

NHW Plans JNHE Events

Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE), here we come! Everything the National Hereford Women (NHW) do each year culminates in its programming and service for Hereford youth during the JNHE. The 2013 JNHE will be no exception.

Scholarship judging and awards, creative contests, a queen's tea fit for even the smallest of royalty, must-have Hereford artwork and mementos, and the opportunity to meet and visit with other Hereford women from throughout the country fill NHW's blessing basket to overflowing.

Scholarships and awards

NHW is proud to partner with the American Hereford Association (AHA) to coordinate and offer multiple scholarships and awards for junior members. Specifically, interviews will commence and scholarships will be awarded for the Ed Bible, Future Cattleman, Golden Bull Achievement, John Wayne and National Organization of Poll-ettes Founders scholarships, with NHW's assistance.

The creative arts, extemporaneous speech, junior golden bull, Certified Hereford Beef Grill-off, heifer award, illustrated speech and the junior

and senior prospect awards winners will also be presented during the banquet and awards night at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 20.

Activities for the young

Put away the electronics and encourage your up-and-coming Hereford juniors to unleash their creativity in the creative arts contest. Lots of craft and art supplies are available to make posters reflecting the 2013 JNHE theme, "Show me the Herefords."

Fit for a crown

Calling all princesses-in-waiting! The NHW and National Hereford Queen Whitney Andras are hosting a queen's tea for all young ladies ages toddler to 21. Previous queens are also invited and encouraged to attend.

On Tuesday, July 16, at 1 p.m. in the American Royal Governor's Room, feel free to wear your best princess outfit and bring your mom or grandma. You are invited to share refreshments with Queen Whitney and the state queens, participate in craft activities, and take home goodie bags fit for royalty.

"This year at the queen's tea we will be having a random drawing for our young ladies between the ages of 4 to 8 years old," says Denise Billman, NHW president. "The eight winners will have the opportunity to come down to the queen's sitting area in the arena, sit with the queens, and walk with them occasionally as they lead show classes. Each JNHE junior princess will take home their tiara and sash, so these young ladies need to polish their boots and be prepared for the queen's tea. We will also have additional age-appropriate opportunities for the rest of the girls. It's going to be an awesome, fun time!"

NHW annual meeting

Hereford women can take a break from the stalls and join the NHW board at noon on July 16 for the NHW annual meeting, also in the

Governor's Room. The meeting will highlight the organization's programming, goals and objectives for the next year; the introduction of Queen Whitney and the state queens; and displays of our fundraising items, including the new Hereford print "Majestic" by artist Amanda Raithel, which will be available for viewing.

All fundraising items will also be available at the NHW booth in the trade show. Refreshments will be served at the meeting.

Women may also pay their dues at the meeting or the booth, and they are welcome to volunteer for our various programs or express interest in serving on the board.

Nominations accepted

Nominations are being taken for the 2013 NHW director elections in Kansas City this fall. Nominations are due Aug. 15. They should be sent directly to one member of the nominating committee. The 2012-13 NHW nominating committee includes:

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The NHW board looks forward to renewing acquaintances and making new ones, encouraging young princesses to become our future state queens, showing off the best in Hereford treasures, and shepherding our juniors through their scholarship interviews and competitions.

Join us, won't you? **HW**

National Hereford Women

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