



Covington Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack spoke to the Covington Lions Club and informed them of some of his plans and goals as the new director, which include Adopt-A Park, Road to Glory 5-K Race Series, and fall soccer for youth. For more information, please contact Mr. Mack at 901-476-3734.



Mayor Hanson met with Charger Football Head Coach Marty Wheeler and the team Saturday morning at Applebees in Covington when they served pancakes and canvased the town in their annual CHARGER BLITZ! The mayor supported the guys with his donation and support of the program and wished them the best of luck for the upcoming season. The season opener is a home game with Munford on Friday, August 19.

GO CHARGERS!

The regular meeting of the General Welfare and Public Relations Committee was held Tuesday at Covington City Hall. Covington Municipal Airport Director Robin Anderson reported that fuel sales were good for July, with over 2,855 gallons sold, and sales are going strong so far in August. He is also working to get the requirements of the Asphalt Rehabilitation Grant met so work can begin on repaving the runways.

Anderson has researched LED lighting at the airport and reported on his findings at the committee meeting. He calculated the average cost for lighting at the Covington facility and compared this to other similar airports where LED lighting is used. Through his research and analysis, he has determined with the installation of LED lighting, we most likely will recognize a 50% savings in lighting costs. Anderson estimates it would cost about \$535,000 to refurbish lighting to accommodate LED bulbs.

Director Anderson has also researched using funds from his maintenance contract to assist in the purchase of a FOD (Foreign Object Debris) Sweeper, which is needed to keep the runways clear of debris. The maintenance account would pay 50%, which would leave \$1848 to be paid from airport account. Anderson feels this is a better way to clean and wants to move forward with this purchase. Alderman Jere Hadley motioned to approve purchase of FOD Sweeper for \$3695 with ½ being reimbursed from maintenance account. Committee Chairman Drew Glass seconded this motion. Hadley asked if golf cart can pull this device, and Anderson stated it will. Motion passed 3-0 with Alderman John Edwards abstaining from the vote.

Director Anderson read a “thank you” letter from John Carnduff of the Civil Air Patrol thanking him for the use of our airport during their practice maneuvers.

Alderman Hadley motioned to accept Director Anderson’s report and Mayor Hanson seconded. The motion passed 3-0 with Alderman Edwards abstaining from voting.

Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack made a lengthy presentation including a PowerPoint presentation with graphs and charts outlining his goals and objectives for this department. Things in the works at this time are the Road to Glory 5K Race Series – sponsored and supported by local churches, Adopt-a-Park Program, a fall youth soccer program, Basketball Skills Challenge at Frazier Park, an adult basketball tournament, the purchase of new exercise equipment at The Sportsplex, the development of a Lacrosse team, and a senior fitness programs, such as Silver Sneakers – to name a few! Mack also presented his proposals for cost adjustments and redefining memberships to be more inclusive and affordable.

Mayor Hanson suggested the committee approve the proposals as a first step, then take to Finance & Administration Committee and ultimately to The Board of Mayor and Aldermen for approval with 3 readings. Alderwoman Minnie Bommer suggesting making a motion to approve in this committee and then move from there. Mayor Hanson then motioned to approve rate changes as presented by Director Mack and Chairman Glass seconded. Alderman Edwards asked for a printout so Board members can take and study. Dunn asked for a hard copy of the proposed changes for official minutes. Hanson’s motion to approve passed 3-0 with Edwards abstaining from voting on the motion.

Museum Director Barrie Foster invited everyone to attend the celebration of August Veteran of the Month Tommy Cheairs at the museum Tuesday night. She reported that Navy Day is scheduled for September 2 and is the 17th year for Navy Day at the Museum and Nature Trail. Navy Day is a day set aside for Navy volunteers to come to the museum to fix up & clean up and their help is tremendously important and appreciated. Because so many Navy volunteers will be on the premises that day, the museum and nature trail will be closed. Multiple art classes and lecture series are ongoing at the Museum and Director Foster invites everyone to learn more about the activities there by calling 901-476-0242 or coming by for a visit.

