

2017 VIRGINIA JUNIOR ANGUS BREEDERS SHOW
OLDE DOMINION AG COMPLEX, CHATHAM, VA

JUNIOR SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Exhibitors must be active members of the Virginia Junior Angus Association.
2. All animals must be shown by owner. If for any reason an owner cannot show his/her own animal, permission must be obtained from the Show Committee for another Junior Angus member in the same age division to show the animal.
3. Exhibitor's birthdate must be from 8 to 21 as of January 1 of the current year and must be a Junior, Regular or Life Member of the American Angus Association.
4. **All animals must be the sole property of, in care of, and transferred in the name of the exhibitor by July 1, 2017.**
5. Bred & Owned are assumed to be sole property of exhibitor.
6. The date of issue on the registration certificate will be the date used to determine the eligibility of Owned Heifers.
7. All Junior exhibits must be checked in by the Show Committee.
8. The exhibitor name on the Registration Certificate should be the same as the name on the official entry blank, and no joint names will be accepted, except in the Bred & Owned Division. Multi-owned animals will be accepted for these classes only. However, the exhibitor must be the breeder and first owner.
9. **A Show Committee will be appointed by the President of the Virginia Junior Angus Association, which must include at least three Junior members and at least one advisor. One of the main tasks of the Show Committee will be the checking in of entries.** All inquiries or discrepancies pertaining to the show should be directed to the Show Committee only. All decisions of the Show Committee are final.
10. **COW/CALF DIVISION** (There will be classes for both Bred & Owned and Owned cows with calves.) Any cow/calf pair may be exhibited provided the calf is bred and owned by the Junior exhibitor and the following rules are met:
 - a. Cow must be bred and owned by the exhibitor. If the cow was not bred by the exhibitor, the issue date on the recorded transfer of the cow must precede the breeding date of the cow for calf at side.
 - b. Calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf.
 - c. Calf must be registered by show date.
 - d. There will be two divisions for Cow/Calf Pairs: Bred and Owned Division and Owned Division.
 - e. **Entry fee is \$25.00 Any animals shown in multiple classes (i.e., calf from cow/calf pair) will be charged \$15.00 per class after their initial \$25.00 entry fee. Total entry fee for one (1) cow/calf pair and the calf shown individually would be: \$40.00.**
11. **BRED & OWNED HEIFERS AND BULLS**
 - a. Bred and Owned means the Junior exhibitor must be the breeder and first owner of the animal entered. Breeder is defined as the owner of record of the dam at the time the calf is conceived. First Owner is defined as the owner of record of the dam at the time the calf is dropped.
 - b. Bred & Owned Heifers and Bulls will be divided in classes according to standard show classification and number of entries. Classes will be broken down at the discretion of the show committee and at the discretion of the American Angus Association representative at the show.
 - c. **Entry fee is \$25.00.**
12. **OWNED HEIFER DIVISION**
 - a. Owned Heifers will be divided in classes according to standard show classification and number of entries. Classes will be broken down at the discretion of the show committee and at the discretion of the American Angus Association representative at the show.
 - b. **Entry fee is \$25.00.**

13. STEER DIVISION:

- a. There will be one steer division with champions. The division will be Registered Angus Steers.
- b. Registered Angus steers are registered as either bulls or steers in accordance with the American Angus Association.
- c. There will not be a Bred & Owned steer division; these steers will be shown in the owned division.
- d. Steers will be shown in classes according to age.
- e. **Entry fee is \$25.00.**

14. COUNTY GROUP OF THREE:

- a. Three animals may be entered by any county.
- b. Each county may have as many groups as they like.
- c. Showmen must be Junior members from that county unless none are present.
- d. There is no entry fee for this class.

15. SHOWMANSHIP:

- a. (The ages above are as of January 1, 2017)
- b. Senior- ages 18-21
- c. Intermediate - ages 14-17
- d. Junior- ages 8-13
- e. Novice -age 8 AND never shown at Breeders Show (excluding Pee-Wee)
- f. PeeWee - (see below)

16. PEEWEE SHOWMANSHIP:

- a. Showmanship open to Junior Angus members that are not 8 years old as of January 1, 2017.
- b. Animals for Pee wee Showmanship must be approved by the Pee wee Showmanship Advisory Committee from the cattle present at the Junior Breeders' Show. Please don't bring your own cattle.
- c. The Pee wee showmen will meet with the Pee wee Advisory Committee, prior to the show. They will then screen all cattle to be shown by the Little League showmen.

