

The regular meeting of the Public Works Committee took place at Covington City Hall on Tuesday, July 5. Public Works Director David Gray presented the city's drought management plan that has been required by the State of Tennessee. James Mason drafted the plan as per State guidelines and submitted policy pending approval by July 1 deadline. Director Gray stated we have never had a plan such as this, but did so in compliance with new State regulations. The committee approved the plan with a unanimous vote.

There was a long conversation and much dialogue about property management regulations. Codes Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher and Director David Gray went through State guidelines regarding notifying property owners when they are not in compliance with City ordinances and then allowing them time to rectify that noncompliance. Fisher wishes to devise a plan of action – particularly for habitual offenders – who may need strong action in order for them to take appropriate measures. While some of the property owners who receive letters about noncompliance take immediate action, many do not. Alderman Mac McGowan asked for clarification and Fisher gave scenario of following State statute, which includes sending property owner a certified letter stating what is wrong, and then giving them 10 days to take care of it. If not rectified, the City can then step in and take action. Fisher is attending meeting in Milan later this week to gather information and will report back to Finance and Administration Committee later this month. After that time, the department plans to set up a meeting with all landlords in Covington to educate them of the ordinances and help them become aware of changes, expectations, and consequences. Stanley Jones addressed the committee about an issue he has with a neighbor. Alderman McGowan asked Mr. Jones to contact him personally if he feels any section of the City is getting preferential treatment. Alderwoman Bommer asked for Mr. Jones to be periodically updated on the progress of his complaint. Fisher stated she get about 20 new complaints a month and each has to be handled within State guidelines and with respect to personal property.

Fisher brought before the committee a sample ordinance regarding dilapidated properties that are unfit for humans. Alderwoman Bommer asked for copies to be sent to rest of the Board of Aldermen for a more complete analysis and they would address it in the next Finance and Administration Committee meeting scheduled for July 19. Mayor Hanson agreed this was appropriate action and the motion passed.

David Gwinn made a presentation about new cemetery policies. There is a section in Townsend Cemetery that has missing records and Gwinn stated we cannot sell plots there because we simply don't have records for that section. A new section in Townsend Cemetery has been cleared for burial, but it hasn't been surveyed and platted out at this time. Gwinn stated there is a need to have policies in place to prevent any further confusion in regards to the cemeteries owned by the City of Covington. These include Munford Cemetery and Townsend Cemetery. Alderwoman Bommer motioned for City to go ahead and call for surveys ASAP and Alderman Timberlake seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Fisher stated she will proceed with surveys and platting of new area in Townsend as soon as meeting was adjourned.

Alderwoman Bommer asked for additional copies of the 3 cemetery drafts for all members of the Board of Aldermen for review and she made the motion for this to be addressed at the Finance and Administrative Committee meeting on July 19. Timberlake seconded her motion and it passed unanimously.

Covington has adopted some changes to curbside trash pickup and those are listed below for clarification. Please be informed of these changes. If you have any questions, please call 901-476-9613.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO CURBSIDE TRASH PICKUP

- **CONSTRUCTION WASTE** - Any garbage or trash from new construction, repair, remodeling, or demolition on private property will **NO LONGER** be picked up by the City of Covington. Property owners must remove the trash themselves or call City Hall for a trash train which incurs an additional fee.
- **BULKY ITEMS** – Items like furniture, mattresses, and appliances (stoves, refrigerators, washer/dryers, water tanks, or similarly sized items) will be removed for the current adopted fee, **HOWEVER**, the property owner must give prior notice to City Hall before putting these items at the curbside – items should **NOT** be placed at the curbside more than 24 hours before the arranged pick-up time.
- **CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY** – property placed on the curb after an eviction will be picked up within 36 hours of notice to the City by the property owner. Property owners will be invoiced the current adopted fee for such service.
- **YARD WASTE...**
 - Branches should be cut to a length of 5 feet or shorter, and should be no more than 12 inches in diameter. Larger branches must be removed by the property owner.
 - Grass clippings, hedge cuttings, and leaves **MUST** be placed in bags prior to putting on curbside. **HOWEVER**, leaves raked into piles or rows between **OCTOBER 15 and FEBRUARY 1** will be removed by the vacuum trucks.
 - Property owners should place their yard waste away from obstacles such as mailboxes, light poles, water meters, fences, etc, and should avoid placing them under low hanging branches.
 - Property owners should **NOT** place any yard waste in drainage ditches, in the street, on the sidewalks, on cul-de-sac islands, or on vacant lots.
- Clubs, civic groups, or other interested parties planning a clean-up day should contact the Director of Public Works at City Hall for assistance in debris removal.
- The full ordinance and route day maps are available on the City of Covington website at www.covingtontn.com. Any questions about these or other changes to the ordinance should be directed to David Gray, City of Covington Public Works Director, at 901-476-9613 ext 127.

