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WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE SEEKS AWARD NOMINATIONS

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MENOMINEE, MI — The Women's Giving Circle of Marinette & Menominee Counties, a committee of the M&M Area Community Foundation (MMACF), is seeking nominations for its 6th annual Queen Marinette Award.

The award was created to recognize women who work towards creating a positive impact on the lives of women and girls and actively help them achieve their personal and professional goals. Nominees must live, work, or volunteer in Marinette or Menominee Counties. Members of the Women's Giving Circle Steering Committee and/or the Grant Committee are not eligible for this award.

Past award winners include the late Susan Bunting, First Street Academy of Dance; Hannah Bell, founder and coach of the Menominee Girls Softball team and an employee of Aurora Health Care, Ruth Hryshkanych who retired recently from Lake Lundgren Bible Camp; Sara Hansen of Communities that Care; and Michele Hampton, Greater Marinette-Menominee YMCA.

The honor is named for Marie Antoinette Chevalier who became known as Queen Marinette. Queen Marinette started a trading post near the mouth of the Menominee River. It flourished and grew into the area now occupied by the cities of Menominee and Marinette.

"The award will be given to a woman we feel reflects the spirit of Queen Marinette: generous with her time, community-minded, and respected by peers," says MMACF Giving Circle chairperson Kalyani Grasso.

Nominations may be made online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GLVWLVN>. A link to survey may also be found on the Giving Circle's Facebook page. The deadline for nominations is September 1. Submissions may also be printed and mailed to the M&M Area Community Foundation at 1110 10th Avenue, Suite L-1, Menominee, MI 49858.

The Queen Marinette Award, always a surprise, will be presented at the Women's Giving Circle Annual Meeting and Grant Ceremony on Thursday, September 19th at UW Green Bay Marinette Campus. The event will be held in the cafeteria and runs from 5-7 p.m. Admission is \$5 and includes hors d'oeuvres, dessert and networking. The event is also the Women's Giving Circle's annual fundraiser. For more information, call 906-864-3599 or email wgcircle07@gmail.com.

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Caption: The late Susan Bunting, founder of the First Street Dance Academy, received the Queen Marinette Award in 2017.