Alderman Hadley moved to accept Director Foster’s report and Mayor Hanson seconded. Hadley’s motion passed 3-0 with Edwards abstaining.

ZIKA is in the news and several cases have been verified in Memphis, so we want to help inform you so you can protect your family. Covington Public Works distributed a coloring book to local elementary schools in Covington to help the children share with families how to control mosquitos and prevent bites. There is also information at the [Tipton County Health Department](#) regarding how to protect yourself from Zika and other illnesses. Please learn more about the Zika virus and how to protect yourself and your family using the information and links below:

- [TIME Magazine article](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control](#)
- [New York Times article](#)

The Tennessee Department of Health Encourages You to Fight the Bite!

Mosquitoes spread Zika & other viruses.



Protect yourself from mosquito bites.



Daytime is most dangerous
Mosquitoes that spread chikungunya, dengue and Zika are aggressive daytime biters. They can also bite at night.



Use insect repellent
It works!
Look for the following active ingredients:
DEET • PICARIDIN • IR3535



Wear protective clothes
Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants and use insect repellent. For extra protection, treat clothing with permethrin.



Mosquito-proof your home
Use screens on windows and doors. Use air conditioning when available. Keep mosquitoes from laying eggs in and near standing water.

For more information:

www.cdc.gov/chikungunya • www.cdc.gov/dengue
www.cdc.gov/zika • <http://tn.gov/health/topic/zika-virus>



Tennessee Department of Health, Authorization No. 343191, April 2016, 10,000 copies. This public document was promulgated at a cost of \$.11 per copy.

U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention



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.
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“The Covington Fire Department is committed to serving the citizens, business community, and visitors to the City of Covington with the highest levels of life, environment, and property conservation and protection. We will achieve this through prevention, education, preparation, response, and suppression. The department will deliver all services with the highest level of care, professionalism, and compassion to all those affected or in need of our services”



CARE Officer / Paramedic Mark Heaston



Firefighter Baker McCool

Chief Michael Naifeh and all members of The Covington Fire Department would like to congratulate two of their own for their academic achievements this year. Baker McCool has completed all required classroom and testing obligations required by the Paramedic Program at Dyersburg State Community College. Baker not only passed with flying colors, he also set the pace in academic excellence, which is not a surprise to those who to serve with him. He is awaiting the “official” paramedic title pending issuance of his license from the State of Tennessee.

Covington Fire Department will soon offer Advanced Life Support to the citizens of our City thanks to Baker's dedication and the support of our Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

CARE Officer / Paramedic Mark Heaston completed his associate’s degree in Emergency Services in May. He graduated as an honor student achieving one of the highest averages in his field of study and setting a fine example. Mark does so much for those in our community by educating the public on fire safety plans, smoke alarm installation, and finding public and private resources to assist those in need.

According to Chief Naifeh, “Baker and Mark are examples of the dedicated public servants that we have in our department who go above and beyond for the people in our community. Thank you to all who proudly put on the uniform of the Covington Fire Department and for your continued pursuit of excellence. It's an honor to serve alongside you.”

Covington Fire Department and State Fire Marshal's Office

Push "Close the Door" Campaign

Three simple words can save lives during a fire: "Close the door!" The Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office and Covington Fire Department are telling Tennesseans to remember those words during a fire.

"A door is one of the best pieces of firefighting and life-saving equipment in a home," said Deputy Commissioner Gary West. "If you leave a room that is on fire, closing the door behind you can be the best decision you make."

Closing the door reduces fire growth and spread, limits damage to your home, and could possibly save lives. A closed door can hinder flames and smoke from spreading to other rooms and can help deprive a fire of the oxygen it needs to grow.

"Fires can spread fast," added Covington Fire Department Chief Michael Naifeh. "Closing the door can help control the fire and provide precious seconds needed for you and your loved ones to escape."