Multiple community organizations from throughout Tipton County, along with many members of the community joined together Friday to kick off the inaugural "Walk with the Mayor" - the first of many events to help promote healthy lifestyles for all citizens of Tipton County through the HealthierTN program.

City of Covington Mayor Justin Hanson led the group on a brisk 1.2 mile walk from Fraizer Park to Project Play at Cobb-Parr Park. This walk was part of Tipton County's efforts to be recognized as a HealthierTN Community, a designation applied after a TN community demonstrates their commitment to healthy lifestyles for all. Businesses, organizations, faith-based organizations, families, and individuals are all invited to visit www.healthiertn.com to learn more about how they can help contribute to Tipton County's efforts.

Those involved in Friday's walk included Mayor Justin Hanson, Aldermen Ed Timberlake and Mac McGowan, members of the Covington Police Department, Tipton County Sheriff's

Department, City of Covington staff, Tipton County Health Department, Drug Free Tipton, Tipton County Health Council, Children and Family Services, and HealthierTN, along with many community members. We would like to thank Tipton County Schools for providing transportation, and Monica Pavich from Cannon Chiropractic for providing water and fruit for participants.

If you would like to learn more about the HealthierTN program, please contact Nikka Sorrells at nikka.sorrells@tn.gov.



Participants assembled for “Walk with the Mayor” in at the Boys & Girls Club on Alston Street before heading out on the 1.2 mile walk to kick off [A Healthier Tennessee](#).



Mayor Hanson leads walkers as they head down College Street on the first “Walk with the Mayor” in Covington.



The walkers posed with a banner promoting A Healthier Tennessee in Cobb-Parr Park



Monica Pavich of Cannon Chiropractic volunteered to greet walkers with water and oranges at the end of the trek.



Syrena Flowers of A Healthier Tennessee, Nikka Sorrells of the Tipton County Health Department, and Kennisha Stowe of Drug Free Tipton finished Walk with the Mayor to kick off A Healthier Tennessee in Covington!



Margaret Fleming, Robine Racine, and Alderman Ed Timberlake celebrated completing Walk with the Mayor.

Dates to Remember...

- July 08 – Minions Movie in Nancy Lane Park in Atoka - 8:00 pm (see entire listing below)
- July 12 and 26 – Board of Mayor and Alderman Meetings 5:30 Covington City Hall
- July 12 – Veteran of the Month reception at the Tipton County Veterans Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington – 6:30 pm. July Veteran of the month is Ridley Clifton. Scroll down to read more about Mr. Clifton.
- July 16 – Story Walk at the Tipton County Veteran’s Museum – 10:00 – 11:30 – free of charge. Story walk based on the book “Over in the Forest” by Marianne Berkes
- July 19 – Coffee with the Mayor 7:30 – 9:00 at Pappy and Jimmy’s - 511 East Liberty Street

- July 21 – **THIRD THURSDAY** at The Chamber Center on the Square in Covington. 5:00 pm. Join us for food, fellowship, fun, and information. Duane Lavery with HTL Advantage will host with a focus on industry and workforce development.
- July 23 – Artist in Residence Peggy Kunkel – Improving your Handwriting workshop 10:00 – 12:00 at Tipton County Veteran’s Museum in Covington. \$10 for museum members / \$15 for general public.
- July 23 – **FREE LEGAL CLINIC** – First Presbyterian Church in Covington 11:00 – 1:00
- July 28 - Lifeblood at City Hall 9:00 am – noon. Sign up at City Hall
- Fridays in August – Barbara McBride will teach Introduction to Acrylics 9:30 – 11:30 at Tipton County Veteran’s Museum in Covington. \$60 for museum members and \$80 for general public for all sessions. Call 901-476-0242 to register.
- August 6 – Artist Series for Kids class based on Georgia O’Keeffe for children 10 yrs and older. Tipton County Veteran’s Museum in Covington. \$20 for museum members and \$25 for general public. Call 901-476-0242 to register.