17. **Entry Deadline** must be postmarked no later than July 10, 2017. Entries received in the VAA office after July 10 must include *double entry fees*. After July 10 entries will not be included in the Show program (book).

18. Entry form must be accompanied by a copy of original Registration Certificate(s).

19. Facilities will be available at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2017. **All Entries must be on the show grounds and checked in by 8:00 p.m. Friday July 28, 2017.**

20. The Virginia Junior Angus Association, or persons acting on their behalf are not responsible for accidents or any losses

21. **ORIGINAL REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES MUST BE PRESENTED WHEN ANIMALS ARE CHECKED IN ELECTRONICALLY STORED REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES ARE NOT ACCEPTED - ONLY THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION.** They must be checked in by the Show Committee.

22. All entries are subject to Part 3, Section IX, of the American Angus Associations Rules entitled "Eligibility, Conformation and Structure of Animals Presented for Exhibition". This includes the American Angus Association's mouthing program to determine the age classification of animals in the show. **Any animal not having a correct or legible tattoo is ineligible to compete and will be barred from showing. Once disqualified due to an incorrect or illegible tattoo, animals cannot be re-tattooed and checked at the show.** BLOOD TYPING FOR PARENTAGE VERIFICATION - Under the Association Rules (Part 3, Section II, Rule 2) each animal for which entry application (registration) is received, may be subjected to a blood type test

to verify both ACCURACY OF PARENTAGE AND TRADITIONAL ANGUS BLOOD TYPE. All division champions and reserve champions may be blood typed and any animal found to have non-traditional blood or where a possible parentage exclusion (where a sire or dam does not qualify as a parent) exists, will have premiums withheld pending investigation.

23. Any infringement of the Rules for the 2017 Virginia Junior Angus Breeders Show will be reviewed by the Virginia Angus Association Board of Directors to determine if any disciplinary action should be instituted. Any infringement of the rules could result in barring an individual from showing in any show sponsored by the Virginia Junior Angus Association for a maximum of two (2) years.

OTHER RULES PERTAINING TO THE 2017 JUNIOR BREEDERS SHOW

23. All cattle on tie out must have halter and neck rope. Bulls over six (6) months old must have halter, neck rope and be on a nose lead.
24. Each exhibitor must keep manure removed from the aisle way behind the animals and deposit it at the designated place outside the building.
25. All blocking chutes must be used in the designated areas.
26. Any Junior member is eligible to exhibit in the open show without open entry fee, provided the Junior recorded as the owner on the registration paper is the showman. Junior members must enter their animals in the open show to be eligible to participate in the open show. Junior cattle, to be eligible to exhibit in the open show without fee, must have exhibited in the Junior show and be shown by a junior member.
27. Each exhibitor is responsible for having his/her animals presented in its natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification, except for the grooming of hair and hooves. The exhibition of cattle displaying false hair will not be allowed. Painting of white skin and surgical alternation of an animal's conformation or appearance is prohibited. This includes the use of graphite, powders, hemp, or other similar substances externally, and steroids, growth stimulants, or artificially filling internally. Any animal found to be in violation will be barred from showing. FDA approved implants may be used in steers.
28. All entries are subject to visual inspection and/or laboratory testing. The exhibitor of any entry found to be in violation of the above rules will forfeit all awards and premiums, and may be disqualified from exhibiting at future Association sponsored shows.
29. All entry fees include bedding.
30. Effective July 1, 2004, at any show for which the American Angus Association appropriates funds toward the payment of premiums, no exhibitors, and individuals assisting exhibitors or member owners at such show shall be allowed to use any **coloring agents**, on any animal exhibited. The Association may adopt and implement various tests designed to monitor this prohibition, including but not limited to a "**white towel**" or "**white glove**" test. No aerosol cans or other pressurized containers will be allowed in designated make up areas.

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STEERS

Only registered Angus cattle that meet the age requirements listed within this classification are eligible to receive premium participation and be counted in the total number of head shown

Champion and Reserve Champion placings are not counted in number of head shown

- J1. Late senior steers calved November & December, 2016
- J2. Early senior steers calved September & October, 2016
- J3. Late summer yearling steers calved July & August, 2016
- J4. Early summer yearling steers calved May & June, 2016
- J5. April junior yearling steers calved April, 2016
- J6. March junior yearling steers calved March, 2016
- J7. Early junior yearling steers calved January & February, 2016

COW/CALF BRED & OWNED

Any female that qualifies for female classes in the Association's standard classifications are not eligible to show in the cow/calf classes. However, the calf at the side of the female is eligible to show in its respective class.

