

# National 4-H Hall of Fame 2016

## Pennsylvania



**Nancy Hottle Scheerbaum**  
Bucks County 4-H Volunteer

Home: Pleasant Valley, PA

Nominated by: Pennsylvania 4-H

### Major 4-H Accomplishments:

Volunteer for 48 years and counting; devoted leader of Spurs N Burrs 4-H Club, holding a strong focus on horse science and citizenship while building character and leadership among members; past Horse Bowl State Chair/Co-chair, Bucks County Horse Bowl Coach for 32 years, sent 4 teams to National Horse Bowl; PA Horsemanship Skills Level 1-2 Examiner; PA Certified Horse Measurer, PA 4-H Horse Judge; therapeutic rider advocate; served for 16 years on PCCEA, 2 terms as President; Chair/Co-chair for several Horse Leaders Councils/Committees; Chair/member of numerous 4-H Committees on County, Regional and State levels, developed locally and regionally recognized programs.

### Biography:

Nancy started a 4-H Horse Club 48 years ago for her oldest daughter, and the rest is history. Spanning four generations of 4-H members in her family, she has enhanced the lives of countless youth in Bucks County and beyond. Working directly with youth as a club leader and as a Horse Bowl coach for over 32 years, she has and been an admired mentor to many. Nancy holds additional supporting roles such as judge, trainer, award interviewer and much more. As quoted of her Bucks County 4-H educator, "she teaches equine skills but more importantly focuses on the life skills of dealing with competition, making oneself better, building self-esteem, building character, and teen leadership development."

Getting to know the youth in her club and teams, Nancy makes everyone feel welcomed, respected and special, motivating them to do their best. Countless youth have learned much from her vast knowledge of equine sciences. Many were inspired to pursue careers in animal sciences or becoming involved in 4-H as adults. As an active member of her community, citizenship is a very large part of her personal life that Nancy carries on to her club. By incorporating community service into club meetings, she teaches the importance of caring for others within and outside of the community. Nancy is a resource to many in Bucks County, serving in Chair/Co-chair roles in 4-H and horse committees on County, Regional and State levels.

### Quote:

As a 4-H Volunteer, I find it very rewarding to watch a young, shy, member grow into an accomplished teen leader who is capable of managing a project from start to finish. Along the way they help other new members become involved in the 4-H program. Helping 4-Hers grow into future citizens and leaders of their community and beyond is a goal that is ever before me. Along the way, I receive the benefit of knowing and working with these members. We laugh, we cry, we learn, and we work together so that, in the end, we know we have made the best, BETTER.



Nancy is a great supporter of Horse Bowl competitions. Many youth have benefitted from the vast horse knowledge they have gained from Horse Bowl.



Nancy's Horse and Pony Club won 2 Pennsylvania State Horse Show Educational Poster Exhibit Competitions



At club meetings like this County Horse Show planning meeting, announcements, planning and business needs are addressed.