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Book Launch & Big Buck Blow-up: Victoria Woodhull's True Story Revealed

GRANVILLE, OH — The Robbins Hunter Museum is proud to announce a landmark dual program on **June 13, 2026**, bringing together literature, local history, and newly uncovered archival evidence. The event will challenge long-standing legends surrounding one of Licking County's most controversial historical figures.

As the first memorial to Victoria Woodhull in the United States, the Robbins Hunter Museum is especially honored to host this program. The museum's permanent Woodhull exhibit and clock tower help share the story of her life, advocacy, and lasting contributions with visitors from across the country.

Event Details

- **Date:** June 13, 2026
- **Time:** 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- **Location:** Robbins Hunter Museum, 221 E. Broadway, Granville, Ohio
- **Admission:** Free & Open to the Public (Refreshments provided)
- **RSVP** to museum@robbinshunter.org by June 5 for seating and refreshments.

Unstoppable: The Victoria Woodhull Story

Kate Danaher, former professor of English literature at Rosemont College, will present her debut historical novel. The book chronicles the meteoric rise of Victoria Woodhull, the Homer-born suffragist who shattered glass ceilings as the first woman to run for U.S. President in 1872. She was jailed on Election Day. Danaher will dive into Woodhull's complex legacy and the creative process of extracting truth from a life enshrouded in myth.

Ken Atchity of Story Merchant Books, Kate's publisher and literary manager, will also join via Zoom. Ken is the author of over twenty books, including *A Writer's Time: Making Time to Write*, which the New York Times called, upon its publication, "the best recent book on writing." His latest book, *Mr. Irrelevant: 50 Irrelevants who Rocked the World*, was awarded #1 Amazon New Release recognition. It tells the stories of the overlooked and underestimated who rose to become unstoppable.

The Big Buck Blow-up

Genealogist **Mary L. Shearer**, a relative of Victoria Woodhull's second husband, Colonel James H. Blood, will present "The Big Buck Blow-up." Shearer will unveil original court records that finally overturn the 180-year-old accusation of arson against Woodhull and her father, Buck Claflin. These legal documents, never before presented to the public, provide a new perspective about the destruction of the Claflin mills on June 13, 1846.

Historical Significance

The event coincides with the **180th anniversary** of the Claflin mill fire. By pairing Danaher's literary perspective with Shearer's archival discoveries, the program offers a comprehensive look at the distortions caused by Woodhull's fame. The original court records tell a very different story than the legends that have persisted for generations.

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Note: Shearer is the gt.-gt.-granddaughter of Isabell Morrill Fogg Blood. Her mother's grandfather, Frank M. Fogg, was the stepson of Victoria Woodhull's second husband, Col. James H. Blood.