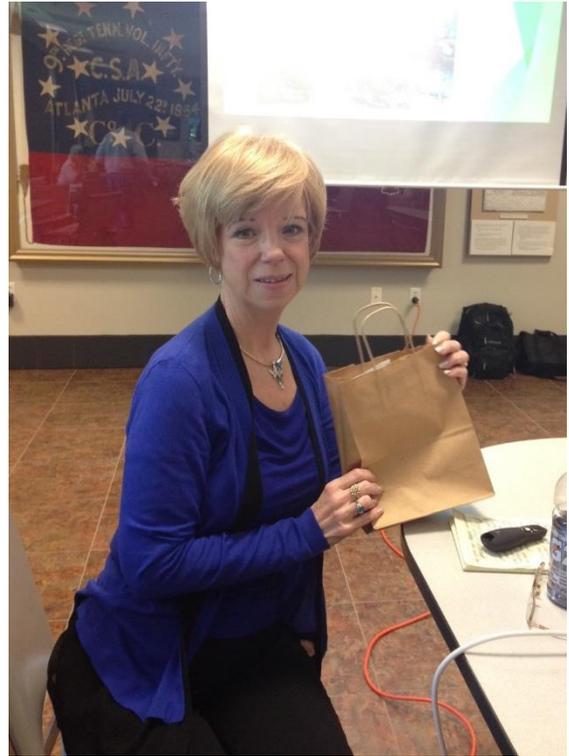


On Saturday, June 11, Nancy Foshee gave a lecture at the Tipton County Museum titled 'World's Columbian Exposition of 1893: American Ingenuity on Display then and now.' From this came the Ferris Wheel, the Midway at carnivals, the hamburger and the Emerald City in the Wizard of Oz. Nancy is a retired English and history teacher. She is also an author, and her books are for sale in Gioiello, the gift shop at the Tipton County Museum.





The Annual Battle of the Badges took place at Covington High School June 11. This is a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region located on Alston Circle in Covington. Volunteers from the Covington Fire and Police Departments and the Tipton County Sheriff's Department came together for fun and games and family fun and entertainment to bring in funding for the club. After much grit and grind, the Fire Department took home bragging rights for this year. The Boys and Girls Club operates all year and is supporting multiple summer programs, including a summer feeding program. They have several field trips and college tours planned and a nature study. The children are participating in a "summer brain gain" program, which stimulates reading, investigating and experimentation, throughout the summer months. This is a non-profit organization that depends on support from the community. If you are interested in participating, either with your talents or your monetary donations, please contact them at 901-476-0181. They are serving approximately 100 children daily throughout the summer.



Unilever Facilities Manager Galen Sienicki addressed group as he was welcomed to the Covington plant.

Representatives from Covington and surrounding areas, welcomed Galen Sienicki as the new Facility Director at the Unilever manufacturing location in Covington. Mr. Sienicki spoke to the group giving some background information and expressing his goals. He is moving to the area from Canada. In the photo below, Sienicki, center of Unilever emblem, was welcomed by Covington Fire Chief Michael Naifeh, Alderman Mac McGowan, Chief Cavat Bass of the Covington Police Department, Police Chief Buddy Lewis, Lauderdale County Mayor Maurice Gaines, Covington Mayor Justin Hanson, Bernadette Fuller of Unilever, and Justin Jamerson, Business Development Consultant of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development.



To apply for employment at the Covington Unilever facility, place your resume online at [www.unilevercareers.job.com](http://www.unilevercareers.job.com)

The regular monthly meeting of the General Welfare and Public Relations Committee took place Tuesday at Covington City Hall. Robin Anderson, Director of the Covington Municipal Airport, reported that fuel prices are up a little, but this has not deterred sales, with over 5000 gallons being sold in the month of May. Anderson stated the airport is busy and people are enjoying using the facility. He reported that he has taken care of all the preliminary work for an asphalt grant through TDOT and is waiting on notification from them to move forward with this project, which will provide new asphalt surfacing on the runways.

Director Anderson asked for permission to research LED lighting and an emergency back-up generator for the airport, and then apply for a grant for this purpose. Committee Chairman Drew Glass asked Anderson if this was an FAA regulation, and he stated no, but they are considered safety priorities. Anderson also believes he can save a lot of money using LED lighting. The committee approved Anderson's proposal to research the costs for LED lighting and an emergency generator for the airport and his report was accepted.

