

# Sherry Pope Smith Chosen 2009 AHW Outstanding Hereford Woman

**S**herry Pope Smith, Tulsa, Okla., was chosen the 2009 American Hereford Women (AHW) Outstanding Woman.

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

Sherry has served the AHW and Hereford Women of Oklahoma in many ways including board member and president. She served as AHW president in 2004-05 and was the last Oklahoma Hereford Women president before the organization united with the Oklahoma Poll-ettes nearly 10 years ago.

Sherry grew up in the Hereford business, actively participating in Oklahoma and American Junior Hereford Association activities. Through the years, Sherry's passion for



**Sherry Pope Smith**, Tulsa, Okla., center, was recognized as the 2009 AHW Woman of the Year. Also pictured are AHW board members Cheryl Evans, Winona, Miss., and Debby Mrnak, Bowman, N.D.

the Hereford breed has continued to grow, and she passed that passion to her son, J.R. Ellison, who followed in his mother's footsteps and participated in Hereford youth activities.

Although she dispersed her Hereford herd last winter, Sherry continues to support Hereford

youth and promote the breed. She has donated her time to promote the breed at gatherings such as the Certified Hereford Beef launch at the United Supermarkets of Oklahoma.

Fellow Hereford woman Susan Turner says, "One thing is certain: Sherry Pope Smith is committed to Hereford youth. Whether through financial backing or by personally rolling up her sleeves to get a job done, she loves those kids."

Susan adds, "I feel fortunate to have served alongside Sherry on the board of the American Hereford Women, and I feel blessed to call her my friend. She set a standard for loyalty and selfless commitment that we would all do well to emulate." **HW**

# Beeson Named Poll-ette of the Year

**B**ev Beeson, Wayne, Neb., was chosen the 2009 National Organization of Poll-ettes (NOP) Poll-ette of the Year during the American Hereford Association Annual Meeting in Kansas City Oct. 31.

Each year the NOP recognizes an outstanding member for her leadership, promotion of polled Hereford cattle and commitment to advancement of the breed. This award is symbolized by a custom-made gold medallion awarded to each recipient.

Bev is a longtime Hereford enthusiast, awarded with the prestigious Hereford Herdsman Award in 1966, the first woman ever given the honor.

She helped to organize the Nebraska Poll-ette Association in 1965, served as vice president and has



**Bev Beeson**, Wayne, Neb., left, was named the 2009 Poll-ette of the Year. Also pictured are **Ruth Espenscheid**, Argyle, Wis., first runner-up; and **Barb Metch**, accepting the second runner-up award for the late **Patsy Ann Workman**, Whitesboro, Texas.

been instrumental in the fund-raising process for Nebraska youth.

For 37 years she has made and hand tooled a leather banner for each Nebraska state queen. The banners

are a lifelong memento for each queen to keep and display proudly.

Bev is also a member of the First Presbyterian Church and has been a beef club 4-H leader for 15 years.

She and her husband, Jack, have been married for more than 52 years and have one son, Jock. Bev is very active and involved on the ranch, helping manage and tend to the cattle. For more about Bev, see the July 2009 *Hereford World* Page 152.

The first runner-up was Ruth Espenscheid, Argyle, Wis., and the second runner-up was the late Patsy Ann Workman, Whitesboro, Texas. **HW**