Getting out of a burning building and calling 9-1-1 are crucial to survival during a fire, but closing doors during an escape can potentially limit the structural damage a fire can cause and save lives. For example, if you leave your apartment door open during a fire, you could contribute to the rapid spread of smoke and fire, making it more dangerous for firefighters to fight a fire and more difficult for other occupants to escape.

Things to Remember:

- **Close the bedroom door when sleeping, if possible.**
- **Close doors behind you when escaping a room/building that's on fire.**
- **If you are unable to escape a building that is on fire, close all doors between you and the fire. Use towels or sheets to seal the door cracks and cover air vents. Call the fire department to report your exact location.**
- **Keep fire doors closed. These specialized doors are used to compartmentalize a building and prevent the spread of smoke and flames. Never wedge, disable, or prop open fire doors in apartments or other buildings.**

For more tips on keeping your home fire-safe, download the State Fire Marshal's home fire safety checklist at <http://1.usa.gov/1DcZeqt>.

What's Happening at the Museum?



August Veteran of the Month Tommy Cheairs was honored at the Tipton County Veteran's Museum Tuesday. Among the large crowd in celebrating Lieutenant Colonel Cheairs were his family (L) and Mayor Hanson (R).



Local artist Barbara McBride is teaching “Introduction to acrylics” art classes at the Tipton County Museum on Fridays in August from 9:30 - 11:30. For more information, please contact Museum Director Barrie Foster at 901-476-0242.



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

Presents

Introduction to Copperplate

With Peggy Kunkel

This four week class will meet Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 at the Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, Tennessee. **Class dates are August 2, 16, 23 & 30.**

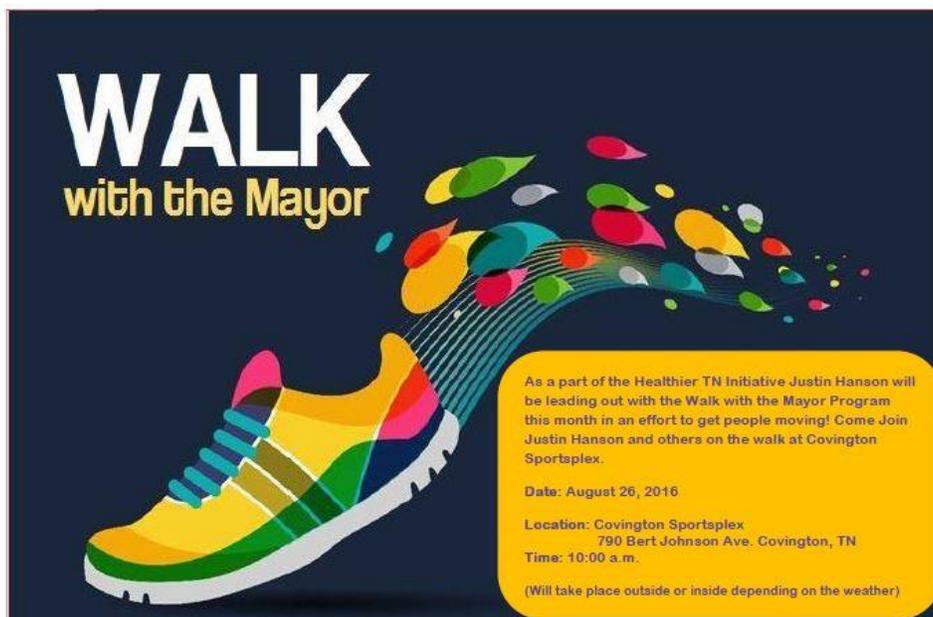
Artist in Residence Peggy Kunkel will be teaching the **copperplate hand** in calligraphy. Peggy has over 20 years of experience teaching calligraphy, and is the former President of the Memphis Calligraphy Guild. Participants will provide their own supplies (call for supply list).