Karen Griffin, Interim Director for Covington Parks and Recreation Department reported that the Barbeque Cooking Contest was a success despite the rainy weather. Several of the events, including the demolition derby, have been rescheduled because of the rain and people with wristbands will be allowed to enter on the alternate dates. The Truck Pull will be June 18, at Covington Riding Arena in Cobb-Parr Park at 7:00 and the demolition derby will be July 9 at the same place and time. For more information,

Griffin asked to purchase lawnmowers and a trailer out of this year's budget rather than requesting in next year's proposed budget. After discussion with Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn and analysis of the Parks and Recreation current year budget, the committee asked for discussion on this proposal. Alderman John Edwards suggested Griffin research for best quotes on a package deal for mowers and trailer. Griffin stated the trailer will also be used for mulching and picking up limbs and other debris in the parks as well as distribution of equipment and supplies needed in the parks, particularly for special events.

There is a need for fencing around the heating and air conditioning unit at the Boys and Girls Club and Griffin offered to provide that through the Parks Department. The committee discussed security lighting and surveillance equipment in these areas, as well. Mayor Hanson stated the City does employ a Parks security officer who also can help with security and surveillance, and asked Griffin to alert him to these needs. Chairman Glass asked Director Griffin to also research security and surveillance options with Chief Buddy Lewis.

The committee accepted Griffin's report and the meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Hanson (R) shakes hands with Clark Kent (C) in special recognition for going above and beyond his duties. Public Works Director David Gray (L) commended Kent for his service to the city and its citizens, as well.

Covington's very own Clark Kent (at the podium above) was recognized at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman this week. Mr. Kent came to work for the Covington Public Works Department 28 years ago and has built quite a reputation for himself as a valued employee. On this occasion, however, he was recognized and honored for going above and beyond his duties. Mayor Hanson received a letter from a Covington citizen telling how Mr. Kent saw him stuck on his lawnmower in a ditch, stopped his truck, and got out to help. The citizen was quite relieved to have the help and very complimentary of Mr. Kent for taking the time and making the effort to help a stranger in need. All members of the Board of Mayor and Alderman, along with Covington Public Works Director David Gray thanked him and honored him with special recognition. Mr. Kent received a standing ovation from the audience, as well.

**Cub Scouts visited the Tipton County Veteran’s Museum and Nature Trail this week. There is no admission for these facilities and groups, such as these Cub Scouts, are always welcome. Call 901-476-0242 for more information.**



Victor Johnson was honored at the Tipton County Veterans’ Museum in the monthly Veteran of the Month event. Mr. Johnson, pictured above, was welcomed and honored by a crowd of fellow veterans, members of the Tipton County Veteran’s Association, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, and Mayor Justin Hanson. Mr. Johnson enjoyed his time in the Army and was awarded numerous accommodations including two Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, six Army Good Conduct Medals, a National Defense Service Medal, an Army of Occupation Medal, a Southwest Asia Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, a Kuwait Liberation Medal, an Army Service Ribbon, four Overseas Service Ribbons, a Driver & Mechanic Badge, and a Rifle M16 Expert Qualification Badge. Please scroll down to read more about Mr. Johnson’s career.

Mayor Hanson attended the Baptist Memorial Hospital Tipton (BMHT) Community Leadership Luncheon Thursday. Representatives from Baptist Memorial Healthcare spoke about their hospital locations throughout the mid-south and the services they provide. Betty Sue McGarvey, PHD, RN, President of Baptist College of Health Sciences and Jason Little, President and CEO of Baptist Memorial Health Care were guest speakers. Pictured here are Sam Lynd, BMHT Hospital Administrator, State Representative Debra Moody, Evan Nelson with Baptist Memorial Healthcare, and Mayor Justin Hanson.



#### Dates to Remember...

- June 18 - "A Visual Voyage: The Art & Life of Claude Monet." Tipton County Museum Director Barrie Foster (Optional art class, "Painting with Monet" to follow in the afternoon. Separate registration required.) Tipton County Veteran's Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Drive, Covington. 901-476-0242
- June 25 – FEED THE NEED – 10:00 – 4:00 at The Boys and Girls Club, 412 Alston Circle, Covington. SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT NOON – don't miss it!

