

## 1972 Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild Inductees

Five outstanding farm women have been named Iowa Master Farm Homemakers for 1972. These women were recognized for their fine work with their families, their homes, and community services. They represent the many women in rural Iowa who make such contributions.

Since the program was started in 1928, over 160 Iowa farm wives have received this award. It is the 32nd year that Wallaces Farmer has sponsored the program.

Nominations for Master Farm Homemakers are made by local clubs and organizations. Letters from friends and rural leaders support their nominations.

The Iowa chapter belongs to National Master Farm Homemakers Guild, and is associated with County Women's Council and Associated Country Women of the World.

Judges for 1972 were: Mrs. Dan McArthur, Mason City, Master Farm Homemaker of 1964; Louise Rosenfeld, program assistant, office of foreign student and visitor services, Iowa State University; Gertrude Smith, assistant state leader, home economics extension programs, Iowa State University; and Joanne Couey, home editor of Wallaces Farmer.

### Anna June Severs - IMFH Class of 1972

#### Butler County

Anna June Severs has a special interest in Japanese culture. For six years, the Severs took part in a Japanese farm trainee program and recently visited Japan. Mrs. Severs shares her knowledge by giving many talks on Japan and its people.

With much patience and time, Mrs. Severs helped the trainees speak English and learn vocabulary. She saw to it that they had recreations such as camping and hunting and took them to various shows and displays of interest to farmers.

The Severs raise grain and hogs. Mrs. Severs always lends a hand in the field. She supports the many projects of her busy husband. Warren Severs has been on the school board and active in politics, extension, and 4-H.

The Severs have served as co-chairman of the legislative and public relations committees of Butler County Farm Bureau. Mrs. Severs has held many positions in the Farm Bureau and her church.

An extension club was organized with the help of Mrs. Severs. She has been interested in and helped with 4-H.

The local Live and Learn Club has been headed by Mrs. Severs. She is a past president of Federated Young Woman's Club and secretary of the county Young Woman's Club.

Mrs. Severs cans vegetables from her garden. She also cans meat. Her hobbies are sewing, furniture refinishing, making candles, bead work, and many other crafts.

The Severs' children, Bill and Doug, are both graduates of Iowa State University. They are married and engaged in the farming operation with their parents.

### Arlene Booth - IMFH Class of 1972

#### Linn County

Arlene Booth is a tireless worker for her community and her family. Both Mrs. Booth and her husband, Floyd, are outstanding leaders in extension, Farm Bureau, church, school, and politics.

Booth has served as a member of the county extension council and of the state extension advisory committee. She has been active as a 4-H leader, 4-H committee member, and helped organize four 4-H clubs. Both Mr. and Mrs. Booth are honorary Linn county 4-H members. Mrs. Booth is co-chairman of the county home economics committee.

In politics, Mrs. Booth has served as precinct committee woman and delegate to county and state conventions. She has been active in and was chairman of the citizens advisory group of the college committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth were counselors of the church youth fellowship. Mrs. Booth was youth director. She is chairman of the Council of Ministries and on the administration board of Faith United Methodist church in Cedar Rapids. She was Noble Grand of Rebekah Lodge.

Active in the Farm Bureau, Mrs. Booth served as township chairman.

Her favorite hobby has been working with adults and youth in helping formulate and execute programs to make life more meaningful. She has collections of bells and pigs and likes to read and sew.

The Booths raise hogs and grain. Over the years, they have hosted hundreds of first graders for farm tours. They have also hosted numerous students and visitors from foreign countries.

Children of the Booth's are: David, graduate of Iowa State University and partner in their farm operations, and Janet, a junior at ISU.

#### Carolyn Secor - IMFH Class of 1972

##### Webster County

Carolyn Secor has many interests. They range from keeping books for their farm operation to playing the viola in the Fort Dodge symphony orchestra. In the church work, she has taught Church School, was a member of the board of trustees, has been a delegate to the state conference, and presently is treasurer of Congregational Church Women's Fellowship.