- J8. Cow/Calf Class – cows three (3) years of age and younger, cows must be born January 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. Calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf and be no more than 280 days of age on the day of the show.
- J9. Cow/Calf Class – cows four (4) years of age and older, cows must be born December 31, 2013 or earlier. Calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf and be no more than 280 days of age on the day of the show.

Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair (J8 & J9)

Reserve Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair

COW & CALF MUST BE BRED AND OWNED BY THE JUNIOR EXHIBITOR

Grand and reserve grand champion cow/calf pairs do not show for grand champion female.

COW/CALF OWNED

- J10. Cow/Calf Class – cows three (3) years of age and younger, cows must be born January 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. Calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf and be no more than 280 days of age on the day of the show.
- J10. Cow/Calf Class – cows four (4) years of age and older, cows must be born December 31, 2013 or earlier. Calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf and be no more than 280 days of age on the day of the show.

Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair (J10 & J11)

Reserve Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair

COW & CALF MUST BE OWNED BY THE JUNIOR EXHIBITOR

Grand and reserve grand champion cow/calf pairs do not show for grand champion female and are ineligible to compete in the Get-of-Sire, Junior Get-of-Sire and Breeder's Six Head classes.

BRED AND OWNED BULLS

Only registered Angus cattle that meet the age requirements listed within this classification are eligible to receive premium participation and be counted in the total number of head shown —

Champion and Reserve Champion placings are not counted in number of head shown.

- J12. Bred and owned junior bull calves calved after January 1, 2017
- J13. Bred and owned senior bull calves calved November & December, 2016
- J14. Bred and owned senior bull calves calved September & October, 2016

***Bull Calf Champion**

***Bull Calf Reserve Champion**

- J15. Bred and owned summer bull calves calved July & August, 2016
- J16. Bred and owned summer bull calves calved May & June, 2016

***Intermediate Bull Champion**

***Intermediate Bull Reserve Champion**

- J17. Bred and owned junior yearling bulls calved March & April, 2016
- J18. Bred and owned junior yearling bulls calved January & February, 2016

***Junior Bull Champion**

***Junior Bull Reserve Champion**

Grand Champion Bull

Reserve Grand Champion Bull

BRED AND OWNED HEIFERS

Only registered Angus cattle that meet the age requirements listed within this classification are eligible to receive premium participation and be counted in the total number of head shown —

Champion and Reserve Champion placings are not counted in number of head shown

- J19. Junior heifer calves calved March 1, 2017 and after
- J20. Junior heifer calves calved February 2017
- J21. Junior heifer calves calved January 2017

Junior Heifer Calf Champion

Junior Heifer Calf Reserve Champion

- J22. Late senior heifer calves calved November & December 2016
- J23. Early senior heifer calves calved September & October 2016

Senior Heifer Calf Champion

Senior Heifer Calf Reserve Champion

- J24. Late summer yearling heifers calved July & August 2016
- J25. Early summer yearling heifers calved May & June 2016

Intermediate Heifer Champion

Intermediate Heifer Reserve Champion

- J26. April junior yearling heifers calved April 2016
- J27. March junior yearling heifers calved March 2016
- J28. Early junior yearling heifers calved February 2016
- J29. Early junior yearling heifers calved January 2016

Junior Heifer Champion

Junior Heifer Reserve Champion

J30. Late senior yearling heifers calved November & December 2015

J31. Early senior yearling heifers calved September & October 2015

Senior Heifer Champion

Senior Heifer Reserve Champion

Grand Champion Heifer and Reserve Grand Champion Heifer

(Champions and reserve champions competing)

OWNED HEIFERS

J32. Junior heifer calves calved March 1, 2017 and after

J33. Junior heifer calves calved February 2017

J34. Junior heifer calves calved January 2017

Junior Heifer Calf Champion

Junior Heifer Calf Reserve Champion

J35. Late senior heifer calves calved November & December 2016

J36. Early senior heifer calves calved September & October 2016

Senior Heifer Calf Champion

Senior Heifer Calf Reserve Champion

J37. Late summer yearling heifers calved July & August 2016

J38. Early summer yearling heifers calved May & June 2016

Intermediate Heifer Champion

Intermediate Heifer Reserve Champion

J39. April junior yearling heifers calved April 2016

J40. March junior yearling heifers calved March 2016

J41. Early junior yearling heifers calved February 2016

J42. Early junior yearling heifers calved January 2016

Junior Heifer Champion

Junior Heifer Reserve Champion

J43. Late senior yearling heifers calved November & December 2015

J44. Early senior yearling heifers calved September & October 2015

Senior Heifer Champion

Senior Heifer Reserve Champion

Grand Champion Heifer and Reserve Grand Champion Heifer

(Champions and reserve champions competing)