**COMMUNITY SOFTBALL  
TOURNAMENT**

**Men • Women • Co-ed • Youth**

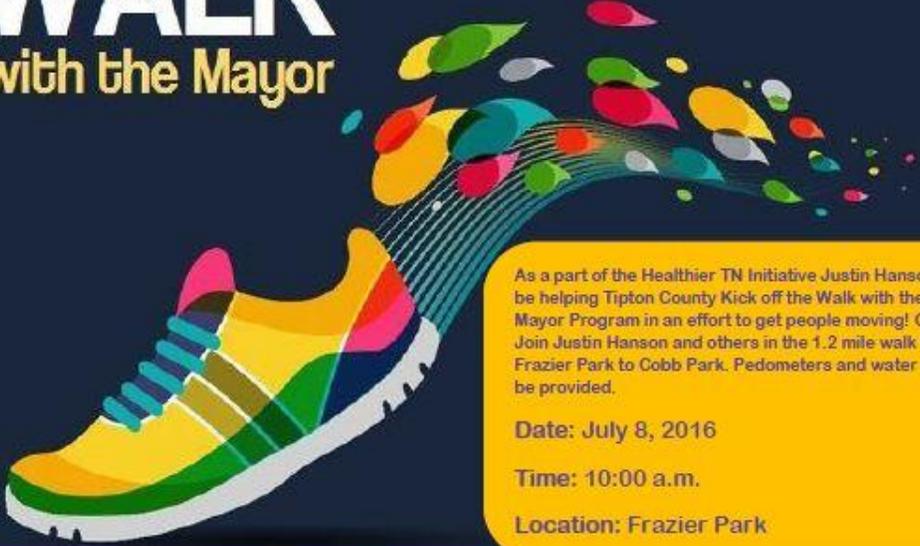
Saturday  
June 18, 2016  
Cobb Parr Park  
9:00 a.m. - until

**No Registration Fee!**

Register by June 11  
Contact: Chris Brent  
901-476-8187

A flyer for a community softball tournament. It features a cartoon softball character holding a bat, a silhouette of a softball player, a green baseball field, two crossed wooden bats, and a cartoon illustration of three children playing softball.

# WALK with the Mayor



As a part of the Healthier TN Initiative Justin Hanson will be helping Tipton County Kick off the Walk with the Mayor Program in an effort to get people moving! Come Join Justin Hanson and others in the 1.2 mile walk from Frazier Park to Cobb Park. Pedometers and water will be provided.

Date: July 8, 2016

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Frazier Park

# HUNGER STOP CAFE

Tipton County School's First Mobile Summer Feeding Site

Locations: Sunrise Apartments (1850 Simonson), Tatlock Apartments (Tatlock Street), Covington Housing Apartments (Shoaf Street)



**JUNE 13, 2016 - JULY 29**

Sunrise: 10:00 am - 11:15 am  
 Tatlock: 11:35 am - 12:00 noon  
 Covington Housing: 12:20 pm - 12:45 pm

# Summer CINEMA Series

FREE! — All Movies Start @ 8pm, Bring your own blankets & chairs  
Rain Out Dates: The Friday Following Original Event Date

