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I Scream for FREE Ice Cream: July 19 ▪ **2026 Gala Sets NEW Record** ▪ **FREE Art Workshop June 11**



“Reaching Across Time” FREE Art Workshop June 11

Don’t miss our **FREE June 11 “Creative Women” workshop** featuring **Ohio State Art Professor Kate Shannon** who will guide participants to create enlarged handmade prints using historic glass slides found in the Club’s archive collection.

“Members will be able to **add their own personal and creative touches** to the prints, creating ‘new’ works of art that will **connect past and present generations**,” Shannon explained. “Together we’ll bring these small images back into the light.”

No experience is necessary and all materials will be provided. “Our Club has long focused on The Arts,” explains Valerie Wigton, president. “What a great opportunity to **get a glimpse of our archives**, while having fun and connecting with others.”



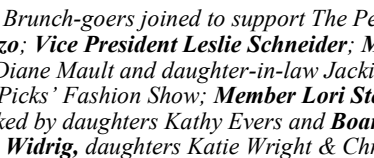
Workshop participants will create their own work of art using historic glass slides (like the cyanotype, above) found in the Club’s archives. Register by June 5 on Facebook, email WomensClubHome@gmail.com with “ART” in subject line, or call the Club (740) 387-1366.

Kate Shannon, 2025-26 Artist Laureate for The Ohio State University, will bring historic Club photos “into the light” at the FREE June 11 workshop.

Mother’s Day Brunch connects “Generations in Bloom”



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BLOOMING with SMILES—100 Brunch-goers joined to support The Period Project to battle period poverty in Marion. (Top, l-r): **Members Mary Ellen Withrow & daughter Linda Rizzo; Vice President Leslie Schneider; Member Linda Sims Pickett, 2nd from left and family at table with Treasurer Nancy E. Hafer and daughter Katie, Diane Mault and daughter-in-law Jackie Ballard; Amanda Styer & daughter Reagan.** (Bottom, l-r) **Board Member Paula Alves** presented ‘Paula’s Posh Picks’ Fashion Show; **Member Lori Stevenson & Mom Barb Everly; Tomeka Smith, daughter of Member Linda Sims Pickett; Mom Jeanne Evers flanked by daughters Kathy Evers and Board Member Amy Evers Roston; and three generations of Widrigs: Alicia & daughter Emma Tomlin, Member Deb Widrig, daughters Katie Wright & Christina Widrig, and Annie Tomlin.**

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Celebrating 250: I Scream for Ice Cream

Join us as we transform the Marion Women's Club property for an "Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social" 2-4pm **Sunday, July 19**, thanks to a Marion Community Foundation America 250 grant. **Enjoy a FREE scoop of Riverside Dairy ice cream!**

"We're grateful to the local America 250 committee for selecting the Marion Women's Club to receive a grant, allowing us to return to our longtime tradition of hosting ice cream socials," said Kelly Cunningham, Club Archivist, Board member, and event co-chair.

Lawn activities include a **dedication ceremony of the Club's new flag pole/ U.S. Flag**, badminton, burlap sack and 'egg & spoon' races, croquet, and a Huber Mfg. Co. display. The historic home and Women's History Resource Center will be open, while the Auditorium will feature a historic quilt display, and conversations with **Mary Ellen Withrow**, former U.S. Treasurer and longtime Women's Club member. The Marion Concert Band and Marion Music Club will provide entertainment. Water, lemonade and "liber-tea" will be served.

The entire day is FREE and open to the public. Additional parking is available in the AgCredit lot adjacent to the Club, and behind DeWolfe Place. **Please join us!**



Valerie's Views...

131 ... 250: Know the numbers

Those who know me well know that numbers are not my 'strength.' However, as we welcome Summer, two rise to the top: **"250"** for our nation's "Semiquincentennial" and **"131"** marking the formation of the Marion Women's Club in 1895.



Valerie Wigton

Our Archive collection, believed to be one of the most complete records of women's civic involvement East of the Mississippi, dates back to 1895 (**131** years ago) when a group of women formed a book club. That club blossomed into 33 unique Clubs, each with its own goals. Together, they were known as a "federation," boasting nearly 1,000 members in the '50s, working together for the "betterment" of Marion.

As we celebrate our nation's **250th** Anniversary, we'll go back in time for an **Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social July 19**, inviting our community to celebrate the past, but also to join us as we begin another **131** years of creating community impact, personal enrichment, and empowerment. Enjoy badminton, croquet, quilts, music, **FREE** ice cream, and more — along with an invitation to celebrate our nation's **250th** birthday.

Here's to our Club's next **131** — and our nation's next **250!**

Valerie

*Valerie Wigton, President
Marion Women's Club*



RED, WHITE & YOU! — Clubwomen Sharol Herr and Judy Rawlins place an America 250 banner on the historic front porch for the Club's Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social July 19. You're invited to enjoy a **FREE** scoop of ice cream, lawn games, music and tours — all red, white & you.

2026 Gala 'Rains' with record support... Sisler-Stalter Take Top Trophy

The 7th consecutive sold-out crowd at the Club's **"Dancing in the Rain"** Celebrity Dance Gala, **presented by OhioHealth**, helped set another record — raising over **\$98,600** — as dancers wowed the crowd with song and dance.

Funds will be used to repair the historic home's back porch and center back entrance, and to "Pave the Path," adding parking convenience.

"We are grateful for each and every guest, dancer, instructor, sponsor, auction winner, Club member, and volunteer who embraced our 7th Annual Gala," said Valerie Wigton, Club president and Gala chair. **"These dedicated souls are literally the 'heart and soul' of our continued success."**

Celebrity Dancer **Cass Sisler** and Dance Instructor Sarah Stalter received the champion trophy for raising the most funds while Dancer **Amanda Styer** (and Instructor Kenny Creviston) received the "Top Female" Performance Award for stage presence, choreography and overall performance. **Jon Fetter** (and Instructor Autumn Deeter) took the "Top Male" Performance Award.



Cass Sisler and Sarah Stalter —photo courtesy Brandy Gatrell