Free Legal Clinics.....Covington First Presbyterian Church....11:00 – 1:00.
1-844-HELP4TN

- July 23
- September 24



GOOD NEWS FROM COVINGTON!

- The City of Covington has been awarded a Transportation Alternatives Grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation for over \$720,000 for ADA sidewalks, crosswalks, and lighting that will begin at the Covington Housing Authority Community Center on Jackson Street and extend through Frazier Park to the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region and Children and Family Services on Alston Street. This will provide sidewalks where there aren’t any, improve the ones that are there by widening them, will add ADA ramps, create crosswalks for safe crossing, and replace a foot path through the park with a sidewalk with lighting. Mayor Hanson applied for this grant to provide much needed infrastructure in this area that will greatly improve accessibility and safety and make pedestrian travel ADA accessible.
- As part of The City of Covington’s Transportation Master Plan, Mayor Hanson has requested funds from the Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) through the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) that will provide sidewalks on James Street from South College to US Highway 51. Mayor Hanson initiated this project to provide improved pedestrian access through James Street, as this is a highly traveled area with no sidewalks. Sidewalks will provide much safer pedestrian access to Covington High School and surrounding areas.



Covington High School's HOSA Team (Health Occupations Students of America) competed at the *INTERNATIONAL* Leadership Conference in Nashville

June 22-26, 2016

and came away WINNERS!

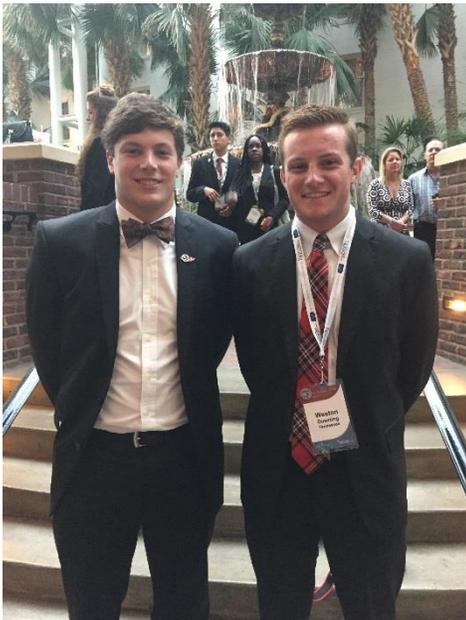
CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU for making COVINGTON PROUD!



The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) placed 1st and won \$1000! Team members are Caroline Price, Victoria Billings, and Tucker Roach



The Certified Emergency Response Team (CERT) placed 5th. Team members are Alex Mason and Mikayla Wallace



The Public Service Announcement (PSA) team placed 5th. Team members are Hayden Powell, Weston Downing, and Colby Ruffin (not pictured)



Michelle Harris was recognized at the Recognition Awards for HOSA Happenings

- [Way to go Tennessee!](#)
- [LeBonheur recognized by US News and World Report](#)
- [GO LUCY GO](#)



Covington based Hydratrek is excited to announce their collaboration with Drake Waterfowl. They have just become the newest title sponsor of "Drake's Migration Nation Powered by Hydratrek". Hydratrek has also produced a special edition "Drake" model that will soon be released. Hydratrek, Inc. is a privately owned corporation at 240 Industrial Road in Covington. The concept for building and distributing a rugged, multi-purpose all - terrain vehicle dates back to the early 2000s. Hydratrek has evolved into a company whose products are in operation around the world.

[Read more about Hydratrek here.](#)

In addition to Hydratrek's new partnership with Drake Waterfowl Systems, the company recently purchased the former Paslode manufacturing facility on the north end of town. They will be moving into the 157,000 sq. ft. facility this summer. The building sits on 17 acres and will give the company plenty of operating space for future growth. A demo lake will be constructed after the move and ribbon cutting. Residents of Tipton County are welcome to call ahead and setup a Hydratrek tour and test ride. You can see Hydratrek vehicles sitting on the vacant lot next to Walgreens on Hwy 51 N. Contact information is 901-475-9595 and sales@hydratrek.com

Drug Free Tipton has launched the tip411 alert system, a new interactive way to keep the community connected and informed through email, text message, and online public safety alerts. Tip411 also allows the public to report crimes and other suspicious activities directly to law enforcement agencies by sending anonymous text messages from their cell phone or via a FREE smartphone app. Click the logo below for more information.





