MARION HERITAGE CENTER & MUSEUM

News from the Marion Historical Society August 2026

AMERICA SHINES AT THE MARION HERITAGE QUILT DISPLAY

The Marion Heritage Center is privileged to partner with the Quilts of Valor Foundation and Jill Rickels of Inspired To Sew to display more than thirty quilts that highlight the artistry and workmanship of Quilting. The Display will open on Saturday, September 12th at 10:00 AM to coincide with the Fall Into Marion celebration. It will run for six weeks during the Museum's Open Hours of Thursday-Saturday 1:00-4:00 PM.

The Quilts from Quilts of Valor will feature a wide variety of patriotic themed works of art. Their Mission is to cover Service Members and veterans touched by War with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

The Quilts displayed from the Inspired to Sew collection will be based around well known Quilter, Kay England's work. She is from the Midwest and has spent most of her career creating/recreating patterns of historical significance.

The Heritage Center will also display several of its Quilts that we have been gifted through the years. If any member has a quilt that they would like to have considered for the display, please feel free to contact Vicki Hughes at 319-471-3733.

Photo Credit: Northeast PA Quilts of Valor

Pictured above: *New member Austin Loney & new president Harold Barnes.*

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NEW YEAR, NEW BOARD POSITIONS

The Marion Historical Society's Fiscal Year began on July 1, 2026, and new Board Positions were voted on at the Annual Meeting on July 22nd. We said a reluctant farewell to our long time Board Secretary, Vicki Barnes. She has assured us that she and Tom will continue to support the Society...especially the Pancake Breakfast!

Harold Barnes has accepted the position of President of the Marion Historical Society. Victor Klopfenstein will continue as Vice-President. Helen Hunter has agreed to continue as our very able Treasurer. Vicki Hughes will assume the role of Secretary as well as continuing as Acting Director of the Heritage Center. Judy Petersen and Susie Stutterheim remain as faithful Board Members. We welcomed a new Board Member in July when Austin Loney joined the Board.

The Winners Are ...

Tracy Edens, Gae Sharp-Richardson & Scott Holm

These are the People's Choice winners of the 2026 Friends and Neighbors Art Show. The Marion Heritage Center hosted the Twenty-Fifth annual "Art by Your Friends and Neighbors" exhibit. As in the past, the exhibit was sponsored by Hills Bank and Trust Company. Each of the winners received $100.00. Thanks to all who attended and voted.

A Younger Me
Gae Sharp-Richardson
[Fiber Art]

Tracy Edens . Bluebells . [Watercolor]

Grooming on a Sunday Afternoon
Scott Holm
[Photograph]

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RETURN OF THE SWAMP FOX!

Francis Marion (Wikimedia Commons)

The Marion Historical Society will be collaborating with the Marion Library to bring the old Swamp Fox himself back to life. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 19th at 11:00 AM in the Community Room of the Library for a visit with the Revolutionary War General that our fair City was named after. Learn about his early life and how he got the infamous nickname of the old Swamp Fox. There will be time for interacting with the General following his presentation.

Marion Historical Society Mission

The Marion Historical Society is a membership organization that serves to engage the public in the history, traditions, resources and on-going preservation of the Heritage Center museum for the enrichment of the community.

For more information about joining call 319-447-6376.

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