

## **Joni Schneider Named 2013 REALTOR of the Year - 9/30/2014**

**Joni Schneider**, broker and owner of Heartland Realty in Fairbanks was named the recipient of the 2013 REALTOR® of the Year which was awarded by the Alaska Association of REALTORS®.

This distinguished award is given annually to the individual who has displayed a strong sense of REALTOR® spirit, leadership qualities with the local, state and national associations of REALTORS, and is involved in civic activities.

Joni started selling real estate in the seventy's in South Dakota and Nebraska. She moved to Alaska in 1982 residing in Fairbanks. She has been the broker/owner of Heartland Realty in Fairbanks since 1990. She has earned the following designations; ABR, Accredited Buyers Representative and GRI, Graduate, REALTORS Institute.

Joni has served on several committees and leadership positions in the local and state REALTOR® organizations. She has served for five year as a director on the Fairbanks Board. In 2003 Joni was name the REALTOR® of the Year by the Fairbanks and she went on to serve as President of the Fairbanks Board in 2006.

On the state level, Joni has served as a director of the Alaska Association of REALTORS® for nine years. She served as Vice President, President-Elect in 2011 and President of the organization in 2012. She is currently serving her second three-year term as an RPAC (REALTORS® Political Action Committee) Trustee. As President, her focus was on mentoring and encouraging younger REALTORS® to get involved and volunteer in the organization.

Joni has served as a Director on the National Association of REALTORS® board and is currently a member of the National State and Local Issues Committee.

Joni is an avid Nebraska Cornhusker fan and enjoys RVing around the state along with Halibut and Salmon fishing in Homer and Valdez.

In November, Joni will attend the National Conference in San Francisco representing Alaska at the general assembly.