The Tipton County Public Library

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The Tipton County Museum

Veterans Memorial Nature Center Present:



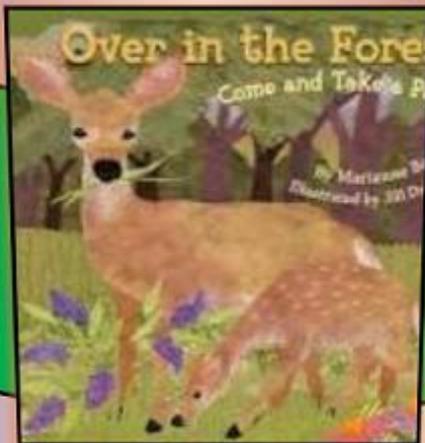
TIPTON COUNTY
MUSEUM
VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER

story walk

Read a Story While Taking a Walk

Bring the whole family and discover a story page-by-page with activities along the way on the grounds of:

Tipton County Museum Veterans Memorial and Nature Center
751 Bert Johnson Ave.
Covington, TN 38019



Over in the Forest

By Marianne Berkes

July 16th

Come anytime
between

10:00 & 11:30am

FREE EVENT!!!

For more information please call the Library
@ 476-8289

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



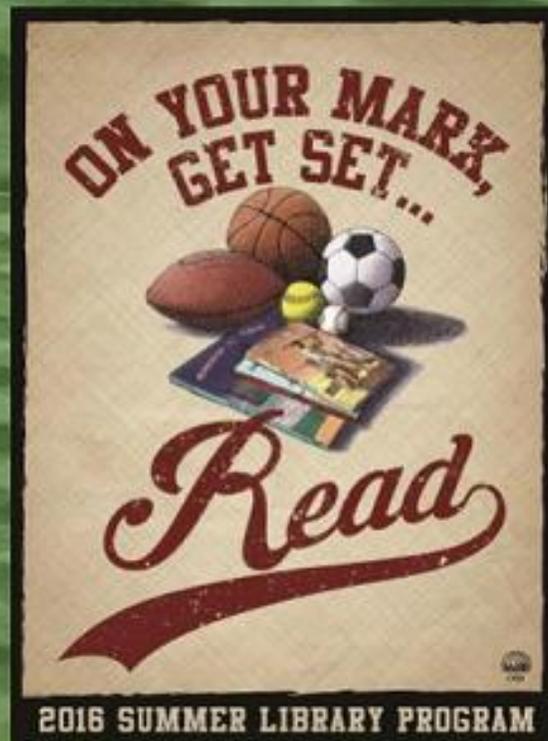
Event Contact: Cassi Yates
901-837-5300
cyates@townofatoka.com

ATOKA
Parks & Recreation

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

Call 901-837-5300 for more information

TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 2016 SUMMER READING PROGRAM



June 1st – July 31st

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

Get in the Game READ – Ages 12-17

Exercise your mind READ – Ages 18 & Up

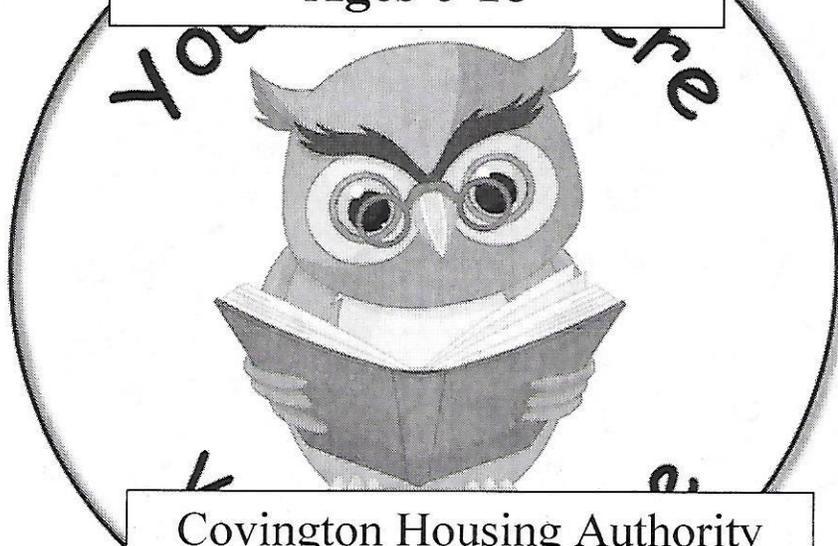
Weekly programs for all ages!

