



Rotarians Glenn Baker and Bob Overall welcomed Covington Municipal Airport Director Robin Anderson to their noon meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Anderson brought the group up to date on airport activities and improvements, including repaving the runways.



Mayor Hanson presented a proclamation for Navy Day at the Tipton County Veteran's Museum and Nature Trail on Friday, September 2. Navy Chief selectees have been volunteering at the museum on "Navy Day" for 17 years. On Friday, the group, pictured above, worked on the grounds doing everything from masonry to landscaping and cleaning. Mayor Hanson welcomed them and thanked them for their services.



Mayor Hanson, City Hall employees, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, and Alderman Ed Timberlake showed their Covington pride Friday by wearing their “spirit” shirts. The City of Covington logo is embroidered in gold.



The Class of 1968 Big 10 Champions were honored at the September 2<sup>nd</sup> Charger football game in Covington. The group consists of players as well as spouses and cheerleaders.

Mayor Hanson along with Police Chief Buddy Lewis, Parks and Recreation Director Joe Mack, and A2H Engineering representative Michael Shelton met to discuss ideas for new facilities in Covington, including a new police department headquarters. Mayor Hanson and Chief Lewis will be attending a seminar on law enforcement facilities later this month.





The Covington Planning Commission met for their regular monthly meeting Tuesday. City Planner Will Radford met with the commission members at City Hall. The commission approved site development on Bert Johnston Avenue for an Americare Assisted Living facility. This development is in the early planning stages.

Mayor Justin Hanson welcomed a packed auditorium at Dyersburg State Community College Wednesday for “A Dose of Reality”, a day of information about prescription drug use in Tennessee. The event included psychologists, law enforcement personnel, and health-care workers from across Tennessee and was sponsored by Drug Free Tipton. Robin Racine of Drug Free Tipton and Chief Donna Turner of the Tipton County Sheriff’s Office coordinated the event and welcomed Mayor Hanson.



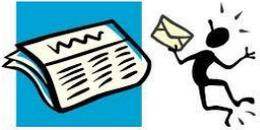
Mayor Justin Hanson signed a proclamation for the Covington office of [Professional Care Services](#) this week in recognition of National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in America.

This National focus helps promote resources and awareness around the issues of suicide prevention, how you can help others, and how to talk about suicide without increasing the risk of harm. PCS kicked off the month with their administration, staff and Mayor Hanson at the Covington facility Thursday.



Mayor Hanson, along with the Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, welcomed 22 teams of golfers to the annual Chamber Industrial Golf Tournament at the Covington Country Club on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Golfers enjoyed lunch before hitting the greens. The Chamber organizes this every year to show appreciation to local businesses and industries.





Good News!



The Ag Department at Covington High School has 15 Students who are currently showing four different species of livestock. Catherine Turner, Travis Turner and Jesse Bryant show cattle. Averi Cole, Nathan Oliver and C. J. Cunningham show market goats. Hannah Turner, Thorne Turner, Will Turner, Ryan Wick and Nick Kellum show market lambs. Sarah Kate Poole, Chase Murray, Tucker Roach, Laura Burns and Jay Hartsfield show swine. Each species will be shown at an average of 10 fairs this season including the Delta Fair, the Tennessee State Fair and several County Fairs across our region. This past weekend CHS had several winners and Champions across all species at various venues. Their teacher is Liz Flanagan.



Crestview Middle School inducted 28 new members into the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) this week. NJHS is an organization that recognizes and promotes academic excellence. To become a member, a student must achieve and maintain an overall average of 93 or higher in all academic classes, have no referrals to the office for inappropriate behavior, and must participate in community projects. CMS focuses their greatest efforts on an annual drive for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. This event takes place in October of each year, and over the past few years, Crestview NJHS has raised over \$20,000 in donations for St. Jude.



September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month. Help spread the word and keep on the look-out for kids who need your help. #GoGold



Law enforcement officers from Covington and Tipton County shared popsicles with CIAA students in grades 3, 4 and 5 during “Popsicles with Cops” Thursday. Officers got the chance to enjoy a cool treat with the students and the students got to shake hands, ask questions, and get to know police officers as community helpers and friends. It was a meet and greet with sweets! CIAA has a community focus this year as part of being a [Leader in Me](#) school.



# 9/11 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



9/11 Remembrance Service - Sunday, September 11, 2016

Fire Museum of Memphis

118 Adams Street - Memphis, Tennessee

The Memphis Fire Department and Fire Museum of Memphis invites you to participate in a 9/11 Remembrance Service honoring the 343 Firefighters, 60 Police Officers, and 8 Paramedics lost on September 11, 2001. The procession begins at 08:45 a.m. at Second Street and Adams Avenue and will proceed to the Fire Museum of Memphis.