Mrs. Secor has served on the county extension council, has been an assistant to-4-H demonstration teams at the state fair, is now an 8-year 4-H leader, and has held offices for the township homemakers club and County Farm Bureau women's group. For 3 years, she served as secretary of the Iowa Children and Family Service board and has served on the Webster County Nurses' board for 8 years. Mrs. Secor sang with the rural county chorus for 3 years.

For 6 years, the Secors have opened their home to farm trainees from Japan or Brazil. They have also hosted many persons from abroad in conjunction with the U.S. State Department. In April, the Secors spent 2 weeks in Japan, visiting their former trainees and meeting their families.

The Secors have farmed in Webster County for 26 years, specializing in grain and pork production. William Secor is active in the Fort Dodge Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, chairman of Webster county zoning committee, the Congregational church, and is a county Farm Bureau voting delegate. He is vice president of Cal Car Service Company.

The Secors' 4 children are: Janet, Spanish teaching at Turkey Valley, living in Fort Atkinson, Iowa; Suzanne, home economics teacher in Wall Lake, Iowa; Barbara, sophomore at Iowa Central Community College; and Bill, sophomore in high school.

### Violet Greiner - IMFH Class of 1972

#### Hamilton County

Violet Greiner is a leader in her community, a person who enthusiastically undertakes any task set before her. She also finds time to be kind to a neighbor, inspire young people, and lends a helping hand to her husband.

In the United Church of Christ, she has served as Sunday School teacher, conference delegate, youth advisor, deaconess, choir member, and committee member. She is active in Rebekah Lodge, Farm Bureau, Iowa Press Women, and YOUR, Inc., county advisory board. She has worked with 4-H and extension.

In preparation for Blairsburg's Centennial Day, Mrs. Greiner headed the team of 4 women who compiled the book A Century at the Crossroads, Mrs. Greiner is a free-lance writer and has a regular column in REC News.

As farm exchangees, Mr. and Mrs. Greiner spent 2 months in the village of India. They have traveled over Iowa, speaking of this experience to promote a better understanding.

The Greiners raise corn and beans on their farm. Lyman Greiner is interested in church and community affairs. He has been active in ASCS, Farm Bureau, extension, and various civic clubs. He was Co-op elevator director for 21 years.

The Greiners' children are: Charles, a technical photographer at Iowa State University, married with 5 sons; Tom, married with one daughter, is an engineer for USDA Conservation Service at Creston, working on the Seven Iowa RC and D project; and Lyle, 3rd year student at the United Theological Seminary, New Brighton, Minnesota.

### Iona Triggs - IMFH Class of 1972

#### Ringgold County

Iona Triggs sees to it there is never a dull moment in her family life. Her days are filled with community, church, and family activities. And yet she is never too busy to work alongside her husband in the field.

As a 4-H leader for 8 years, she has been an inspiration to its members. She participates in extension education programs and county Farm Bureau women's work. She is active in adult education classes, politics, and the headstart program in her county. Mrs. Triggs belongs to the First Baptist church, serves on the board, is guild area chairman, director of the department of missions, and associate Sunday School teacher.

Sewing and cooking are 2 of Mrs. Triggs' specialties. Not only is she a talented seamstress and has made most of her own and her children's clothes, but also she has instructed many 4-H girls in clothing construction, and cooking. She cooks superbly for any occasion and enjoys making a special dish for a friend who is ill or in need of kindness.

Duane Triggs raises grain and purebred Hereford cattle. He takes pride in his team of work horses and their several riding horses. For 22 years, he has been a 4-H leader. He is active in the church, politics, and Farm Bureau.

The Triggs have 5 children. Marilyn is a sophomore at Iowa State University. At Mount Ayr high school are Mark, a senior, and Melonie, a freshman. Merle is in 4th grade. Max, the youngest, is 4 years old.