Program schedules are available at the library or by visiting our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/tiptoncountylibrary

Tipton County Public Library
3149 Hwy 51 S. Bldg C
Covington, Tennessee 38019
476-8289
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

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.



Cabela's King Kat Tournament Trail to hit the waters of The Mississippi River at Covington, Tennessee

The Cabela's King Kat Tournament Trail will hit the waters of The Mississippi River at Covington, Tennessee August 6, 2016. This is the opportunity for local catfish anglers to compete for cash, prizes and a chance to advance to the Cabela's King Kat North and South Championship. This year's North Championship will be held September 23 & 24, 2016 on the Ohio River at Henderson, Kentucky. The South Championship will be held September 29 & October 1, 2016 on the Cumberland River (Old Hickory Lake) at Gallatin, Tennessee. Be sure to check out our website at: www.kingkatusa.com and like our Cabela's King Kat Facebook Page. Both sites contain new and exciting information on our events along with special information for catfish anglers everywhere.

Registration

Late registration will be held Friday, August 5 the day before competition at Homer Skelton Dodge, Jeep & Chrysler Dealership, 7661 US 51 N, Millington, TN from 5-7 pm. Captains Meeting/Seminar will follow at 7pm. Must be a member of the King Kat Association to fish this event. A one year membership is \$25.00. To pre-register go on line to: www.kingkatusa.com or call (502) 384-5924.

Legal waters for the event will be: Anglers may fish the Mississippi River from the I-155 Bridge, South to the I-40 Bridge at Memphis.

Weigh-In Site

The tournament weigh-in will be held at Duvall Landing, Loon Valley Road, Drummonds, TN. Tournament hours are 6:30 AM until 3:00 PM. All anglers must be in weigh-in line by 4:00 PM with a 5 fish limit per team. To help preserve the sport only live fish will be weighed in and all fish will be released after the tournament. For a complete list of rules visit our website at: www.kingkatusa.com or phone Cabela's King Kat Headquarters at: (502) 384-5924.

Sponsor and Host Lodging for this Event

The Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome all Cabela's King Kat anglers and their guest to the area and hope they take the opportunity to enjoy the many attractions in the area. For more information on this area call: (901) 476-9727 or visit their website at: www.covington-tiptoncochamber.com.

Host lodging for the event will be:

Days Inn, 80 Deena Cove, Covinton, TN. For Reservations call: (901) 475-1177.

Quality Inn & Suites, 873 Hwy. 51 N., Covington, TN. For reservations call: (901) 476-8561.

NATIONAL SPONSORS:

Cabela's, Alumacraft, Adventure Products EGO Nets, RigRap, B 'n' M Poles, Minn Kota, Mercury Marine, Mustad Hooks, Driftmaster, Gamma Line, Humminbird Electronics, World Fishing Network – WFN, Rippin' Lips, Keep Alive, Cat River Anchors, Sunsect Sunscreen & Insect Repellent, Humminbird Lakemaster Maps, Digital EFX Wraps, Tentology, Crown Trophy and Gill Rainwear.

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

Veteran of the Month for July, 2016

Ridley Clifton

Ridley Clifton was born at home on a farm in Tipton County on February 13, 1948, the oldest of five children. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in Memphis in October of 1967 following his graduation from Byars-Hall High School, serving time as a Machinist Mate until his Honorable Discharge in September of 1971. During his time in the Army, he was assigned to the USS Sproston (DD-577) in Pearl Harbor and the USS Harry E. Hubbard (DD 748) in the Western Pacific that included three trips to the Vietnam War Zone. Ridley was also assigned to Australia and New Zealand before returning to his final duty station in Long Beach, California.

In December 1969 while in Long Beach, Ridley met his wife, Kathy. She was part of a local group of YWCA Christian Girls who provided Christian fellowship to the military men. Ridley pursued her, and they were married in 1973.

After receiving his Honorable Discharge, he worked a variety of jobs in Long Beach, including X-ray technician attendant and darkroom technician at a local hospital and Federal firefighter at the Long Beach Naval Air Station. In 2005 he and Kathy moved to Tipton County where he worked as a bus driver for Tipton County Schools. Ridley is an Elder at Ebenezer Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He and Kathy have one son. Kathy nominated Ridley 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

Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

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 1st 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