior Hereford shows.

Donna attended North Carolina State University and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in agricultural education with specialties in animal and poultry science and agricultural communications. She then obtained her Master of Education degree in 1992 and started teaching agricultural education at North Stanly High School in New London, N.C., where she taught for one year before moving back home, where she has been teaching at her home high school (North Davidson High School) since 1994.

Donna and Rodney are also contract growers for Allen’s Poultry Co., based out of Delaware. The family operation consists of owning and operating four poultry laying houses. **HW**

## National Hereford Women

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Shellie Collins, treasurer  
Brook Herring-Gandy, parliamentarian  
Barbara Ernst, historian  
Margeaux Firestine, queen chairman  
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### NHW start-up team

Cheryl Evans, *Winona, Miss.*  
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Della Ehlike, *Townsend, Mont.*  
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