



Auxiliary Notes

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Spring meeting creates excitement

"Enthusiasm is excitement with inspiration, motivation, and a pinch of creativity."

— *Bo Bennett*

Inspiration

I have always been moved by the majestic peaks that stretch all around me. They bring a sense of peace and fill me with inspiration. My entire life the mountains have been in plain sight, and I often take them for granted. I think this is true for many things in life; when they are always there we often forget how fortunate we are to have them.

Not so long ago I traveled to Denver to catch a flight to Kansas City and the Auxiliary's annual spring meeting. My mind was focused on the issues that would be covered during the next three days. I drove for six hours never once thinking about the beauty that surrounded me. The trip back home was much different. The freshly fallen snow had draped trees, rocks and streams with a sparkling white blanket, and the brilliant blue sky welcomed me home.

Three days with an enthusiastic group of women who are passionate about the Angus breed and Angus youth can change your whole perspective. The Auxiliary Executive Board brought excitement, motivation and creativity to the meeting, and what emerged from this gathering will move the Auxiliary forward, enabling this organization to continue to reward our youth for their achievements. Angus enthusiasts will find that the

Auxiliary's increased communications and social activities will provide them with more opportunities to network with each other.

New name

The Angus Sale Barn has a new name. The name "Angus Gift Barn" was selected to reflect the merchandise offered for sale. While the name may be different, the friendly, helpful service remains the same, as does the familiar barn logo. The Auxiliary is fortunate to have Cathy Miller, Ways and Means Committee chair, in charge of online and direct sales. Cathy is always willing to help you select the perfect gift and can answer all your questions regarding products and/or shipping.



► These china salt and pepper shakers are available for purchase online.

You can shop online at www.angusauxiliary.com for that special gift or you can purchase products directly from the Angus Gift Barn at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) this summer. Remember, Mother's Day is just around the corner. The

Angus Gift Barn has marked down several items to make room for new merchandise. Included in the markdowns are the one-of-a-kind china salt and pepper shakers. As always, the revenue from these sales goes directly to Auxiliary awards and scholarships for Angus youth.

Become a fan of the Auxiliary

The Auxiliary invites all Angus enthusiasts to become fans of the American Angus Auxiliary on Facebook. Fans can network with each other while learning more about Auxiliary activities, awards and scholarships. To locate the page and become a fan, simply visit www.facebook.com and search "American Angus Auxiliary."

Cook-Off

There is always something to look forward to with the Beef Education Committee. This year Anne Patton Schubert and Anne Lampe, Beef Education co-chairs, are introducing a new Cook-Off division highlighting cooking with a specific cut of *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®). Adults and senior division chefs will be eligible to compete in this category. The Auxiliary web site provides more information on this new category and the other categories.

Don't miss out

The American Angus Auxiliary provides Angus enthusiasts an opportunity to network with people dedicated to promoting the Angus breed and supporting Angus youth. There are many opportunities for members to get involved, including the All-American *Certified Angus Beef* Cook-Off, the *Auxiliary Post* and the special Auxiliary station at the NJAS this summer. So don't miss out on the fun; send your dues today.

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► American Angus Auxiliary Executive Board members gather outside the American Angus Association building during their annual spring meeting.