[Read more about it here](#)

Covington Fire Department will participate. The public is invited.

\* Information in this newsletter is an overview of events. All official minutes and documents can be viewed at Covington City hall at 200 West Washington Street, Covington, TN. or on our website at [www.covingtontn.com](http://www.covingtontn.com)

# **Covington – Tipton County Chamber of Commerce**

## **Executive Director Position**

The Covington – Tipton County Chamber of Commerce is currently seeking an enthusiastic, motivated professional to attract new business and support the growth and development of existing business in the Covington and Tipton County areas. The person selected for this position will be responsible for clarifying, communicating and implementing the mission of the Covington – Tipton County Chamber of Commerce (“the Chamber”). He/She will serve as a community leader developing and maintaining relationships with area and state leaders in both public and private sector, as well as, advocating for new business in the area. He/She will work closely with the Board of Directors to focus the Chambers priorities and balance the needs of its members while maintaining daily operations of the Chamber office.

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL DESCRIPTION AND DETAILS](#)

### **Dates to Remember...**

- **September 9 – Star Wars *free* movie in the park – Walker Park – Atoka. Call 837-5300 for info.**
  - **September 10 – UNPLUGGED! A *free event* for kids encouraging them to turn off their electronic devices and go outside to play! 9:00 – 11:00 Frazier Park in Covington**
  - **September 10 – Stephanie Adlington LIVE at the RUFFIN THEATER – 7:00 Call 901-229-3505 for info**
  - **September 13 – Coffee with the Mayor – Pappy & Jimmie’s - 511 E. Liberty St. 7:30 – 9:00**
  - **September 15 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – 5:00 – Chamber Center on the Square. Sponsored by the Covington Economic Development Corporation.**
  - **September 22 – [GO JIM GO](#) Join us on the SQUARE in Covington at 11:30 am to meet JIM JAGGERS and donate to LeBonheur Children’s Hospital. Learn more [here](#).**
  - **September 24 – Heritage Day in Covington – Join us on the Historic Covington Square all day!**
  - **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](http://www.racesonline.com)**
  - **September 24 – Free Legal Clinic – First Presbyterian Church – Covington. 11:00 – 1:00 Call 1-844-HELP4TN for more information.**
  - **October 6 – Steaks & Burgers – dinner and entertainment fundraiser for the [Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region in Covington](#). Scroll down for ticket and event information.**
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Keep up with News, Events, and Information from Covington and Tipton County

[City of Covington](#)

[Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Tipton County](#)

[Tipton County Schools](#)

[South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#)

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Tipton County Veterans Services Officer Alex Jones has announced new hours at the Munford location. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact his office 901.476.2456.

**Monday: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm**

**Tuesday: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm**

Wednesday: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

A FREE EVENT TO ENCOURAGE KIDS TO GET OUT AND PLAY!



PRESENTS

# UNPLUGGED

**INFORMED  
UPBEAT  
RESOURCEFUL  
HEALTHY**

SATURDAY, SEPT 10TH, 9-11AM  
COVINGTON - FRAZIER PARK  
SATURDAY, OCT 22, 1-3 PM  
ATOKA - NANCY LANE PARK

*Stephanie Adlington*

THE SIREN OF THE SOUTH



LIVE AT THE HISTORIC

# RUFFIN THEATER

*Saturday*

7:00 PM

**10**

**SEPT.**

ON THE SQUARE

**COVINGTON, TN**

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT DOOR

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CALL 901-229-3505



Ribbon Cutting for  
Burnett and Family BBQ!

Come and join us in celebration of our newest  
member!

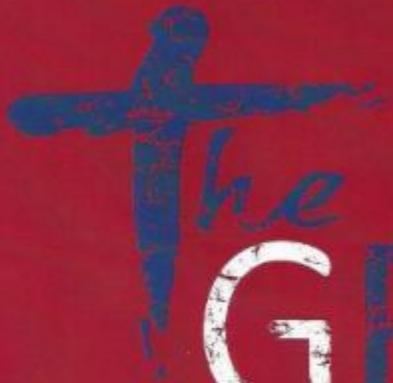
September 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm



*Love* that *Burnett and*  
**Family**  
**BBQ**

Burnett & Family  
**•BBQ•**  
"On the Square"

102 N. Main St  
Covington, TN 38019  
**Wednesdays – Saturdays**  
11 AM – 9 PM  
(901) 313-9388



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# GRACE 5K

Presented by

**First Presbyterian Church Covington**

403 South Main St., Covington, TN 38019

BENEFITING



**Boys & Girls Club**  
of the Hatchie River Region

**5K race,  
stroller division  
& 1/2 mile fun run**

**Velocity  
Timing**

(8:00am start time for all ages, just prior to  
Covington's Heritage Day on the square)

5K \$25.00

\*\*late registration after September 21 \$30.00

Stroller division \$25.00

½ Mile Fun Run \$15.00

Spirit Runner (T-Shirt Only) \$20.00

Discount for families of 4 or more (mail in registration only)

**Register online at**  
**[1pc-covington.org/grace-race-5k/](http://1pc-covington.org/grace-race-5k/)**  
**or [racesonline.com](http://racesonline.com)**

# COVINGTON – TIPTON COUNTY SQUARE CROWS



It's that time of year again!

