

The Time to Gather with the NHW

National Hereford Women (NHW) hopes that you enjoyed your time of fellowship during the annual meetings in late October. Members enjoyed meeting new Hereford breeders from every stage of life and partaking in many events that created lifetime memories.

Upcoming leadership

Meetings throughout the weekend stirred great discussion and exciting ideas for NHW projects. During the weekend events, the NHW hosted the 40th anniversary of the National Queen Program and the annual membership meeting.

Outgoing NHW President Alise Nolan said, "We give of ourselves unselfishly, and we ultimately realize the greater good and honor of serving on the NHW Board and the many lives we touch each year."

The introduction of new board members included Karen Smith, Gatesville, Texas, and Trudy Nolles, Bassett, Neb. Rhonda Eck, Putnum, Okla., will serve an additional term. The 2015-16 executive board is comprised of Maddee Moore, Pendleton, Ore., president; Jill Folkman, Ixonia, Wis.; Barbara Metch, Canton, Texas; Michelle Beran, Clafin, Kan.; Beth Blinson, Buies Creek, N.C.; and Alise Nolan, Gilmer, Texas.

The NHW annual membership meeting was greeted with a large and diverse membership base. Those in attendance included individuals who served on foundational Hereford women's organizations, members of the NHW and beyond. "Growing our membership base is always a focus and this year we were able to accomplish that by a significant amount," said Beth Blinson, NHW treasurer.

National Queen program

The 2015 National Hereford Queen, Katie Nolles, gave her closing comments about her year as national queen. The NHW wants to thank Katie for doing an exceptional job representing the Hereford breed this past year. She completed her reign by leading a tremendous group of national queen contestants through the 2016 contest.

"The National Hereford Women were delighted with a great group of young women vying for National Hereford Queen," said Michelle Beran, queen committee co-chair. "This group of young ladies not only represent the Hereford breed for their state associations, but are involved leaders in their local communities and are continually advocating for modern agriculture."

The 40th anniversary celebration for the National Queen Program was a huge success. Numerous past state and national queens were in attendance, and the group enjoyed the time to reflect and reminisce on their experiences of what the

queen program did for them. We are excited about the response to this event and will be looking to continue the tradition.

Thank you to Grand Meadows

The Bielema family and Grand Meadows Farm made a large contribution to the National Hereford Queen Program during the Ladies of the Royal Sale. Half of the proceeds from their Lot 12 heifer, Grand Natalya 5C, went directly to the program.

The Bielema family has a dedicated history with the NHW. Jill is a former queen committee chair and daughter Lindsay Gandy served as the 2008 National Polled Hereford Queen. The dam of the sale heifer was purchased by Gandy at the Lowderman Cattle Co. sale during her reign as queen. The NHW thanks the Bielema family for their generous contribution to the future of the program.

NHW ways and means

As you make plans for holiday gifts and spring shows, don't forget the NHW has several great items for sale. The exclusive NHW print collection makes unique gifts for anyone. For more information, contact Jill Folkman at 414-303-4100 or through the NHW Facebook page.

Membership dues

To submit a membership application and dues, please direct those to Beth Blinson at P.O. Box 3897, Buies Creek, NC 27506. **HW**

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The NHW celebrated 40 years of the National Hereford Queen Program Oct. 31 at the American Royal. Pictured are past and current national and state Hereford queens.