

Boner Named Outstanding Woman of the Year

Serena Boner, Red Cloud, Neb., was named the 2013 Hereford Woman of the Year during the National Hereford Women (NHW) annual meeting in Kansas City on Nov. 2.

Each year the NHW recognizes and honors one woman for her achievements and dedication to the Hereford breed.

Serena has played an integral role in Nebraska Hereford Women. She's served in all leadership roles and did so with

enthusiasm. She has been on the board of directors for at least 15 years, always there, keeping members on task and coming up with new and innovative ideas for fundraising. She has helped the Nebraska Hereford Women with sale lunches, scholarship selection, sportsmanship awards and any other job she has been asked to do. She has even served hundreds of people Certified Hereford Beef (CHB®) samples at Husker Harvest Days, Nebraska's largest ag expo.

Serena also had a part in the joining of the Nebraska Hereford Women and the Nebraska Poll-ettes, now called



Serena Bonner, Red Cloud, Neb., was named the 2013 Hereford Woman of the Year. Pictured at the awards presentation (l to r) are: daughter Martha Meyers, Red Cloud, Neb.; Serena and Gene Boner; and daughter Marie Farr, Moorefield, Neb.

Hereford Women of Nebraska. She had input on the new by-laws and was elected to the first board of directors.

Serena was raised on the family farm and married Gene Boner, her husband of 50 years, right after high school. She and Gene have always had Herefords.

Serena is very involved in day-to-day operations on the ranch: checking cows, branding, pre-conditioning, weaning and even cleaning out barns.

Ronny and Kay Morgan, Burwell, Neb., wrote in their recommendation letter, "The Boners are well respected as commercial Hereford breeders in

our state. Their genetics are strong, and they always top the market with their cattle."

The Boners have hosted the Nebraska Hereford Tour many times over the years. They've also attended junior shows and now are enjoying watching their grandson show.

Serena is involved in her community, having served on the Webster County Extension board and as a member of the Penny Creek Ladies Club

and the Congregational Church in Red Cloud. The Boners enjoy spending time with their two daughters and their five grandchildren.

"Serena Boner is a great woman who genuinely believes in the Hereford breed and has served the breed well in her leadership roles," Kay Morgan adds.

The Hereford Women of Nebraska concluded their recommendation with this, "Serena is devoted to the Hereford Women and works hard for their success in her quiet, unassuming way. She is truly deserving of this award." **HW**



2013-14 National Hereford Women board of directors (pictured front row, l to r) are: **Carol Priefert**, St. Joseph, Mich., president; **Alise Nolan**, Gilmer, Texas, president elect; **Shannon Mehaffey**, Grandview, Texas, vice president; **Susan Hayhurst**, Terre Haute, Ind., secretary; **Beth Blinson**, Buies Creek, N.C., treasurer. Back row (l to r) are: **Lori Riffel-Hambright**, Chapman, Kan., historian; **Becky King-Spindle**, Moriarty, N.M.; **Maddee Moore**, Pendleton, Ore.; **Lauren Echols**, Arlington, Va.; **Becky Long Chaney**, Elwood, Neb.; **Catie Sims**, Edmond, Okla.; and **Denise Billman**, Newcomerstown, Ohio, ex officio. Not pictured is **Suzanne Matheny**, Mays Lick, Ky.