**2017 VIRGINIA ANGUS OPEN BREEDERS SHOW
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OPEN SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors must be active members of the American Angus Association or the Virginia Junior Angus Association, must reside in Virginia or a state bordering Virginia.
2. Only Virginia Breeders and Juniors who are members in good standing of the Virginia Angus Association or the Virginia Junior Angus Association are eligible for the special awards listed at the end of this program.
3. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of entry, and recorded by the American Angus Association on the Certificate of Registry.
4. A \$30.00 fee is required for each Bull/Heifer entry (includes bedding). The fee for each entry in the Cow/Calf class will be \$35.00 (includes bedding). Calves must be entered as individuals for a \$15.00 fee. **ALL CHECKS FOR THE OPEN SHOW SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE VIRGINIA ANGUS ASSOCIATION.**
5. Entry Deadline must be postmarked no later than July 10, 2017. Entries received in the VAA office after July 10 must include double entry fees. After July 10 entries will not be included in the show program. **Entry form must be accompanied by a copy of the original Registration Certificate.** No exhibitor with outstanding balances or entry fees will be allowed to stall their cattle. Entry forms may be reproduced if additional space is needed.
6. **ALL CATTLE IN TIE OUT MUST HAVE HALTER AND NECK ROPE. BULLS MUST HAVE HALTER, NECK ROPE, AND A NOSE LEAD.**
7. Any Virginia Junior member is eligible to show in the open show without paying an open entry fee, providing the Virginia Junior is recorded as the owner on the Registration Certificate and is the showman, and the animals were shown in the Junior show. Junior members must enter their animals in the open show to be eligible to participate in the open show. If no additional open entry fee is paid; only the junior or another junior member may show the animal. If an adult shows the entry, a double open show entry fee will be charged onsite.
8. Each exhibitor must supply his own feed and hay.
9. All animals must have a legible tattoo in both ears which corresponds to the Registration Certificate.
10. Exhibitors must have the original Registration Certificate. **ELECTRONICALLY STORED REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES ARE NOT ACCEPTED ONLY THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION.**
11. Each exhibitor must keep manure removed from the aisle way behind the animals and deposit it at a place designated outside the building.
12. All exhibits must be checked in on Friday, July 28, 2017, by 8:00 p.m.
13. All blocking chutes must be used in the designated area.
14. The Show Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry offered and to require removal from the grounds of

an animal which the Committee, for any reason, deems unfit.

15. The exhibitor assumes all risks for damage or loss, either to person or property. It is further expressly understood and agreed, between the exhibitor and Olde Dominion Ag Complex that the show incurs no liability or obligation to the exhibitor, other than to permit the exhibitor to use the grounds or buildings for exhibits.
16. All decisions and interpretation of the rules by the Show Committee are final.
17. Effective July 1, 2004, at any show for which the American Angus Association appropriates funds toward the payment of premiums, no exhibitors or individuals assisting exhibitors or member owners at such show shall be allowed to use any coloring agents, on any animal exhibited. The Association may adopt and implement various tests designed to monitor this prohibition, including but not limited to a "white towel" or "white glove" test. No aerosol cans or other pressurized containers will be allowed in designated make up areas.

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- O1. Cow/Calf Class – cows three (3) years of age and younger, cows must be born January 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. Calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf and be no more than 280 days of age on the day of the show.
- O2. Cow/Calf Class – cows four (4) years of age and older, cows must be born December 31, 2013 or earlier. Calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf and be no more than 280 days of age on the day of the show.

**Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair
Reserve Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair**

Grand and reserve grand champion cow/calf pairs do not show for grand champion female and are ineligible to compete in the get-of-sire, junior get-of-sire and breeder's six-head classes.