Program Fee: \$60 for Museum Members \$80 for non-Members

Contact the Museum for information or any questions (901) 476-0242.

Dates to Remember...

- 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 13 – Celtic Knots Simplified – Peggy Kunkel – Artist in Residence – Museum – 10:00 am
- August 18 - High Voltage Demonstration – 8:00 am to 7:00 pm – Covington Home Depot
- August 18 – THIRD THURSDAY – Chamber Center on the Square in Covington – 5:00. CHARMS is this month’s sponsor and the Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors President TRACY LAVELLE will be the keynote speaker. Come to the **SWEET SPOT in WEST TENNESSEE** for this business-after-hours opportunity. Businesses on the square will be open late, so bring your sweet tooth *and* shopping buddies!
- August 26 – WALK WITH THE MAYOR – Covington Sportsplex-10:00 am. Join Mayor Hanson for the *second* community walk in conjunction with the [Healthier Tennessee](#) initiative– see info below
- August 27 – CHS/CMS BAND CAR WASH at ADVANCED AUTO CENTER in COVINGTON – see info below
- September 2 – NAVY DAY at The Tipton County Museum and Nature Trail. The premises will be closed to the public during this time of cleaning and repairs.
- September 5 – Labor Day Holiday – All City offices will be closed.
- September 7 – A Dose of Reality – 8:30 – 5:00 at DSCC-Covington - sponsored by Drug-Free Tipton. See information below.
- September 9 – Star Wars *free* movie in the park – Walker Park – Atoka. Call 837-5300 for info.
- September 24 – Heritage Day in Covington – Join us on the Historic Covington Square!
- September 24 – GRACE RACE 5-K – Starts at 8:00 at Covington First Presbyterian Church. All proceeds benefit The Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region. To register, please go to www.racesonline.com
- September 24 – Free Legal Clinic – First Presbyterian Church – Covington. 11:00 – 1:00 Call 1-844-HELP4TN for more information.



CAR WASH



SATURDAY AUGUST 27TH
FROM 9 AM-1:00 PM
@ ADVANCED AUTO CENTER IN COVINGTON

**FUN FUN FUNDRAISER
FOR THE CHS/CMS BAND**

ALL DONATIONS ACCEPTED AND APPRECIATED!
COME JOIN THE CHS/CMS BAND BOOSTERS

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.





West Tennessee Seminar on Diversion of Pharmaceuticals

A Dose of Reality: Trends on Prescription Drug Abuse



Wednesday, September 7, 2016

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Dyersburg State Community College Jimmy Naifeh Center

3149 Highway 51 South

Covington, Tennessee

Preregistration Required – Please Register by, Friday, August 26, 2016

The Tennessee Dangerous Drugs Task Force (TDDTF), Drug Free Tipton, the Tipton County Sheriff's Office, and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Tennessee are cosponsoring the Seminar on Diversion of Pharmaceuticals at **no cost to attendees**. Preregistration is required. A limited number of seats are available, so register early. Complimentary breakfast and lunch will be provided along with door prizes and handouts. To assist the cosponsors for preparation of the correct number of complimentary meals, it is requested that you register by Friday, August 26, 2016.

Seminar Focus: To increase collaboration between health care, law enforcement, Department of Children's Services, educators and any related fields touched by this topic; to present updates on trends and current changes in Tennessee General Assembly legislation to control prescription drug abuse. The diversion of pharmaceuticals presents multidiscipline and multijurisdictional ramifications so please feel free to disseminate this Seminar Announcement to those you think may be interested.

Seminar Schedule

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Complimentary Breakfast and Registration
8:30 am	Seminar Begins
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Complimentary Lunch
5:00 pm	Seminar Conclusion

Seminar cosponsored by Tennessee Dangerous Drugs Task Force, Drug Free Tipton, Tipton County Sheriff's Office, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Tipton, and U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Tennessee.