We would love to have your Square Crow  
represent you this year on our beautiful square!

Stop by or call the Covington-Tipton County  
Chamber of Commerce if you have questions  
about Square Crows 2016!

106 West Liberty Ave  
Covington, TN 38019  
901-476-9727

Square Crow Information Packets and applications are NOW AVAILABLE.

# **Heritage Festival**

**With Art & Crafts & Antiques**

**September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**9AM til 4PM**

**On the Historic Court Square in**

**Covington, Tennessee**

Join us for a fun filled day of live music, performances, heritage displays, arts & crafts, antiques, children's activities, and more! Free Admission and free parking for this family friendly event!

Heritage Festival presented by the Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Covington.

For more information call 901-476-9727

FIRST ANNUAL  
GOLF TOURNAMENT



SEPTEMBER  
★ 29 ★  
1:00 PM

★ COVINGTON  
★ COUNTRY  
★ CLUB

The first annual Tipton Christian Academy golf tournament will be held Thursday, September 29th at 1pm at the Covington Country Club. All proceeds benefit the TCA Athletic Fund. Deadline for entry is September 15th. For more information and to register, contact Kendra Parr at 901-475-4990.

- 4-man scramble
- \$300 entry fee per team
- 2 flights
- 3 winners per flight
- Hole in One cash prize

[WWW.TIPTONCHRISTIANACADEMY.COM](http://WWW.TIPTONCHRISTIANACADEMY.COM)



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF THE HATCHIE RIVER  
REGION

Invites you to our Inaugural

# Steak & Burger Event



**THE HOME OF SAM & GWINN STITT**

6545 Mt. Carmel Rd.

Covington, TN 38019

**Thursday October 6, 2016**

**6:30 in the evening**

We invite you to an extraordinary evening, where the Boys & Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region will carry on one of the longest standing and most time-honored traditions of Boys & Girls Clubs across the nation- The Steak & Burger event.

This event is truly special and is one you don't want to miss. Members of our Club will be treated to elegant dining, where they will display their etiquette lessons, enjoy steak and interact with their supportive guests. Sorry supporters, you'll be treated to burgers.... However- for the right price, you just MIGHT be able to bid for a Club member's steak- which is one way they can help their Club!

You will also experience first-hand the amazing potential the Youth of our Club are realizing, as we will reveal- for the first time- our very own Youth of the Year. This is a very special milestone our Club has reached, as our finalists have now met the requirements to go on to the State, Regional and hopefully National competitions. Join us, hear from our finalists, and take part as our Community selects and reveals our Nomination.

*Adults 21+ are invited to purchase an upgrade ticket for indoor access to the Home in a Pre-Event Social starting at 5:00 in the evening*

**Please see attached for sponsorship and ticket level options**

**PLEASE RESPOND NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 19, 2016!!!**



**Please mail response to Board Member at The Boys & Girls Club: P.O. Box 384 Covington, TN 38019  
STEAK & BURGERS FUNDRAISER – OCTOBER 6, 2016**

Name: (Individual, company, or organization): \_\_\_\_\_  
Email or Phone so we can get your logos, tickets to you, etc:  
(Please text us if you aren't going to use all of your tickets so we can distribute as donations): 901-413-1180

**VIP Tables-** Special seating, fine dining experience with waiter service, fine tableware, etiquette tips from Boys & Girls Club members, at least 2 Award winning Club members at your table, Access to VIP Pre-event social inside the Stitt home (Social is 21+ only)

\*Non-VIP tables: self service with higher level tables called in order for food line

\*"Donation tickets" will be standard event tickets for family of Boys & Girls Club members, volunteers, Club employees,  
etc. (Board will oversee distribution/eligibility)

**VIP Platinum Sponsor: \$1500 + CHECK HERE:** \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 VIP table: 6 VIP tickets (Includes VIP perks, waiter service, access to Pre-event Social inside home for 21+)
- 2 VIP sponsorships for nominated Boys & Girls Club members
- 2 Club members at your table
- 1 vote for table towards Youth of the Year
- 2 standard donation tickets with your logo
- Banner & Road sign at event
- Company logo on table and name announced by Boys & Girls Club members