- O3. Junior heifer calves calved March 1, 2017 and after
- O4. Junior heifer calves calved February, 2017
- O5. Junior heifer calves calved January, 2017

Junior heifer Calf Champion
Reserve Junior Heifer Calf Champion

- O6. Late senior heifer calves calved November & December, 2016
- O7. Early senior heifer calves calved September & October, 2016

Senior Heifer Calf Champion
Reserve Senior Heifer Calf Champion

- O8. Late summer yearling heifers calved July & August, 2016
- O9. Early summer yearling heifers calved May & June, 2016

Intermediate Champion
Reserve Intermediate Champion

- O10. April junior yearling heifers calved April, 2016
- O11. March junior yearling heifers calved March, 2016
- O12. Early junior yearling heifers calved February, 2016
- O13. Early junior yearling heifers calved January, 2016

Junior Champion Female
Reserve Junior Champion

- O14. Late senior yearling heifers calved November & December, 2015
- O15. Early senior yearling heifers calved September & October, 2015

Senior Champion Female
Reserve Senior Champion Female

Grand Champion Female and Reserve Grand Champion Female
(champions and reserve champions competing)

- O16. Junior bull calves calved March 1, 2017 and after
- O17. Junior bull calves calved January & February, 2017

Junior Bull Calf Champion
Reserve Junior Bull Calf Champion

- O18. Late senior bull calves calved November & December, 2016
- O19. Early senior bull calves calved September & October, 2016

Senior Bull Calf Champion
Reserve Senior Bull Calf Champion

- O20. Late summer yearling bulls calved July & August, 2016
- O21. Early summer yearling bulls calved May & June, 2016

Intermediate Champion Bull
Reserve Intermediate Champion Bull

- O22. April junior yearling bulls calved April, 2016
- O23. March junior yearling bulls calved March, 2016
- O24. Early junior yearling bulls calved January & February, 2016

Junior Champion Bull
Reserve Junior Champion Bull

- O25. Senior yearling bulls calved September through December, 2015
- O26. Summer senior yearling bulls calved May through August, 2015
- O27. Two-year old bulls calved January through April, 2015

Senior Champion Bull
Reserve Senior Champion Bull

Grand Champion Bull and Reserve Grand Champion Bull
(champions and reserve champions competing)

- O28. Junior Get-of-Sire: Three animals by one sire, both sexes represented
- O29. Get-of-Sire: Four animals by one sire shown in the above classes, both sexes represented
- O30. Produce of Dam: Two animals from the same Dam, any age, any sex
- O31. Breeders' Six Head: The exhibitor of the breeders six head must be breeder and first owner, identified by the same member code for the animals exhibited. Cattle owned by other exhibitors may be included provided the exhibitor of the breeders six head is the breeder and first owner of the included animals(s). Animals must be exhibited in individual classes. Cattle bred and owned by a junior member(s) may be included if the exhibitor of the breeders' six head is an individual or married couple and is the parent or legal guardian of the junior member(s).

VIRGINIA SPECIAL AWARDS

(Only Open to Virginia Breeders/Virginia Juniors who are Virginia Angus members or VA Junior members)

THE GUENTER BUSE MEMORIAL AWARD

VIRGINIA GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

Guenter Buse immigrated to this country from Germany during World War II “with bullets being fired over his head” as he always explained. As a child he was involved with 4-H which is how his career with cattle came about. He attended and graduated from Virginia Tech. His first job out of college was at Walnut Hill Farm in Richmond working for Kenneth Litton, Manager.

Following that he went to work at Harmony Grove Farm in Lawrenceville, VA. He put together a highly respected show herd for Bill and Byrd Perkinson owners of Harmony Grove. In 1968 he received the Herdsman Award. During his career he was always very supportive of the Virginia Junior Angus program and the Virginia Angus juniors overall. He was always trying to help them with their showing skills and fitting their cattle. Guenter enjoyed showing cattle and was a regular at the Virginia Breeders’ Show, but he really enjoyed showing females. Guenter left Harmony Grove to join Mohawk Farm in New York State where he was tragically killed in a farming accident. When Virginia Breeders heard of his death, a group of Virginia Angus Breeders got together and purchased a silver tray which became the Guenter Buse Memorial Award. This tray has been given each year to the Grand Champion Female of the Virginia Angus Breeders’ Show. The trophy is a revolving trophy with all the winners engraved on the tray.

THE ELLEN F. RUDDOCK MEM. AWARD

VIRGINIA SUPREME CHAMPION

Few people have ever enjoyed owning and breeding Angus cattle more than the late Ellen Ruddock. Fellowship with Angus breeders always gave Ellen great pleasure and satisfaction. Indeed, it was appropriate and somehow poetic, that the 27th Annual Virginia Angus Breeders’ Show, the last Ellen Ruddock would ever attend, was dedicated to her. No Virginia Angus breeder supported this event longer or stronger through both financial support and participation. The 1987-88 edition of the Virginia Angus Handbook, the last she would see printed, was also dedicated to Ellen Ruddock in recognition of her financial and moral support of the Junior Angus Association, and in tribute to the leadership her White Hall Farm had given Virginia for nearly 30 years.

