

Morgan Named Outstanding Woman of the Year



Kay Morgan, Burwell, Neb., was named the 2014 Hereford Woman of the Year. Pictured at the awards presentation (l to r) are: Lauren Echols, NHW Woman of the Year committee co-chair; Kay and Ronny Morgan; and Suzanne Matheny, NHW Woman of the Year committee co-chair.

Kay Morgan, Burwell, Neb., was recognized as Hereford Woman of the Year during the National Hereford Women (NHW) annual meeting in Kansas City on Nov. 1.

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

Kay has greatly affected the Hereford breed by her leadership and service through the Hereford Women of Nebraska (HWN) and NHW organizations. She contributed to the

successful merger of the American Hereford Women and the National Organization of Poll-ettes in 2009 and served on the NHW board during the transition. During this time, Kay was also HWN president.

“Kay is passionate about the purpose of NHW and the Hereford Women of Nebraska,” says Vawn Hula, HWN president. “After being elected to the board of directors, I knew I could go to Kay with any question I had about the association, the breed or how to manage life as a ranch wife.”

Growing up on her family’s Hereford ranch near Waverly, Neb., Kay says she remembers always having an interest in the Hereford breed. She was on the Nebraska Junior Hereford Association board of directors and met her husband, Ronny Morgan, while showing Herefords at the state fair. While being a part of Morgan Ranch, they had four children — Carrie, John, Patrick and Roger — all who inherited her passion for Herefords and later came together to form Morgan Cattle Partners.

Kay has spent her adult life giving back to the Hereford breed and has served as Nebraska Hereford Association secretary and Nebraska Junior Hereford Association advisor for nearly 30 years. Kay and the Morgan Ranch co-sponsor a belt buckle for the Nebraska Hereford Queen and have hosted numerous cattle shows, sales and other events. She is also involved in her community as an active member of United Methodist Women and volunteers time toward 4-H as a judge for cooking and crafts projects.

The HWN concluded its recommendation letter by writing, “She is a role model to many and is unquestionably deserving of this award.” **HW**

2014-15 National Hereford Women board of directors

pictured front row (l to r) are: **Alise Nolan**, Gilmer, Texas, president; **Maddee Moore**, Pendleton, Ore., president elect; **Becky King-Spindle**, vice president; **Michelle Beran**, Clafflin, Kan., secretary; **Beth Blinson**, Buies Creek, N.C., treasurer; and **Carol Priefert**, St. Joseph, Mich., ex officio. Back row (l to r): **Susan Matheny**, Mays Lick, Ky.; **Barbra Metch**, Canton, Texas; **Kim Herinckx**, Lafayette, Ore.; **Lauren Echols**, Arlington, Va.; **Jill Folkman**, Ixonia, Wis.; and **Rhonda Eck**, Thomas, Okla.

