

NHW Annual Meeting Activities Planned

Celebrating the colors and blessings of the fall season is always enjoyable when you spend it with other Hereford producers and youth during the American Royal National Hereford Show in Kansas City, Mo. The American Hereford Association (AHA), National Hereford Women (NHW) and National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members have a great opportunity to meet, mingle and show off their animals Nov. 1-3, while attending shows, annual meetings, receptions and the National Hereford Queen coronation.

In addition to AHA's planned meetings and get-togethers, NHW looks forward to hosting its annual membership meeting, where retiring board members are appreciated, new board members are welcomed and the 2013 NHW Woman of the Year will be announced.

The NHW board meeting will be Friday, Nov. 1 at 3 p.m. at the Argosy Hotel. This year the queen candidates will be introducing themselves to the board along with giving short three-to-five-minute speeches. The NHW annual membership meeting will be Saturday, Nov. 2 at noon at the Argosy.

Queenly duties

Waiting with poise but bated breath, the young women vying for National Hereford Queen will spend their time until the queen coronation on Sunday, Nov. 3, learning the nuances and commitments of being Hereford royalty.

Part of the queen preparation includes each candidate being interviewed for 15-20 minutes by a panel of three judges. A callback session commences at the end of the interview competition. On Saturday, Nov. 2, the ladies-in-waiting are requested to attend the Ladies of the Royal Hereford Sale at 2 p.m. and the junior show at 5 p.m., both at the American Royal. The young ladies will lead in classes and hand out awards during the show.

On Sunday, Nov. 3, the candidates are required to be at the showing at 7 a.m. for the national Hereford show. The 2014 National Hereford Queen will be crowned toward the end of the show competition. For a list of state queens vying for the National Hereford Queen title, see Page 24.

NHW board nominations

As with any board, hard-working members retire from their responsibilities and new ones join the ranks.

"I am very pleased and excited to announce the three women who have been nominated as new NHW board members and will be voted on by the board at Kansas City," says Shellie Collins, NHW board member and nominations chair. "Becky Long-Chaney from Nebraska, Suzanne Matheny from Kentucky and Maddee Moore from Oregon will join us. Their becoming board members will bring us to three representing each of our districts: Southeast, Southwest, Northwest and Northeast."

We invite all ladies with interest in Hereford cattle, youth dedicated to the breed, and young women recently retired as NJHA juniors, to join us at our annual meeting on Saturday. For membership information or to contact NHW board members, go to nationalherefordwomen@gmail.com or HerefordWomen.com. **HW**

National Hereford Women

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