

Macomb Feminist Network Writing Women Into History

2011 Honorees

Constance (Connie) DeMuth Berg was born and reared in New Berlin, IL. Connie graduated from MacMurray College in 1947 and 60 years later they honored her with the Distinguished Alumni Award. She is a recognized artist, musician, and educator. After she retired from her first career as an educator and counselor, she began her second career as an exhibiting professional artist. Despite many obstacles, she has been an inspiration for her remarkable vision and achievements.

Marcia Moll was born in Seattle. Marcia arrived in Macomb in 1968 and quickly became involved with local health care issues. She chaired the Public Health Committee that studied the health resources in the county and published a directory of community services. In 1984 she led the push for a Health Department referendum. She was elected to the McDonough County Board and continues to serve on the Health Department Board after 35 years of dedicated service.

Ruth Parks spent most of her life on a farm in Blandinsville. Ruth began teaching at the age of 19 and worked for the U.S. Army during WWII as an assistant director of social activities at service clubs and army bases. She retired after 24 years as the choral director for Macomb High and initiated the Singing Seniors, which she directed for 25 years. Ruth plays the organ and piano weekly, and was named a “Living Treasure” by WGEM-Channel 10.