

Durham Named Outstanding Woman of the Year

Jane Durham, Stillwater, Okla., was recognized as Hereford Woman of the Year during the National Hereford Women (NHW) annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo., on Oct. 29.

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

Jane has shown commitment to the Hereford breed and is compassionate toward youth in the industry. "She is the epitome of the Hereford Woman of the Year," says Ruth Sims, Elgin, Okla. "She has given of her time and talent again and again over the years."

Jane and her husband, Norman, began Durham Hereford Ranch in Stillwater in 1969.

She became a member of the Oklahoma Hereford Women's Association in 1974 and later joined the National Organization of Poll-ettes in 1983 and was chairman in 1995.

She has served as Oklahoma Hereford Women treasurer the



Jane Durham, Stillwater, Okla., was honored as the 2016 Hereford Woman of the Year. Pictured (l to r) are Jane Durham and Suzanne Matheny, Mays Lick, Ky., National Hereford Women board members.

past six years and has been on the Oklahoma Hereford Association board of directors.

Donna Curry, McAlester, Okla., says, "Jane is always willing to help and serve young breeders in any way possible."

She helped organize the 1986, 2000 and 2009 Junior National Hereford Expos (JNHE) in Oklahoma.

In the past she has run the hospitality booth, served on several committees, been the grandmother to junior exhibitors and a cheerleader for Oklahoma youth. While traveling with her grandchildren to JNHEs, she helped with speech contests, secured judges, worked on scrapbooks and helped prepare team marketing teams, all while making sandwiches for hungry kids.

Jane and Norman were recognized as the 1997 Oklahoma Hereford Breeder of the Year and received the Hereford Heritage Award in 2011. They were inducted into the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association Hall

of Fame in 2003, and the Oklahoma State University Department of Animal Science honored Durham Hereford Ranch with the Master Breeder Award. **HW**

2016-17 National Hereford Women board of directors pictured front row (l to r) are: **Jill Folkman**, Ixonia, Wis., president; **Rhonda Eck**, Putnam, Okla., president elect; **Kim Herinckx**, Lafayette, Ore., vice president; **Michelle Beran**, Claflin, Kan., secretary; **Karen Smith**, Gatesville, Texas, treasurer; and **Maddee Moore**, Nampa, Idaho, ex officio. Back row (l to r): **Trudy Nolles**, Bassett, Neb.; **Suzanne Matheny**, Mays Lick, Ky.; **Barbara Metch**, Canton, Texas; **Erin Lockhart**, College Station, Texas; **Amy Taylor**, Munford, Ky.; and **Sharon King**, Columbia, Miss.

