

NHW Celebrates Second Birthday

Wow! What an exciting time for the Hereford industry not to mention the National Hereford Women (NHW). We are celebrating our second anniversary of being one unified Hereford women's organization.

We have gained so much ground since the two organizations joined a short two years ago. NHW has moved forward at a very fast pace and is showing no signs of stopping.

Our annual meeting has come and gone, and we are in full swing of our one and only fundraiser. Denise Billman of Newcomerstown, Ohio, our Ways and Means chairwoman, has once again outdone herself. Last year, artist Amanda Raitel was commissioned by NHW to do a painting depicting Hereford cattle. She did, and it was a great one. "Setting Precedence" was amazing!

And now NHW has available this year's commemorative limited edition print by artist Amanda

Raitel entitled "Secrets." The print captures a tender maternal moment between cow and calf and reflects the strong maternal instinct the Hereford breed is so noted for.

The original print was auctioned at Kansas City in October in conjunction with the Ladies of the Royal Sale. The proceeds from the original print are divided between the NHW and the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) to continue the current Hereford youth enrichment programs.

Keep in mind this is a limited exclusive NHW print that once all copies are gone will no longer be available. Start a collection; compliment your copy of last year's print, "Setting Precedence," give as a show award or a Christmas gift. Any Hereford enthusiast would be excited to receive this Hereford print.

The cost for a signed and numbered print is \$90 or \$110 for an artist proof (only 10 available). Don't miss out on this opportunity to own a piece of Hereford history as well as to help a great cause.

All proceeds from the sale of these prints are invested back into the future of the Hereford breed and the cattle industry through Hereford youth incentive and enrichment programs. We so appreciate your support in the past and look forward to it in the future. Please contact Denise at herefordmomm@aol.com or 330-204-5865 to reserve your print today.

Thank you, retiring directors

As we look forward, we must for a moment look back. We had seven of our national directors and our two co-presidents retire last month at our annual meeting. These ladies are well-spoken advocates for the Hereford breed and the cattle industry, and we're grateful they have chosen to give their time as NHW directors.

Given their backgrounds as executives, teachers, medical professionals, grad students and just plain moms and friends, they, like all of our members, have all chosen involvement with NHW programs as a labor of love and a commitment to Hereford youth. While all of our members support our programs through membership dues and volunteering at the state level, our national directors take on the task of managing more than 25 scholarship/award programs, leadership opportunities and skills contests each year. Retiring from the board of directors this fall were:

Margeaux Firestine, Womelsdorf, Pa., a past national queen, queen chairwoman, as well as past membership chairwoman.

Cindy Lambert, Oroville, Calif., who has chaired several scholarship committees while on the board.

Jill Tucker, N. Platte, Neb., publications director.

Janelle Bischoff, Huron, S.D., newsletter editor for two years.

Donna Curry, McAlester, Okla., chaired several award and contest committees.

Jessye Goertz, Berwyn, Neb., chaired award and election committees.

Catie Sims, Edmond, Okla., website editor and served on contest committees.

Susan Gebhart, Claremore, Okla., co-president.

Cheryl Evans, Winona, Miss., co-president.

A big thank you goes out to all of these ladies for their time, effort and love of the breed to help bring this women's organization together. **NHW**

National Hereford Women

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Co-president – Cheryl Evans, *Winona, Miss.*
Co-president – Susan Gebhart, *Claremore, Okla.*
President elect – Mary Ann Berg, *Dalton, Ohio*
Vice president – Jessye Goertz, *Berwyn, Neb.*
Secretary – Ann Guess, *Jayton, Texas*
Treasurer – Shellie Collins, *Chattanooga, Okla.*
Parliamentarian – Jill Bielema, *Ada, Mich.*
Historian – Paula Acheson, *Woodbine, Kan.*
Queen chairwoman – Margeaux Firestine, *Womelsdorf, Pa.*
Ways and means chairwoman – Denise Billman, *Newcomerstown, Ohio*

DIRECTORS

Janelle Bischoff, *Huron, S.D.*
 Beth Burns, *Pikeville, Tenn.*
 Donna Curry, *McAlester, Okla.*
 Barbara Ernst, *Windsor, Colo.*
 Lori Riffel-Hambright, *Chapman, Kan.*
 Susan Hayhurst, *Terre Haute, Ind.*
 Cindy Lambert, *Oroville, Calif.*
 Gay Maddox, *Zionsville, Ind.*
 Shannon Mehaffey, *Grandview, Texas*
 Jeanine Radel, *Spring Green, Wis.*
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