Ellen Ruddock’s love of Angus began years ago near Gloucester, and flourished when she relocated to the Charlottesville area in 1965. During the second half of the 1960’s, the neighboring Aberan and White Hall herds were intense competitors and leaders of the Angus breed in Virginia and the nation. The competition between the neighboring herds came to a close in 1968 when the entire Aberan herd was purchased by White Hall.

The decade of the 70’s was a time of great expansion for White Hall Farm. At the highest point, more than 1,200 mother cows filled the pastures of White Hall Farm at North Garden and Enniscorthy at Keene that spread the White Hall operation over more than 10,000 acres. In 1974,

Ellen Ruddock blazed a trail in Virginia when she hosted the first breeders' bull sale of entirely Angus bulls born & raised at White Hall Farm. That tradition continued into the December immediately following her death, as White Hall hosted what would be its final bull sale.

Ellen Ruddock's passing and dispersal of her White Hall Angus herd marked the end of a very special era in the Angus Breed. A cloud passed over the sun - a page of Angus history was turned. Ellen Ruddock and the White Hall herd were survivors of an era of great expansion and prosperity in the Angus breed. No other Angus herd that was prominent and nationally competitive in the decade of the 60's survived to the brink of the decade of the 90's. The unpretentious elegance and class that Ellen Ruddock brought to everything she did and every event she attended is no longer there - but her memory will remain with everyone who knew her.

KATHERYN M. ROBERTSON CHALLENGE MEM AWARD

ONE BULL ONE FEMALE FROM VIRGINIA

In 2010, Virginia Angus Breeders lost a true supporter of the Virginia Angus Breeders Show, Mrs. Katheryn M. Robertson, fondly remembered by all as "Miss Kitty". Katheryn and her husband Robby and their extended family of Whitestone Farm have been great supporters of the Virginia Angus Breeders Show and the Virginia Angus Junior Breeders Show.

Miss Kitty always had a true love for Angus Cattle and enjoyed the atmosphere and friendship found at the Angus Shows. She watched her cattle show competitively at major shows across the United States and stood at the picture backdrop with winning entries at countless national shows, however she often remarked that her favorite show of all was right here in Virginia at the Virginia Angus Breeders Show.

For over two decades, Katheryn and Robie attended and supported the Breeders Show, eight times taking home one of the most coveted trophies of all, the Ellen F. Ruddock memorial award, which seemed to be fitting that Miss Kitty, would take home a trophy named after another truly great lady of the Virginia Angus Association. In 1999, Katheryn and Robby were honored by having the Breeders show dedicated in their name.

In 2011, the Katheryn M. Robertson challenge award will continue the support in Miss Kitty's name and continue on for decades to come. The Katheryn M. Robertson challenge award is to be presented to the exhibitor who presents the best pair consisting of 1 Bull and 1 Female.

JOHN PYNE MEMORIAL AWARD

VIRGINIA GRAND CHAMPION BULL

In 2011, we lost a true friend and leader in the Angus community in Virginia and beyond. John Pyne, Jr. was a pillar of the Virginia Angus Association for twenty years from the 1970's through the 1990's and was an agricultural leader in the state of Maine and Virginia. John began his training in the cattle business

on his parents' farm, Seek No Further, in Cove Creek, VA just south of Charlottesville. During his high school years, John was a star on his school's football team.

John's first job was with Edgehill Farm for nine years and following that, he moved to Harpers Farm where he cared for and showed their show string throughout the country. Ellen Ruddock and Paul Grinde's Whitehall Farms recognized the talent of young John Pyne Jr. Whitehall Farms was one of the dominant operations in the country and John had the opportunity to showcase their cattle at many of the national shows.

When John Pyne took over the management of Zeuswyn Farm in Culpeper, VA he began breeding top cattle, not just managing the herd. Under John's hand Zeuswyn Farm owned by Zeus Clore became one of the most well-known farms on the east coast with well attended, successful sales every year for two decades. Zeuswyn was also known as one of the best well-managed operations in the state winning, regional and state stewardship awards. It was during this time that John served the Virginia Angus Association.

John devoted ten years as a director of the Virginia Angus Association and was the President in 1983 and 1989. John helped to expand and promote the Virginia Angus Breeders Show. He paid particular attention to the Junior Angus program and worked closely with many families in Virginia, helping Angus juniors develop their skills and interest in the cattle business. John also served several terms as a director and president of the Culpeper Ag Enterprises.

