

Honorary Angus Foundation Adds New Members

Dedication, commitment to Angus youth recognized.

by *Carrie Gilliam*

In 1985 the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) initiated the Honorary Angus Foundation to recognize and show appreciation to those who have shown extraordinary interest and support for young members of the American Angus Association. Seven Angus breeders were inducted that first year, and three additional inductees are honored annually.

This year's inductees are Dr. Curtis and Ann Long, Briarwood Angus Farms, Butler, Mo.; Cam Cooper, Talon Ranch, Twin Bridges, Mont.; and Bob and Margaret Duprey, Cherry Knoll Farm, West Grove, Pa.

Curtis and Ann Long

Since 1963, Curtis and Ann Long have been committed to not only the quality of the Angus breed, but also the development of youth programs.

Because of their generosity, the Angus Foundation inducted the Longs into the Honorary Angus Foundation during the 2011 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) July 15 in Harrisburg, Pa. They are being honored for their substantial and continued

donations supporting the Angus Foundation and NJAA.

With emphasis placed on the value of carcass information, the Longs have funded a permanent endowment for Carcass Steer Contest awards at the NJAS.

"I wanted to help the development of junior Angus members and help them to know the true meaning of carcass value and the Angus breed," Curtis says.

The Longs first provided cash awards and other premiums at the 2008 Carcass Steer Contest in Des Moines, Iowa. All carcasses that met *Certified Angus Beef*[®] (CAB[®]) standards received an additional 25% in premiums.

"The Longs set the standard in supporting Angus youth," says Hannah McCabe, an Elk City, Kan., junior member and recipient of the Longs' generosity. "I have toured



Curtis and Ann Long

Briarwood Angus Farms and know of their desire to produce functional cattle that excel in carcass traits."

It is the Longs' hope that by providing this permanent endowment, Angus youth will become knowledgeable about all segments of the beef industry beyond the showing.

"We are extremely grateful to Doctor Curtis and Ann Long for their generous donation and

commend their dedication to supporting the next generation of Angus breeders through this endowment fund that will carry their legacy in the Angus breed," says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president.

Briarwood Angus Farms is one of the oldest herds in Missouri and continues to produce quality genetics for the commercial cattleman.

Long says it is an honor to be a part of the Honorary Angus Foundation, and he plans to continue to support the American Angus Association and all its entities.

Cam Cooper

Commitment to youth development is important to Montana rancher Camron "Cam" Cooper, owner of Talon Ranch, Twin Bridges, Mont. Because of her generosity to Angus youth and the Angus Foundation, the NJAA inducted Cooper into the Honorary Angus Foundation July 15 at the 2011 NJAS in Harrisburg, Pa. Phil Trowbridge, Angus Foundation board member, accepted the award on her behalf.

"Cam is an amazing person who is passionate about the Angus youth and industry," says Trowbridge. "It is heart-touching to know someone who values giving back to others."

Cooper is being honored for her continued support of the Angus Foundation and creation of the Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Endowment



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► Curtis and Ann Long of Briarwood Angus Farms, Butler, Mo., were inducted into the Honorary Angus Foundation at the 2011 NJAS. Pictured at the presentation are (from left) Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president; Jennifer Ann Smith, retiring NJAA Foundation director; Curtis Long, recipient; and Phil Trowbridge, American Angus Association treasurer.



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Fund. Through the program, Angus youth majoring in animal science and/or range management are awarded scholarships for educational use.

“One can only be humbled by Cam’s generous bequest commitment to the Angus Foundation,” says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. “This gift will serve as an inspiration to all of us involved in the Angus breed to search our own hearts and souls to determine what we can do financially in support of the campaign.”

One recipient of the endowment fund, Hannah Wright, Spring City, Tenn., says Cooper has helped change her life. Wright attends the University of Tennessee, majoring in animal science with a minor in agribusiness.

“Thank you has never seemed to be enough for what she has done for me and many others,” Wright says.

Through the Angus Foundation’s visionary planned giving program, the Angus Legacy Society, Cooper named the Angus Foundation the charitable beneficiary of the 2,200-acre Talon Ranch in its entirety. The ranch’s hard assets will eventually be liquidated to fund the permanent endowment.

“Cam is an amazing woman and an inspiration to me,” Wright says. “Her gift empowers youth to become leaders in

the Angus breed so we can help others tomorrow.”



Cam Cooper

Cooper’s generosity extends even further with her choosing an outstanding Angus bred heifer to represent the Talon Ranch as the 2011 Angus Foundation Heifer that sold for \$50,000 last January. These unrestricted funds helped enable the Angus Foundation to award \$100,000 in general undergraduate scholarships and \$25,000 in general

graduate student scholarships this year.

Bob and Margaret Duprey

Bob and Margaret Duprey are known for a lifespan of dedication to Angus cattle and generous support to the NJAA. In honor of their generosity and “everyone has something to give” philosophy, the NJAA is inducting them into the Honorary Angus Foundation. They will receive their award this fall during Angus events in Louisville, Ky.

“The Dupreys have benefited the NJAA through their monetary giving, but also by their compassion for young people,” says retiring NJAA Foundation director Jennifer Ann Smith, Elysian Fields, Texas.

The Dupreys attend junior shows and events each year and have also pledged \$25,000 in matching funds to support the NJAA Board Alumni and Friends Scholarship and Endowment Fund contingent on the Angus Foundation and NJAA raising

\$25,000 by Dec. 31, 2011, to total \$50,000 in educational opportunities for youth. The scholarship program was created in 2010 to give NJAA alumni and friends an opportunity to give back to the NJAA.

“Their donations will ensure the ‘Green Gives Back Scholarship’ is here for years to come,” Smith says.

This is not the first time Cherry Knoll Farm has donated to the Angus Foundation and NJAA. In 2008, they coordinated a random drawing during the NJAS and gave a confirmed heifer pregnancy to Tyler Mardesen, Oxford, Iowa. They have also been major junior sponsors for six years at the Atlantic National Junior Angus Show, Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show and the All-American Angus Breeders’ Futurity.

The Dupreys also believe in more than simply winning a blue ribbon. The Dupreys sponsored a monetary award for all showmanship contestants during the 2009 Atlantic National Junior Showmanship contest.

“Margaret just feels all kids should feel like they have won a little something for their hard work, regardless of what kind of animal they have,” says Tim Fitzgerald, Cherry Knoll Farm manager.

The Dupreys support several Angus Foundation fundraisers throughout the year. During a recent Angus Foundation event, they purchased a fitting service provided by Dan May. The fitting service, held at Cherry Knoll Farm, turned into a learning opportunity for Angus youth, with 100 kids in attendance from five different states.

“The Dupreys’ generosity made me want to make an impact on the youth in our organization and run for the National Junior Angus Board,” says NJAA board member Jaclyn Upperman, Chambersburg, Pa.

Any member of the American Angus Association is eligible to nominate individuals or organizations for the Honorary Angus Foundation. Visit www.angus.org to nominate next year’s inductees. The NJAA selects the three it will honor each year based on their profound dedication to Angus youth and support of the NJAA.

To learn more about the Angus Foundation and the programs it supports, call the American Angus Association at 816-383-5100 or go to www.angusfoundation.org.



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