

Giving It All to the Future

As you return home from a busy, exciting and memorable trip to Kansas City, Mo., for annual meetings, members of the National Hereford Women (NHW) challenge you to reflect on what you gained from this valuable time. The time spent with progressive, likeminded and dedicated breeders often inspires new ideas and energy around your goals.

National Hereford Queen Program celebrates 40 years

The NHW was excited to celebrate a massive milestone for the National Queen Program and to recognize hundreds of ladies who have given their time to represent the breed. The 40th anniversary celebration during the American Royal was a great success, as we were able to commemorate so many wonderful friendships and to savor the passion for the program and the breed.

We look forward to the next decade of young ladies that will represent their states and have the opportunity to participate in the National Queen Program. As the program continues to grow and to evolve, we hope that you will

encourage those on a local level to stay involved. Energy surrounding the state queen program continues to enhance the future for the breed and the National Queen Program.

The art of giving

Dorothy Wright of Alvarado, Texas, was named the 2015 Hereford Woman of the Year. Dorothy was recommended for the award by her fellow Hereford breeders from the state of Texas due to her continual nature of giving. Dorothy and her late husband, Lindy Wright, are known for supporting the Texas Hereford youth in every way imaginable.

Notably, Dorothy is a caretaker of awards, often crafting awards and decorations for Hereford events. Her generosity extends far beyond awards as she has hauled junior members and cattle to state shows and donated heifers for junior auctions and continues to give time to the Texas Junior Polled Hereford Association by serving as the organization's bookkeeper.

She has been a critical part of the Texas Poll-ettes, as she has served in nearly every capacity on the board and is always finding ways to support the junior members of Texas. Look for more on Dorothy in the December issue of the *Hereford World*.

Dedication to the program

Foundational goals for the NHW have not waived as the NHW has continued to grow since its founding. Members of the organization continually work to improve the values established for the organization and to find new ways to give to the Hereford breed.

"Having the opportunity to work with a driven group of women who give to the board selflessly with the

goals of seeing the breed and our youth succeed has been an honor," says retiring board member Becky Spindle, Moriarty, N.M.

"I am confident in the leadership of the NHW board to continue to support the AHA (American Hereford Association) and National Junior Hereford Association while seeking new opportunities to develop the organizations goals."

Retiring from the board was a group of phenomenal ladies who were dedicated in passing knowledge and tradition of the NHW to new board members, while executing a variety of committees and additional projects. Those who were recognized included Spindle; Lauren Echols, Breckenridge, Texas; and Rhonda Eck, Putnam, Okla.

The NHW is excited about the upcoming year with exciting opportunities ahead with the new recipe addition to our website and increased excitement about the Hereford youth programs. Our new board members are focused on working toward NHW goals. New members of the board are Eck; Karen Smith, Gatesville, Texas; and Trudy Nolles, Bassett, Neb.

Thank you for your support

We also want to take the time to thank the seven young ladies who vied for the title of National Hereford Queen and representing our breed so well.

This program could not be where it is without the strong NHW leadership and the support of Hereford breeders. NHW also recognizes the sacrifices our state queens' parents make to provide this opportunity to their daughters.

We look forward to carrying on the National Hereford Queen tradition for another 40 years. **HW**

National Hereford Women

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