

# Hereford Women | Royal Recap

by **Betsy Pitstick**

National Hereford Women (NHW) are extremely proud of our national queen program and what it means to our association. The National Hereford Queen is more than the young lady in white. She is a role model and a spokeswoman for our amazing breeders and cattle. This year-long commitment requires the queen to devote time to travel, to attend shows, and to advocate for and represent the Hereford breed.

## Royal service

While in Kansas City, Mo., last fall, we crowned our new queen, Melanie Fishel, of Kernersville, N.C. Fishel has been busy attending our national shows and sales, as well as events offered by the American Hereford Association and her home state of North Carolina. The COVID-19 outbreak has put a halt to all of these events



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this past month and the upcoming month, but we have so much to look forward to.

NHW members have worked extremely hard fundraising these last few years and are able to offer the National Hereford Queen, first runner-up, second runner-up and Miss Congeniality an increase in scholarships, which are housed with the Hereford Youth Foundation of America. We also work very hard to have fundraising opportunities and donor support for the queen's travels and clothing allowance. This program is possible only because so many donors, parents, state associations and breeders take pride in our National Hereford Queen. The pride we feel for the National Hereford Queen program is one that grows stronger each year. The past national queens and state queens help facilitate a love in the new and older members and breeders, because of the support that was shown to them during their queen reigns.

NHW individuals are busy planning for our many contests, scholarships, Queen's Tea and State Queens Orientation that will take place at the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) in Louisville, Ky. Fishel has been planning the Queen's Tea, as well as her service project which will raise money for the children of NHW board member Callea Breiner, who passed away this past

December. Fishel is also collecting items for her basket that will be part of the state basket auction at JNHE.

JNHE always represents a time for Hereford cattle enthusiasts to get together, to show the cattle they love, and to participate in contests and scholarship opportunities. I believe this year it will mean a lot more to all of us because we have all had so many events and activities cancelled due to the virus outbreak.

Want to be a part of the NHW's board? Applications are due Aug. 1, 2020. You can email your application to [nationalherefordwomen@gmail.com](mailto:nationalherefordwomen@gmail.com)

Dues can be paid at any point throughout the year. A membership form can be found on the website or emailed to you. Please contact [nationalherefordwomen@gmail.com](mailto:nationalherefordwomen@gmail.com) with questions. Dues can be paid online at [HerefordWomen.com](http://HerefordWomen.com). **HW**

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