Friday May 13th  
The Good Dinosaur  
(PG) Walker Park



Friday July 8th  
Minions (PG)  
Nancy Lane Park



Friday Oct 14th  
Hocus Pocus (PG)  
Nancy Lane Park



Friday June 10th  
Aladdin (G)  
Nancy Lane Park



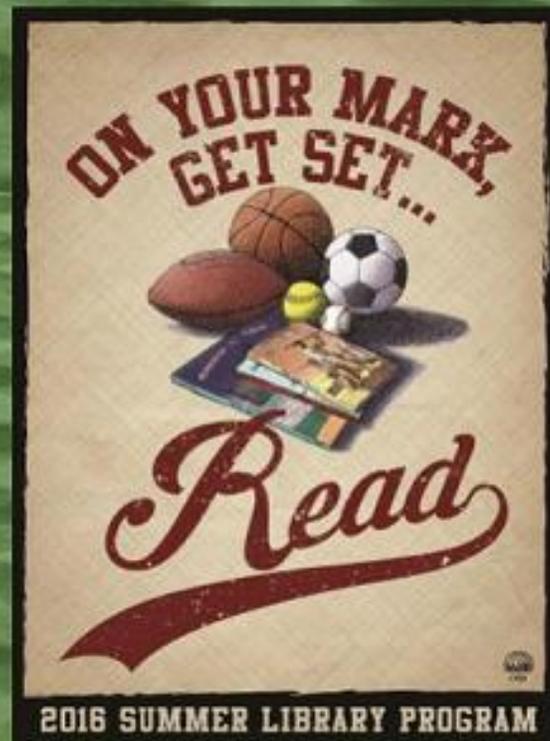
Friday Sept 9th  
Star Wars (PG-13)  
Walker Park

Event Contact: Cassi Yates  
901-837-5300  
cyates@townofatoka.com

ATOKA  
Parks & Recreation

Free movies in the park, all summer long!!!

# TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 2016 SUMMER READING PROGRAM



June 1<sup>st</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>

**On Your Mark, Get Set...READ -- Ages 11 &  
Under**

**Get in the Game READ – Ages 12-17**

**Exercise your mind READ – Ages 18 & Up**

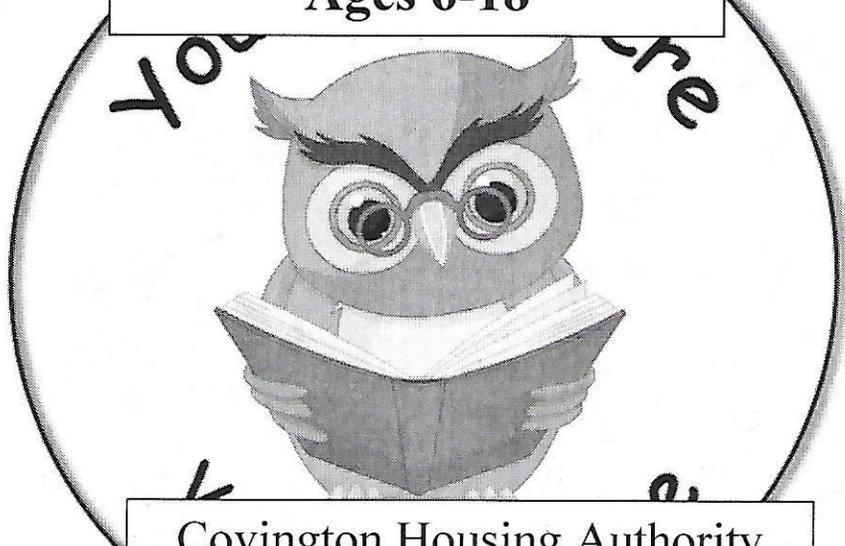
Weekly programs for all ages!

Program schedules are available at the library or by visiting our Facebook page  
[www.facebook.com/tiptoncountylibrary](http://www.facebook.com/tiptoncountylibrary)

Tipton County Public Library  
3149 Hwy 51 S. Bldg C  
Covington, Tennessee 38019  
476-8289  
[tiptonpl@tiptonco.com](mailto:tiptonpl@tiptonco.com)

**Free Summer Reading  
Program**

**Ages 6-18**



Covington Housing Authority  
Community Building

706 Jackson St.

Saturday's 10:00-11:30 pm

Please Send Your Children

Volunteers Needed

Training Available

Contact- Marilyn Barbee

901-592-9139

## The Historic Ruffin Theater



-MAY-

High School Musical

-JUNE-

Steel Magnolias

-JULY-

Mary Poppins

-AUGUST-

Ms. Senior Tipton County Beauty Pageant

-SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER-

The Rocky Horror Picture Show

"Movies will make you famous; Television will make you rich; But theater will make you good."

