



Evans, Gebhart Recognized as the 2010 Outstanding Hereford Women

Cheryl Evans, Winona, Miss., and Susan Gebhart, Claremore, Okla., were honored as 2010 Outstanding Hereford Women by the National Hereford Women (NHW) during the NHW annual meeting Oct. 30 in Kansas City.

Cheryl and Susan are serving as co-presidents of the NHW and were instrumental in combining the National Organization of Poll-ettes (NOP) and the American Hereford Women (AHW) into one united women's organization, the NHW, in 2009.

Cheryl Evans grew up on a commercial Hereford operation in Kansas. She showed Hereford steers, one of which took grand champion honors at the Wilson County Fair. She and husband, Jack, met at Fall River Christian Church and were married in 1967. They have one daughter, Julie, and sons Jeff and Jay D. Jack says right now Cheryl's biggest goal in life is being the world's greatest grandma to their six grandchildren.

Prior to the combining of NOP and AHW, Cheryl was serving as

AHW president. She was also an active 4-H leader.

"Through sober, thoughtful leadership, Cheryl has attained a level of respect in our Hereford family that is not easily won," says Betsy Beck, NHW board member. "Matching diplomacy with hard work to help bring about the National Hereford Women was a fitting challenge of Cheryl's strengths."

Susan Gebhart and her husband, Richard, and family manage Beacon Hill Herefords, after taking over the Hereford operation belonging to Susan's grandparents. Susan and Richard's two daughters — Erica and Roxane — and Erica's husband, Matt Boyer, and their daughter, McKenzie, are all active in the Hereford operation and the industry.

Susan has been an active member of the Hereford Women of Oklahoma, a director and officer of the NOP and now the NHW. She has also served on several Oklahoma industry-related boards and is the executive secretary for the Oklahoma Hereford Association. She has her Master of Beef Advocacy and strongly



2010 Outstanding Hereford Women (pictured l to r) are: **Susan Gebhart** and **Cheryl Evans**.

encourages everyone associated with the cattle industry to obtain this status.

"Susan Gebhart is one of the most amazing women I have ever had the pleasure to know. Serving with her on the NOP board for several years has allowed me the opportunity to see her in action. Not only does she work as an advocate for the Hereford breed but the cattle and agriculture industry as well," Beck says. **HW**



NHW board members pictured (seated, l to r) are: **Cheryl Evans**, Winona, Miss.; **Shellie Collins**, Chattanooga, Okla.; **Mary Ann Berg**, Dalton, Ohio; **Ann Guess**, Jayton, Texas; **Jessye Goertz**, Berwyn, Neb.; and **Susan Gebhart**, Claremore, Okla. Standing (l to r) are: **Jill Tucker**, N. Platte, Neb.; **Jill Bielema**, Ada, Mich.; **Paula Acheson**, Woodbine, Kan.; **Janelle Bischoff**, Huron, S.D.; **Cindy Lambert**, Oroville, Calif.; **Jeanine Radel**, Spring Green, Wis.; **Beth Burns**, Pikeville, Tenn.; **Barbara Ernst**, Windsor, Colo.; **Donna Curry**, McAlester, Okla.; **Shannon Mehaffey**, Grandview, Texas; **Catie Sims**, Elgin, Okla.; **Margeaux Firestine**, Womelsdorf, Pa.; **Lori Riffel-Hambright**, Chapman, Kan.; **Gay Maddox**, Zionsville, Ind.; **Susan Hayhurst**, Terre Haute, Ind.; and **Denise Billman**, Newcomerstown, Ohio. Not pictured is **Diann Strickland**, Mershon, Ga.