

NHW JNHE Highlights

The annual high point of the National Hereford Women (NHW) board of directors' year is attending and helping with the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) and celebrating Hereford juniors' accomplishments. The 2014 JNHE July 5-12 in Harrisburg, Pa., also offered an opportunity for NHW directors to network with Hereford enthusiasts, to host the semi-annual membership meeting and evening social event, and to offer Hereford-inspired gifts for purchase.

"NHW's mission is to provide leadership and education opportunities for Hereford women and youth and to promote Hereford cattle," says Carol Priefert, NHW president. "We love being a part of seeing the youth grow through the available opportunities like applying for the scholarships, participating in the grill-off, and through the various queen programs. The JNHE is an excellent family event that the NHW is proud to be involved with."

Scholarships

NHW proudly helps coordinate various contests, scholarships and awards during the JNHE. Thousands of dollars were presented this year to a record number of youth

who applied for scholarships and awards and participated in various activities. The scholarships and awards included Ed Bible, Future Cattleman, Golden Bull and Junior Golden Bull, John Wayne, Poll-ette Founders, creative arts, extemporaneous speech, CHB grill-off, heifer award, illustrated speech, Junior and Senior Prospect Awards, and the Bud Snidow Award.

Hereford royalty

During NHW's semi-annual membership meeting in Harrisburg, the 17 state queens and National Hereford Queen Brooke Jensen introduced themselves and talked about Hereford cattle or an agricultural fact about their respective states. A special treat for the queens was a luncheon at the Pennsylvania Governor's Mansion.

State queens participating in the week's festivities included: Abby Anderik, Dayton, Iowa; Lydia Richardson, Brandenburg, Ky.; Bailey McKay, Marysville, Kan.; Kagney Collins, Flanagan, Ill.; Shelby Zink, Oxford, Ind.; Jillian Adams, Springfield, Ohio; Brooke Cameron, Kingfisher, Okla.; Caroline Debnam, Gaithersburg, Md.; Anna Roth, Altenberg, Mo.; Emma Penzenstadler, Chisago City, Minn.; Katie Nolles, Bassett, Neb.; Courtney Eudy, Harrisburg, N.C.; Jordan Spindle, Moriarty, N.M.; Paige Ando, Houghton, N.Y.; Jena McCall, Emory, Texas; Hannah Schneider, Aquilla, Texas; Jaymee Graves, Oak Harbor, Wash.; and Briana Katzenberger, Monroe, Wis.

"The state queens and National Queen made quite an impression as they led in classes and handed out awards and ribbons," Priefert says.

Princess tea

A party fit for a princess is now a much-anticipated event during the JNHE. The 2014 princess tea welcomed 67 princesses, ages 8 to 14,

along with the state queens and the national queen. "Excitement filled the air as the girls made tiaras, ate princess cupcakes and played games with the queens," says Suzanne Matheny, queen co-chairman. "Friendships were formed and dreams of being national queen someday made this afternoon very special for each young lady in attendance."

Check out NHW's Facebook page for JNHE Hereford royalty photos.

Queen sponsorship program

The eagerly awaited annual princess tea is one of the important programs sponsored by NHW's National Hereford Queen program, according to Matheny.

"Programs like the tea and the National Queen's travel stipend are paid from the program," Matheny says. "We always welcome sponsorships, which are available at various levels, and contributions to the queen program's general fund. Contributions can be sent to NHW Treasurer Beth Blinson, Buies Creek, N.C."

NHW social kickoff

The first annual NHW "Come as You Are" social was a big hit. The social is designed as an informal networking opportunity to share laughs and conversations and to meet new Hereford friends.

"Attendees had the chance to talk with the state queens," Priefert says. "We also had a limited-edition, signed and numbered print of 'Reflections' that was auctioned off with proceeds going to support the national queen and youth programs. A special thanks goes to Steve and Jill Folkman of C&L Hereford Ranch, Ixonia, Wis., for being the winning bidder."

You can purchase your own limited editions of NHW prints by contacting Alise Nolan at theranchkitchen@aol.com. **NHW**

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