

# Buchholz Named AHW Woman of the Year

**K**athy Knox Buchholz of Bardwell, Texas, has been named the 2008 American Hereford Women (AHW) Woman of the Year. She was honored during the AHW Annual Meeting Nov. 1 in Kansas City.

Kathy and her husband, Gary, are partners in GKB Cattle.

Kathy grew up in the Hereford business; she is the daughter of George W. "Tee" Knox and the late Jo Gregory Knox. Hereford steer and heifer shows were Kathy's passion; she excelled in the showing.

Following in her mother's footsteps, Kathy has devoted time to serve on the board of the American Hereford Auxiliary. Kathy was involved in the creation of the AHW and was a founding director. Likewise, Jo Knox was recognized as the Outstanding Hereford Woman in 1985, 23 years prior to her daughter receiving the same recognition.

Kathy has always been a member and supporter of the Texas Hereford Association and Texas Auxiliary. She is one of only three women to have been elected to the Texas Hereford Association executive committee.

Generous with her time and money, Kathy is a tireless supporter of youth and Herefords. She has judged numerous cattle shows, sponsors public speaking awards and presents a buckle each year to the retiring president of the Texas Junior Hereford Association (TJHA) in memory of her mother. She and Gary were a part of the steering committee to combine the TJHA and Texas Junior Polled Hereford Association state shows into one fantastic extravaganza and continue to guide its success today.

Kathy and Gary are currently serving as National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) advisors.

"Kathy is a deserving recipient of this award, given the broad



**Kathy Buchholz**, center, is the 2008 American Hereford Women (AHW) Woman of the Year. Pictured presenting the award are **Janelle Bischoff**, AHW historian, and **Susan Turner**, retired AHW board member.

range of her exemplary leadership and support of the beef industry, women, youth and, most of all, her beloved Hereford cattle," says Susan Turner, retired AHW director.

Past Hereford Woman of the Year award recipient Lyn Chastain adds, "Her tiny size 6 boots have left giant footprints for excellence and professionalism and kicked enormous holes in the glass ceiling for women in agriculture."

Although her parents suggested she attend one of their colleges and choose an alternative career path, Kathy was determined to

wear a Texas A&M senior ring and major in agriculture. By the time she graduated with two degrees, she had been a member of both the livestock and meats judging teams. She was also an extremely active member and officer of the Saddle & Sirloin Club.

While attending stock shows and marketing Hereford cattle raised on her family's ranch, Kathy met and married Gary. During the late 1980s and early '90s her focus was on Buchholz Bros. Shorthorns, but that did not change her allegiance to Herefords. **HW**



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Pictured (seated, l to r) are: **Cheryl Evans**, Winona, Miss., president; **Deb Carlson**, Royal Center, Ind., president-elect; **Debby Mrnak**, Bowman, N.D., vice president; **Della Ehlke**, Townsend, Mont., treasurer; **Janelle Bischoff**, Huron, S.D., parliamentarian. Back row (l to r) are: **Jessye Goertz**, Berwyn, Neb., membership; **Barbara Ernst**, Windsor, Colo.; **Gail Blagg**, Grass Valley, Calif.; **Ann Guess**, Jayton, Texas; and **Barb Wilkinson**, Highlands Ranch, Colo. Not pictured are: **Donna Fulton**, Lexington, N.C., secretary; and **Donna Curry**, McAlester, Okla., historian.