— Terrence Mann



**REGISTER TO VOTE**  
**EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT**

**AUGUST 4, 2016**

**THE STATE PRIMARY/COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION  
THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IS  
JULY 5, 2016. YOU MAY COME TO THE ELECTION  
COMMISSION OFFICE AT 113 EAST CHURCH ST,  
COVINGTON OR YOU CAN REGISTER BY MAIL. YOUR  
REGISTRATION MUST BE POSTMARKED JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>.  
EARLY VOTING WILL BEGIN JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH  
JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>. THERE ARE 2 LOCATIONS TO VOTE  
EARLY, THE ELECTION COMMISSION OFFICE AND  
MUNFORD CITY HALL IN MUNFORD, TN.**



**EVERY VOTE COUNTS!!**

**Free Legal Clinics.....Covington First Presbyterian Church....11:00 – 1:00.**

**1-844-HELP4TN**

- July 23
- September 24

# Farmer's Market

Open: Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays!  
8:00 am until 2:00 pm



**The Farmer's Market is located under the water tower just off the square in Covington.**

**The Tipton County Veterans Council and the Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial  
and Nature Center**

**Veteran of the Month for June, 2016**

## **Victor Johnson**

Victor Johnson was born on April 27, 1957 in Covington, Tennessee. He spent his childhood in Tipton County, and graduated from Covington High School in 1975. During high school, he spent two years working at the Charms Company as a machine operator. In August of 1975 he joined the U.S. Army in Memphis and enjoyed a fruitful 20-year military career, retiring in August of 1995.

He spent 16 years on various assignments out of Germany. He was a Battalion Maintenance Supervisor with assignments in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He provided tactical contingency C2 Communication to the U.S. Army Europa (UDAREUR), European Command (EUCOM), and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) missions within the EUCOM and CENTCOM area of operation. During his time in Berlin, he was assigned to a tank company where he was responsible for equipment maintenance. During the war in Iraq, he was responsible for the training, welfare, professional development, discipline, and combat readiness of 63 soldiers. His quick response and medical skills saved the lives of two soldiers during Operation Desert Storm. Victor enjoyed his time in the Army and was awarded numerous accommodations including two Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, six Army Good Conduct Medals, a National Defense Service Medal, an Army of Occupation Medal, a Southwest Asia Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, a Kuwait Liberation Medal, an Army Service Ribbon, four Overseas Service Ribbons, a Driver & Mechanic Badge, and a Rifle M16 Expert Qualification Badge.

Following his retirement, Victor enjoyed a diverse career in the private sector, working as a machine operator for Lydale Manufacturing in Covington; Warehouse Worker/Supervisor for AAA Cooper Transportation in Memphis and Atlanta, Georgia; a licensed real estate agent for Tate Realty in Memphis; and a line technician for Unilever in Covington.

An elder at Canaan Baptist Church in Covington, he has 6 children and 13 grandchildren. His brother Roger, who lives in San Antonio, Texas, and shares his deep religious faith, is also a church elder. Alderwoman Minnie Bommer nominated Victor for Veteran of the Month.

**VETERANS** – Clinics are held WEEKLY to provide you with information – click [here](http://www.tiptonco.com/veterans_services/index.php) to learn more:  
[http://www.tiptonco.com/veterans\\_services/index.php](http://www.tiptonco.com/veterans_services/index.php)

## Small Businesses... Are You Interested in Government Contracting as a source of revenue?

Call the TSBDC office at Dyersburg State Community College today (731) 286-3205, if you would like to attend this Procurement Match-Making event in Clarksville, TN. TSBDC at DSCC, is arranging a **group day-trip to the event for small business owners**. Deadline to reserve your seat for the trip is July 8th. Free conference, free charter bus transportation provided by TSBDC, and lots of great potential for business connections.

Dutch-treat on your meals.

SAVE THE DATE!

### Tennessee/Kentucky Procurement & Matchmaking Conference

Thursday, July 28th  
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM cst.

The U.S. Small Business Administration and APSU's Clarksville Small Business Development Center invite you to attend panel discussions with key purchasing officers from federal, state and local government. Please join in on one-on-one matchmaking sessions with federal, state and local government representatives and prime contractors.

**SBA**

Austin Peay State University  
601 College Street  
Morgan University Center  
Clarksville, TN 37044

All SBA programs and services are extended to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis.

### Maleia M. Evans, MBA

Director Tennessee Small Business Development Center  
Dyersburg State Community College  
1510 Lake Road  
Dyersburg, TN 38024  
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# Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

751 Bert Johnston Avenue  
Covington, TN 38019 (901) 476-0242



## Frank Lilly Exhibits Artwork and Will Lecture at the Tipton County Museum in Covington!

Frank Lilly's artwork is now on display at the Tipton County Museum in Covington through June 25, 2016. Frank is a native of Clarksdale, MS, and studied at the Memphis College of Art in the 1960's. It wasn't until Frank was in his mid-50s that his work was publicly exhibited.

