

Annual Meeting, Queen Coronation Highlight NHW's Fall Activities

National Hereford Women (NHW) members are gearing up for a bevy of activities during the American Royal in Kansas City, Nov. 2-4. The organization's annual meeting and the National Hereford Queen coronation aren't to be missed.

What better way to get to know the ladies and workings of what NHW does throughout the year than to attend their general annual meeting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3, in the American Royal's Governor's Room. Refreshments will be served while the board share the great success achieved in fundraising and in membership during the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) in Grand Island, Neb., this summer. Retiring board members will be recognized, new board members will be welcomed and trained, and the 2012 NHW Woman of the Year will be celebrated. The NHW board meeting will be at 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2, in the Argosy Hotel and Spa's Board Room.

One of NHW's most exciting annual events is the queen coronation during the American Royal National Hereford Show. 2011-12 National Queen Amanda Bacon will crown one of four ladies-in-waiting: **Whitney Andras**, Checotah, Okla.; **Bridget Beran**, Claflin, Kan.; **Cara Cummings**, Gilmer, Texas; or **MaKayla Rutt**, Minden, Neb.

During the American Royal weekend, the candidates maintain a loaded schedule by participating in a formal orientation and gift exchange, interviews on Friday, Nov. 2, at the Argosy Hotel, a social activity and the NHW annual meeting. The candidates are also expected to attend the Ladies of the American Royal Hereford Sale, the sale's reception, and finally, the Hereford show, where they will lead in classes and hand out awards.

"It is an honor for a young woman to be the National Hereford Queen because she is a representative of the future of the Hereford industry," Jill Bielema, NHW board member and queen committee chair, says. "She also represents the Hereford breed

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Whitney Andras



Bridget Beran



Cara Cummings



MaKayla Rutt

across the country and serves as an ambassador for the youth, the breeders, and the Hereford enthusiasts."

For those of you who have held the prestigious queen position or who have daughters or relatives that have assumed the title, you know the time, dedication and financial resources it takes to complete the year-long responsibilities and travel the position dictates.

The queen travels extensively throughout the year, often attending more than 30 shows and sales and traveling over 40,000 miles. She attends the six national shows and sales as well as state and local events where she is invited.

"The queen program is sponsored by the NHW and is funded in part by the NHW and also by generous donations from contributors," Bielema says. "It is a very expensive endeavor for a young woman to represent our breed as National Queen, but it is also a wonderful and incredible opportunity."

NHW sincerely appreciates the 2011-2012 queen fund sponsors. They are **Fulton Bank**, Lebanon, Pa.; **Paula Tracy**, Ruppert, Idaho; **Boyd Beef Cattle**, Mays Lick, Ky.; **John and Dorothy Mehaffey**, Burleson, Texas; **Shannon Mehaffey**, Grandview, Texas; **Jim and Linda Reed**, Green Ridge, Mo.; **Betsy and Andy Beck**, Bainbridge, Ind.; **Carol and Mike Allison**, Boardman, Ore.; **Texas Hereford Auxillary**, Jayton, Texas; **Tennessee River Music**, Randy

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NHW is grateful to John Mehaffey and the Gebhart family for sponsoring the crown box and to the Georgia Hereford Women for underwriting the crown.

Donors to the fund will receive recognition in NHW materials and the *Hereford World* and at various Hereford events throughout the country. Acknowledgment of your contribution will be sent to you and is tax deductible. Contributions may be sent to Shellie Collins, NHW treasurer, 23334 CR EW 180, Chattanooga, OK 73528. Questions about the queen

program may be directed to Jill Bielema at jbielema@comcast.net or 616-292-7476.

The NHW board looks forward to your participation at our annual meeting in Kansas City and to you becoming a part of our treasured National Hereford Queen program. **NHW**

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