Proposed Seminar Topics

- Overview of Diversion Issues from Tennessee and National Perspective
- Dynamics of Addiction/Role of Addiction in Pain Management
- Drug Endangered Children
- Diversion Investigations/Prosecutions (including doctor shopping, prescription forgery/fraud and TennCare fraud)
- Response to Pharmaceutical Diversion by Tennessee Drug Coalitions
- Overdose Deaths and Postmortem Toxicology
- Tennessee Department of Health Efforts to Address Prescription Epidemic

Preregistration is required. Register at www.adooseofreality.eventbrite.com by Friday, August 26, 2016.

For additional information, contact Kennisha Stowe, Professional Care Services of West Tennessee at (901)378-0545/ kennisha.stowe@pcswtn.org or

Kim Litman, Tennessee Dangerous Drugs Task Force at (423)752-1479/kim.litman@tn.gov.

* Information in this newsletter is an overview of the week's events. All official minutes and documents can be viewed at Covington City hall at 200 West Washington Street, Covington, TN.



Southwest Tennessee Electric
Membership Corporation

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



HIGH VOLTAGE DEMONSTRATION

A high voltage demonstration trailer will be at STEMC Aug. 15th – 19th to educate our members and first responders about powerline safety. Each demonstration will be set up from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will run at 60-90 min. intervals. For more information or to schedule your Fire, EMS or Law enforcement agency, contact : Brian Holland, STEMC Safety Coordinator, at (731)608-4401 or bholland@stemc.com



MONDAY, AUG. 14 – JACKSON FAIRGROUND S
TUESDAY, AUG. 16 – GENE RECORD PARK, HENDERSON
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17 – HAYWOOD COUNTY JUSTICE COMPLEX
THURSDAY, AUG. 18 – COVINGTON HOME DEPOT
FRIDAY, AUG. 19 – NANCY LANE PARK, ATOKA

Summer CINEMA Series

FREE! — All Movies Start @ 4pm, 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: Casal 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

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.



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

Veteran of the Month for August, 2016

William Thomas Cheairs III

William Thomas (Tommy) Cheairs, III was born in Memphis on July 21, 1946. He graduated from high school in Grenada, Mississippi, having moved with his family to Mississippi just before starting high school. He attended the University of Mississippi for four years under the Air Force ROTC program. After graduation, he worked for 6 months at a CPA firm in Memphis, where he met his wife, Susan. He then went to Lubbock, Texas, for a year to learn to fly the C-130. An Air Force pilot for 5 years, he spent 2 of those years on combat tours in Vietnam. In May of 1972, Tommy was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his successful missions to resupply An Loc, a city whose residents were left to starve after being cut off by the Viet Cong. The battle for An Loc placed C-130 crews against the most heavily armed units of the Viet Cong. Flying through flak from medium anti-aircraft guns and SAM missiles, Tommy and his crew helped ensure that An Loc and its residents survived. During those 3 long months of airlifts, three C-130s and their crews were lost. Another 38 planes were damaged by ground fire. On 27 April, 1972, Captain Cheairs flew a night low-level tactical emergency airdrop of critically needed supplies to a besieged concentration of allied forces located in a heavily defended hostile area. With complete disregard for his own personal safety and using previously untried tactics developed for this specific operation, Captain Cheairs flew the night resupply mission and successfully delivered his cargo on schedule within the established limits of the drop zone in spite of intense hostile ground fire and marginal visibility.

After five years in the Air Force, he served 18 years in the Tennessee Air National Guard. After 23 years of missions taking him all over the world, he retired in December 1989 as a Lieutenant Colonel. He greatly enjoyed his next two careers: a small business owner in Covington from 1974 to 1989 and Federal Express pilot from 1987 to 2006.

In April, 1969, he and Susan were married. They have one son and one daughter. Susan is the Director of the Tipton County Public Library. They are members of the First United Methodist Church in Covington. Alice Fisher, former Director of the Tipton County Museum, nominated him for this award.

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