Though he painted continuously throughout his adult life, most of his time was spent making a living for himself and his family. But even at his jobs, most notably the years he spent as operations foreman at Memphis' Mid-South Coliseum, Frank would find scraps of signs, posters and other materials and add them to his paintings. After years of creating art work that he would either give away or keep for himself, his friends and family encouraged him to approach the Universal Art Gallery in Memphis where his work was then displayed to the general public for the first time in his life.

Today he continues painting and creating mixed media pieces for a wider audience. He is particularly proud of a one man show entitled "Look How Far God Has Brought Us" at Mt. Sinai Baptist church in February 2008 as part of Black History Month. As a true folk artist, his work clearly illustrates many events from his life and times from the cotton fields to the march Martin Luther King led in support of the Memphis garbage workers' union with their prominent "I am a Man" banners. His work can also be whimsical with titles like "Get Me Some Religion, Join the Baptist Church, Become a Preacher So I Don't Have to Work." His paintings and mixed media pieces may be impressionistic but never abstract. As Frank puts it, "My paintings tell stories that make statements people can connect with." Frank's artwork is featured at the Center for Southern Folklore in Memphis. Frank is a Vietnam Veteran.

Frank will be presenting "Everyday Art for Everyday Folk: how to incorporate discarded or reclaimed objects into artwork" on Saturday, June 25 from 10 until 11:30 a.m. at the Tipton County Museum in Covington. For more information please call (901) 476-0242.

The Tipton County Museum,  
Veterans Memorial & Nature  
Center

Presents:

## 2016 Artist in Residence Peggy Kunkel

Artist in Residence Peggy Kunkel is a calligrapher with over 25 years of experience and has taught calligraphy extensively throughout the Memphis area. She is a past President of the Memphis Calligraphy Guild and is a member of the Tipton Art League. Her exhibition, "This and That", is on display in the Conference room of the Tipton County Museum. She and her husband Keith live in Covington.

- March 22     **Reception:** Come out and meet Peggy! 6:30 p.m., **Free**
- June 4        **Lecture:** "Rock, Paper, Stone, plus a Demon" The History of Calligraphy, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Free to Members, \$5 Nonmembers
- July 23       **Workshop:** "Improve Your Handwriting", 10 a.m. – Noon,  
\$10 Museum Members, \$15 Nonmembers
- August 13    **Workshop:** "Celtic Knots Simplified", 10 a.m. – Noon  
\$10 Museum Members, \$15 Nonmembers
- Oct. 27       **Host:** "Museum Merchant Gala", Meet local artists, 6 – 8 p.m.,  
Free and Open to the Public
- Nov. 19       **Lecture:** "The St. John's Bible", The 1<sup>st</sup> handwritten, illuminated Bible in 500 years, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Free to Members, \$5 Nonmembers
- Sept. 6, 20, 27 **Calligraphy Class:** "Italic Hand", Tuesday nights, 6 – 8 p.m.
- Oct. 4 & 18    \$60 Museum Members, \$65 Nonmembers for the 5 week class

Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

751 Bert Johnston Avenue

Covington, TN 38019 (901) 476-0242

# Summer Lecture Series 2016

Saturday mornings in June

10 – 11:30 a.m.,

Free to Museum Members

\$5.00 General Public

- June 4 “Rock, Paper, Stone, plus a Demon; the History of Calligraphy.” Peggy Kunkel, Artist in Residence
- June 11 “World’s Columbian Exposition of 1893; American Ingenuity on Display Then and Now.” Nancy Fosheé, Award Winning Author
- June 18 “A Visual Voyage: The Art & Life of Claude Monet.” Tipton County Museum Director Barrie Foster (Optional art class, “Painting with Monet” to follow in the afternoon. Separate registration required.)
- June 25 “Everyday Art for Everyday Folk; how to incorporate discarded or reclaimed objects into artwork.” Frank Lilly, folk artist & Vietnam Veteran

**Refreshments will be served.**

**Museum memberships start at \$25 and are available at the door.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**