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Growing Women in Agriculture

celebrates the empowerment of all women. One of the best ways to empower yourself is through education.

Scholarship Fund

Proceeds from this night are used to support women who are pursuing education and careers in agriculture. This scholarship invests in future leaders who are committed to strengthening farms, agribusinesses, and rural communities through education, innovation, and leadership.

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Local Farmer

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Agenda

5:15 p.m.
Make n' Take


6:00 p.m.
Health Fair Open
Mix and Mingle
Heavy Hors d'oeuvres
Wine Selections

6:45 p.m.
Intro to the Evening

7:00 p.m.
Keynote Speaker

7:30 p.m.
Women's Health Fair

8:00 p.m.
Session 1

8:20 p.m.
Session 2

8:45 p.m.
Wrap up &
Door Prizes



Bloom and Grow

Tuesday,
March 24, 2026
6 to 9 p.m.

NEW! Location

The Canal House
8760 Broad Street
Port Jefferson, OH 45360

\$30 per person

Registration Deadline:
March 15

For more information
call or email:
877-775-7642
jsmith@ofbf.org

Registration Form



Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

County: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

First Time Attendee

Will be entered to win a special prize!

Cost: \$30 per person

Additional \$20 per person
Make 'n Take Session 5:15 p.m.
Perfume Bar see description →

Additional Donation
for Women in Ag. Scholarship Fund
** Any amount accepted; these fund will
go directly to the scholarship fund.

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Register online, go to:

[https://www.cognitoforms.com/
FarmBureau8/ 2026ShelbyCoWomenInAg](https://www.cognitoforms.com/FarmBureau8/2026ShelbyCoWomenInAg)

Or please mail your registration,
postmarked by March 15,
with check payable to:

Shelby County Farm Bureau
212 W. State St. | P.O. Box 478
Botkins, Ohio 45306

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877-775-7642 or jsmith@ofbf.org



Starting at 5:15 p.m. Make n' Take Session



Perfume Bar \$20

Sister Scents is owned and operated by Lolah Heitmeyer and Megan Everett. Sister Scents is a Sidney, OH based brand committed to providing non-toxic candles, perfumes, and room sprays for everyone to enjoy. Our perfumes are made with organic grape alcohol and clean essential and fragrance oils.

Perfume Bar Experience...

Create your own non-toxic mini perfume spray using high-quality, clean ingredients. You'll choose from four of our best-selling scents to create a fragrance you'll love. Each blend is long-lasting, skin-safe, and free from harsh chemicals—perfect for everyone. A fun, hands-on experience and a personalized scent to take home!

Women's Health Fair

Take some time for yourself and engage in resources for your body and soul. This interactive fair will feature multiple stations focused on key women's health topics, offering practical information, resources, and conversations. From managing the demands of farm work to prioritizing preventative care, this health fair is an opportunity to invest in yourself while connecting with other women who understand the realities of life in agriculture. Strong women build strong farms—and healthy women build strong agricultural communities.

Linde's Livestock Photos LLC

Linde Sutherly



Linde Sutherly, an award-winning livestock photographer, Linde's Livestock Photos is a premier professional photography and videography service specializing in capturing unforgettable moments from livestock shows, fairs, and agricultural events since 2002. Based in South Charleston, Ohio, the team travels extensively to cover major livestock events, ensuring families and exhibitors have beautiful, lasting

memories of their show careers. Known for professionalism, creativity, and a commitment to exceptional customer service, Linde's captures the passion, emotion, and triumphs of the livestock world. During her presentation she will discuss her passion for livestock, how she got started with her business and where it has taken her.

Crossway Farms

Angie Frantom, Bekkah Snapp, Courtney Dillz



Join Crossway Farms' owner Angie with daughters Bekkah and Courtney to learn about the history of Crossway Farms as well as details about the new 2025 addition of "The Flower Garden"—a two acre cottage garden style u-cut flower field.

Crossway Farms began over 25 years ago with a booth at The Great Sidney Farmer's Market and is now a multi-season destination for families in Shelby County and beyond. They open in the spring with their greenhouse location, then move into the summer full of fresh fruits, veggies, homemade donuts, and fun events! The busiest time of year is their Fall on the Farm Festival in Sept. and Oct. where you can visit the u-pick pumpkin patch, Crossway Corral play zone, giant corn pit, or farm store.

Angie and her husband Jason both come from multi-generation Shelby Co. farm families and now, along with their children, are blessed with the opportunity to allow others to make lasting memories on the farm.

Keynote Speaker



President & CEO for the Ohio AgriBusiness Association

Melinda Witten

Melinda is responsible for shaping the vision, mission and strategy of the organization. She manages association governance and membership and industry relations, while also overseeing strategic planning, member services and operational administration to ensure the association's success in aligning with industry needs. Melinda joined the OABA team in June 2024.

Melinda earned her BS in Agricultural Education at The Ohio State University. Spending over a decade at the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Melinda's roles have included Senior Director of Leadership Development, where she transformed the Young Ag Professionals program and directed the AgriPOWER Leadership Institute. She also played a key role in developing the ExploreAg and Ohio Farm Bureau Ag. Literacy programs.

A native of Morgan County, Ohio, Melinda currently resides in Beverly, Ohio, with her husband, Scott, and their two children, where they are active in their local community and church, and own and manage Witten Farms - a third-generation produce farm.