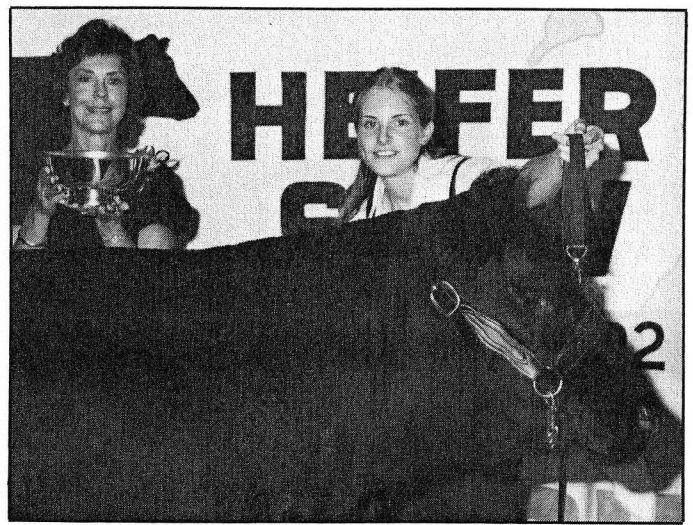


# National Showmanship Contest

by Linda Kiger



Mary Ferguson, East Liverpool, Ohio, winner of the 1980 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest, receives her American Angus Auxiliary silver bowl from President Nan Adams, Tahoka, Texas.

When Mary Ferguson's name was announced, another top showman was added to the roster of National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest winners. Mary, 19-year-old Kansas State University coed and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harold E. Ferguson, East Liverpool, Ohio, defeated 76 of the most outstanding exhibitors from 22 states to win the coveted honors and \$150 in the 14th annual National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest July 21-22 in Wichita, Kan.

For second place and winner of \$125, the



John Kiesewetter, Farmington, Ill., receives his second place award from American Angus Auxiliary President-Elect Palli Rae, Onondaga, Mich.

three judges chose John Kiesewetter, Farmington, Ill. Morgan Andrews, Payson, Utah, took third place and \$100. Napa, Calif., girl Tracy Crose won \$75 for fourth place and George McDonald, Riddleton, Tenn., was the fifth place winner of \$50.

After the first day's elimination classes, judges Henry Bergfeld of Summitville, Ohio, Bill Conley of Briggs, Texas, and Gary Dameron, Lexington, Ill., selected 15 finalists. And from these 15, the five best showmen over-all were chosen.

## Other Finalists

The remaining 10 finalists in alphabetical order were Cindy Alves, Dos Palos, Calif.; Tim Baumgarten, Lake Park, Iowa (representing Minnesota); Bruce Bruhn, Manning, Iowa; Eddie Epperly, Moneta, Va.; Mike Mayfield, Pulaski, Tenn.; Julie McMahon, Ft. Smith, Ark.; Scott Nash, Spanish Fork, Utah; Raymond Shirley, Greenfield, Ind.; Gordon Stuckey, Manhattan; and Gregory Untied, Frazeyburg, Ohio.


Given honorable mentions after the first day's contest were Rodney Dedmon, Shelby, N.C.; D'Nece Foster, Niles, Mich.; Scott Foster, Niles, Mich.; Ronald Hopkins, Auxvasse, Mo.; Marnie Josephson, Washburn, N.D.; Richard Keene, Potosi, Wis.; David

Kidd, Casper, Wyo.; Dan Knop, Ida Grove, Iowa; Robert Lastovica, Belton, Texas; Thomas Maples, Elkmont, Ala.; Bart Meged, Roundup, Mont.; Jeff Neumeyer, Bonners Ferry, Idaho; and Kevin Woltemath, Elk Creek, Neb.

## Judge's Comments

Before winners were announced on the final day, Gary Dameron spoke on behalf of the three judges. He explained that the mark of a good showman is one who is more concerned about showing his animal than about showing himself. He pointed out the importance of being calm and outlined judging criteria such as skill of handling assigned animals, ability to follow instructions, use of equipment, courtesy, sportsmanship and general appearance.

The showmanship contest is sponsored each year by the American Angus Assn., which awards prize money, while the American Angus Auxiliary donates silver Revere bowls to the top five showmen.

Animals used in the contest were made available by exhibitors at the national heifer show. Contestants drew for the animals they exhibited but were not allowed to use animals they had groomed or shown previously. 



Morgan Andrews, Payson, Utah, receives his third place award from American Angus Auxiliary Second Vice President Trudy Wells, Dover, Okla.



Tracy Crose, Napa, Calif., receives her fourth place award from American Angus Auxiliary Secretary-Treasurer June Hagenbuch, Lawrence, Kan.



George McDonald, Riddleton, Tenn., receives his American Angus Auxiliary fifth place award from Barbara Callison of Blackfoot, Idaho.