In the mid 1990's, John Pyne, Jr. took over the management of David Rockefeller's Bartlett Island Farm on the coast of Maine, raising Simmental and Angus cattle. John's skills were well suited to this large operation with a unique environment and the high expectations of the Rockefeller family. In 1999, under the management of John Pyne Jr., Bartlett Island won the regional Environmental Stewardship Award from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. John continued his service by serving as president of Maine's Angus and Simmental Associations and the Beef Producers Association.

Through the help of Hudson Pine Farm in New York, in memory of John J. Pyne Jr. we present the John J. Pyne Jr. Memorial traveling trophy to the Grand Champion Bull.

DAVID REED MEMORIAL AWARD

TOP VIRGINIA JUNIOR SHOWMAN

David was as some would say "born into the cattle business" his father was a herdsman at Highland Farm at Round Hill, VA when he was born.

David started working with Angus Cattle as a 4-H project while living in PA, and helping his father with the show cattle at Brookside Farm, Whitemarsh, PA. During the summer months, after finishing school he went to work at Crossways Farm, Gwynedd Valley, PA, where he fitted cattle for many of the big shows at the time, such as Chicago, Denver, Houston, Kansas City, and Fort Worth. After the dispersal at Crossways he moved west to Staley Farms, Kansas City, MO as a herdsman and then on to Ramsey 66 Farm, Paris, TX.

For a brief 2 yrs. he served in the military, and then it was back to the Black Cattle and Virginia where he worked for White Hall Farm, Marion Harper, Brandy Rock Farm, Stonewall Farm, and C-Stock Farm Scottsville. At that time two little girls were his focal point, helping them with their cattle and sheep 4-H projects, and just being a Dad.

David served as VA Junior Advisor, and Director of the VA Angus Assoc. In 1990 he was select as Herdsman of the year, and his family was also chosen as VA Angus Family of the year. In 2000 David passed away from heart complications.

As a tribute to David's love of Angus Cattle and the young people involved in the cattle business, friends and parents of the VA Junior Angus Assoc. founded in 2001 the David A Reed Memorial Trophy, to be presented to the Top VA Junior Angus Showman at the VA Jr. Breeders Show.

WILLIAM "BILL" HALE MEMORIAL AWARD

VIRGINIA JUNIOR SUPREME CHAMPION

Long-time supporter of the Virginia Breeders Show and the Angus industry, as well as our personal friend, Bill Hale tirelessly contributed to an industry and organization that will never be able to repay his leadership, kindness, inspiration, and financial contributions. Bill wouldn't have it any other way, which is a testament to his generosity and adoring heart.

Bill passed away in January 2014. Bill was a self-made man - a man of strength - who cherished his wife Dianne. Bill was a man of many talents. He made his mark in the coal industry, owning several companies. Later in life, he found success in several other industries including: the charter airline industry, owning a charter flight service with two planes; the commercial fishing industry, owning several boats; and even the financial services industry, serving as one of the seven original shareholders and the former CEO of 1st Sentinel Bank.

Despite his many successful endeavors, one of his ultimate joys in life was raising purebred Angus cattle. Together, the Hales owned Hale-O Farms in Bland, Virginia and exhibited their cattle for many years here at the Virginia Breeders Show. Bill and Dianne were faithful supporters for all junior members and their activities at the Breeders Show. Bill believed with all of his heart that without the juniors, the future of our industry would not be as bright and that the youth he interacted with were the finest he had ever met.

One of Bill and Dianne's favorite activities at the Breeders Show was the Saturday night auction. At one time the Breeders Show had a "junior" auction on Saturday evening. A farm would purchase a junior to help them on Sunday for the open show and the funds went to support the organization. . You can bet Bill and Dianne picked out some juniors to help support this event and prepare to exercise their bidding hands, for those Juniors were helping them on Sunday! Bill loved a good auction, but he was most excited that the funds raised were supporting a great cause. Even with his declining health over the past few years, his spirits and love for the industry never faltered. He could often be found racing through the barns on his scooter to catch up with his Angus friends.

We look forward to our continued friendship and partnership with Dianne and Hale-O Farms, as Dianne continues their legacy in Bill's honor, as only she can.

The Virginia Breeders Show Junior Supreme Champion trophy is in memory of a mentor, the friend, the partner, and a philanthropists William Lee (Bill) Hale. Our organization, our industry, and our lives are forever changed by having the privilege to have known Bill Hale.

ROBERT W. “WOODY” THOMAS MEMORIAL AWARD

VIRGINIA JUNIOR BREEDER WITH MOST POINTS

Robert “Woody” Thomas was a true cowman. He worked with many of the top herds throughout the United States developing strong breeding programs. His efforts helped to produce many top Angus cattle.

