



## Queen Marinette Award

***Recognizing and honoring an inspirational woman who is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of women & girls in our community.***

The **Women's Giving Circle of Marinette & Menominee Counties** is seeking nominations for its annual *Queen Marinette Award*.

The award is named for the woman known as Queen Marinette, reportedly born *Marie Antoinette Chevalier* in Langlade County in 1784. The granddaughter of a Menominee Chief and a Canadian trader, Marie Antoinette started a trading post near the mouth of the Menominee River. It flourished, and her home became a social center for the area. Marie Antoinette gained a reputation for her generous and charitable nature and is credited with helping the area prosper from a small fur trading settlement to the booming twin city area of Marinette and Menominee.

She was held in such high esteem; the community came to call her "Queen Marinette." Given that women rarely occupied positions of prominence in the commercial world of the nineteenth century, Queen Marinette was one of the most remarkable figures in the early history of the Great Lakes region.

### Nomination Requirements:

- Nominee must live, work, or volunteer in Marinette or Menominee counties.
- Nominee helps girls and women in said counties achieve their goals.
- Nominee must serve as a role model.
- Nominee must make a positive impact on the community.

(Members of the Women's Giving Circle Steering Committee and/or the grant committee are not eligible for this award.)

**The deadline for nominations is March 1st.**

The **Queen Marinette Award** will be given at the Women's Giving Circle Annual Gathering & Grant Ceremony in April 2025. Exact date/location to be determined.



