

HOME Sweet HOME

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Nancy's notes...

Dancing and dreaming with devoted donors

I'm overwhelmed at the outpouring of support for our Club and our numerous restoration projects. On March 4, people from all corners of Marion County — and beyond — will “dance with us” at our “Turn Up the Heat” gala benefiting our Foundation/Front Porch project (*left*). We're on track for another successful gala, **thanks to you and many others who dream with us... making the beautiful home into a museum**, the carriage house into a women's history resource center, and updating the auditorium — restoration projects that honor the original essence of this stately property.

In seven short years, we've seen dreams come true and can keep dreaming of what's possible, due to your gracious support. **Thank you for continuing to “dance with us,”** allowing us to dream dreams that propel us to secure the best future for this historic property for generations.

Gratefully,

Nancy E. Hafer, Women's Club President

‘Turn Up the Heat’ 2023 gala ‘sets foundation’ for future

Sponsors, dancers, instructors, and guests attending the “Turn Up the Heat” Celebrity Dance Gala March 4 are literally helping to “set the foundation” for the future of the Marion Women's Club, with all proceeds supporting the home's “Foundation/Front Porch” restoration & repair project, estimated at \$100,000.

“It's the biggest project we've undertaken yet,” notes Nancy E. Hafer, Club president. “We're more than half-way there thanks to our donors and we hope Gala proceeds will take us over the top *so we can begin the project this Spring.*”

The project is one of just a few repair projects on the foundation of the Barlow Home, which was built in 1903. “Our community has come together for us in the past — and we're confident we'll reach our goal, thanks to their generosity.”

To support the Foundation/Front Porch project: visit MarionCountyFederationOfWomensClubs.com or email us: MarionWomensClub@gmail.com

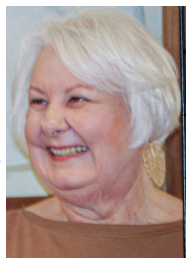
WITH THIS NEWSLETTER: Take a glimpse inside the lives of our gala dance instructors — past and present. They're key to our successful galas!



2023 Gala co-chairs (l-r) Valerie Wigton, Doris Schwartz and Nancy E. Hafer.
—photo by Brandy Gatrell

Art “sisterhood” returns to Marion Women’s Club

*A Look Inside our “Women’s Vision” Art Show
By Pam DeGood, calligrapher/artist and WCH Member*



Pam DeGood

“I was humbled to be one of the 19 women chosen for the Show. As a calligrapher, to see that my work was valued ‘just as artistic’ as those who paint or draw brought me great joy. I loved the opportunity to visit with other artists and chat about their work.

“The sisterhood in that room was something I shall cherish and never forget... To have art once again be such a focal point of the Women’s Club is something we hope will continue. There is great talent in our community and I feel that **the Women’s Club can be a stepping stone for all the female artists** who need and want a place to share their work...

“The work accomplished by the Women’s Club committee, together with our sponsors, donors and guests, **made the evening extremely successful and special.**”



(Above:) Former U.S. Treasurer Mary Ellen Withrow with “The Chair,” her oil on canvas painting of an heirloom chair, which she painted decades ago. The Marion Women’s Club member, artist, and former U.S. Treasurer was one of 19 women artists participating in the Club’s “Women’s Vision” Art Show last Fall. It featured the theme statement: “Women’s Vision is a creative response to a woman’s internal or external experience.”



(Above, left:) Artist Donna Coldren with “Miss Assembled,” her mixed media “assemblage sculpture” combining glasswares to create unique works of art.

(Above, right:) “The Goddess & The Grizzly” by Bucyrus Artist Beverly Morgan of “Ancient Sister Art” who creates kiln-fired, hand-formed stoneware, which she wraps in newspaper and sets on fire. Women artists from Marion and the surrounding six counties participated in the WCH Art Show.

“Creative Women:” Join us for creativity & camaraderie at open art sessions 6-8 p.m. the **third Wednesday of each month** at the Women’s Club Home. Bring a work in progress or “make & take” something new. Guests: \$5; WCH & Mid-Ohio Fine Art Society members: Free.



(Above:) Art Show Chair Lannette Davis (left) and Club member Jean Hoffmann celebrate a successful Art Show attended by 100 artists, donors and WCH friends.

Did You Know?

In 1902, the Marion County Federation of Women’s Clubs worked with teachers to sponsor Marion’s first free public art exhibit featuring local artists, kicking off 120 years of Club women promoting the Arts.

Enriching 2023 Club Programs

Join us!

- **March 4:** 4th Annual “Turn Up the Heat” Celebrity Dance Gala , 6 p.m.
- **April 15:** Watercolor Class (4.5 hrs.) with Art Instructor Rick Mock, formerly of the Delaware Arts Castle
- **April 22:** Ohio State Marion Student Plays in partnership with NYC playwrights and community participants
- **May 23:** Ohio Historical Marker & Marion Rotary Club Garden Dedication and meeting, 12 Noon
- **June 7:** “Women’s Wellness Wednesday” Empowering women while enriching the health of our community
- **July 22:** Front Porch Brunch, Tea & Tours
- **Oct. 22:** “Ladies, Life & Lyrics” weaving stories of local women musicians and their talent
- **Nov. 4:** Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair featuring women-owned businesses and artisans

♦ **Details on Facebook: ‘The Marion Women’s Club’**

Club members bring local ‘tidings of joy’



*President Nancy E. Hafer (left) brings comfort and joy in the form of hats, hoodies, scarves and snacks — **and \$875 in gift cards** — to support local high school students.*

“It was amazing to witness the outpouring of love from our members for area teens,” she explained. “These students were so grateful and appreciative of our gifts.”

Each holiday season, the Marion Women’s Club adopts an organization “to stay true to our mission of enriching the community. It’s who we are.”

To join: MarionCountyFederationOfWomensClubs.com/support