Woody worked with many Angus Farms. He worked at Shadow Isle Farm, Colts Neck, NJ in the 1950’s. The farm owned by Dr. Armand Hammer was one of the top seedstock operations during the hay days of the fifties. At this time in history New Jersey and New York were the hot beds of Angus genetics in the United States.

Later Woody went on to work with Mr. Dave Canning. Mr. Canning would put together herds of Angus cattle for new producers. Woody would then go with the cattle to their new homes and begin to establish the farms and breeding programs for the new owners. Dave Canning and Woody teamed up for over thirty years establishing new Angus operations across the country. Woody has been credited by those he worked with as an excellent teacher and mentor.

In the 1970’s and 80’s Woody ran the BAR X herd in Southwest Virginia. Following his work at BAR X he began to freelance for Angus Breeders throughout Virginia. Much time was spent at Wehrmann Angus helping longtime friend

Richard McClung begins to establish the operation as it moved from Georgia to Virginia.

Woody Thomas was a man with a very quiet demeanor that was indicative of how he got things done. The task at hand was always completed in ways that were highly successful, while at the same time, done without much fanfare. That is the way Woody wanted it. If you didn’t know Woody Thomas, it was probably because his laid back personality, at times would over shadow the man himself. Woodrow “Woody” Thomas was one of the good guys.

It is only appropriate that Woody Thomas be recognized for his accomplishments as an Angus Breeder and Enthusiast. A group of friends has established the Robert W. “Woody” Thomas Memorial Premier Breeder Award to be awarded annually to the Virginia Junior Angus Exhibitor who collects the most total points for cattle that they have bred, and that are shown in both the Virginia Breeders Show and the Junior Breeders Show.

JOSEPH SMITH MEMORIAL AWARD

VIRGINIA JUNIOR EXHIBITOR WITH MOST POINTS

Joe Smith was truly a diamond in the row. He was born on Christmas Eve, 1935 on the family farm. His father walked from their Ohio stock farm in a blizzard to get the doctor.

Upon completing high school Joe attended Ohio State University where he majored in Animal Husbandry. While at Ohio State, Joe was a member of both the Livestock and Wool Judging teams. To accomplish such a feat, Joe had to overcome a stuttering problem. Joe overcame his stuttering as he and his teammates went on to win the National Intercollegiate Wool Judging Contest. Joe along with his brothers worked and lived in the livestock barns to help offset school expenses.

Once school and graduation was behind him, Joe began his career in the cattle business. His first stop was Northern Pump Hereford Farm outside of Chicago. He then moved on to Northwood Shorthorns where he received the first scotch comb to come into the United States. When seen by entrepreneur Myron Fuerst, the rest was history, he began to import from Scotland huge numbers of the comb and sell them to cattlemen throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Joe then moved to Hillsdale N.Y. where he became a member of the Ankony Angus team. At Ankony, Joe managed the Thorndale Unit and also worked in the show barn where he helped to raise and develop more International Champion bulls and females than most anyone else in the cattle industry. He loved to share his road or rail experiences as he traveled in rail cars to all the major shows across the country. Joe also enjoyed talking about his favorite cow Blackbird 375 and the legendary sire Bardoliermere 2.

Joe and his wife Naomi moved from New York to Virginia where Joe worked as herdsman at Ayrshire Farm. Upon purchasing House Mountain farm the Smiths moved to Lexington, Virginia. Once settled in, Joe began to manage a commercial cow calf and sheep operation, while he and Naomi began to set up their own farming operation.

Those that worked with Joe throughout his career describe Joe Smith as “a true cow man who was dedicated to the cows, farm, and employer. Joe always showed respect for people and they for him”. They all continued on to say “it was an honor to work with him and to call him a friend”.

Over the years, Joe had put together a collection of Angus and livestock memorabilia that was only second to what Tom Burke has assembled. Tom often tried to persuade Joe for some of his items. Joe always held out to Tom’s offers and instead, he and Naomi have graciously donated items to Virginia Angus over the years, to be used as auction items at many of different Virginia Angus events. Each item was well received and the funds they generated have been used for many Virginia Angus and Virginia Junior Angus activities.

In recognition of Joe and his accomplishments a group of friends has established the Joseph Smith Memorial Premier Exhibitor Award to be awarded annually to the VA Junior Angus Exhibitor who collects the most total points showing in both the Virginia Breeders Show and the Junior Breeders Show.