**Silver Sponsorship: \$750+ CHECK HERE:** \_\_\_\_\_

- 8 Silver level seating tickets
- 3 tickets to Pre-event social (21+)
- Preferred seating
- Banner at event
- Company logo on table and name announced by Boys & Girls Club members at the event

**Standard Table: \$500+ CHECK HERE:** \_\_\_\_\_

- 6 Standard level seating tickets
- 2 tickets to pre-event social
- Banner at event
- Company logo on table and name announced by Boys & Girls Club members at the event

**Gold Sponsorship: \$1000+ CHECK HERE:** \_\_\_\_\_

- 6 Gold level seating tickets & Access to indoor Pre-event Social (21+)
- Preferred seating & first called to food line
- 2 Boys & Girls Club members at your table
- 2 standard donation tickets with your logo
- Banner & Road Sign at Event
- Company logo on table and name announced by Boys & Girls Club members

**Sponsor Only: \$225: CHECK HERE:** \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 VIP tickets or 4 standard/4 social tickets (circle choice above)
- Name recognized as donor
- 1 standard event sponsorship for a Club Employee, Volunteer, or Family member

**INDIVIDUAL TICKETS:**

**\$100: VIP TICKETS #** \_\_\_\_\_

*Includes VIP Perks, VIP seating, Access to pre-event Social (21+), 1 standard donation ticket*

**\$15:** I want to sponsor a Club member, Employee, or Club Volunteer to the event **#** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$30** Standard event ticket **#** \_\_\_\_\_

## What's Happening at the Museum?



The FALL GARDENING SERIES is coming  
EVERY SATURDAY IN OCTOBER from 10 to 11:30  
a.m. to the TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM in Covington!!!

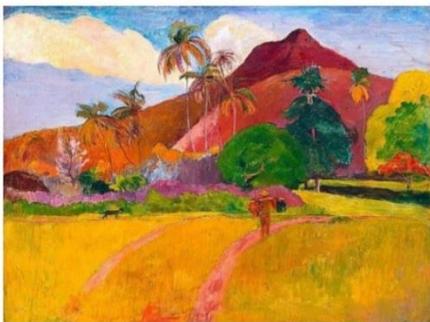
- Oct. 1     "A Brief History of Public American Gardens" by Dominique  
Bellott, Garden Historian
- Oct. 8     "Healthy Plant Plus Healthy Soil Grows Healthy Food" by Carl Wayne  
Hardeman, Master Gardener and founder of the Collierville Victory Garden
- Oct. 15    "Insect Pests of Ornamental Plants" by Chris Cooper, U.T. Extension  
Horticulture Agent and Host of The Family Plot: Gardening of the Mid-  
South on WKNO
- Oct. 22    "Garden Preparation" with Tom Mashour, Master Gardener & WKNO  
Contributor
- Oct. 29    "A Personal Perspective of Private American Gardens" by Dominique Bellott,  
Garden Historian (Bring pass-along plants to share.)

Admission is FREE to Museum Members and \$5.00 General Public.

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

751 Bert Johnston Ave. Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center  
Presents

## Artist Series for Kids:

# Paul Gauguin

Tipton County Museum Director and Art Teacher Barrie Foster will introduce Paul Gauguin, a famous artist, to your children! The children will learn where he was born and raised, and that he did not start out to become an artist. They will then paint "Tahitian Landscape" in chalk pastels. All materials will be furnished, and no previous art experience is necessary. A snack will be provided. A sibling discount is available. Please call to register. Ages 10 and up.

**When:** Saturday, November 5, 2016 10 a.m. until noon

**Where:** Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington

**Fee:** \$20 Museum Members, \$25 General Public

Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center  
751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington, TN 38019  
(901) 476-0242



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center  
Presents

## "A Day of van Gogh"

Museum Director and Art Teacher Barrie Foster will lecture on the Art & Life of Vincent van Gogh at 10 a.m., then at 1 p.m. lead you in an exciting afternoon of painting "Starry Night" in Oil Pastels on a 16 X 20 inch canvas! No previous art experience necessary, and all supplies will be furnished. Please call (901) 476-0242 to register for the art class.

**What:** Lecture & Art Class

**When:** Saturday, November 12, 2016

Lecture at 10 a.m., Art Class at 1 p.m.

**Where:** Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington TN

**Fee:** Lecture: Free to Members, \$5 General Public

Art Class: \$35 Museum Members, \$40 General Public

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The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial &

Nature Center Presents

## THE ST. JOHN'S BIBLE

### *Illuminating the Word*

**What:** Lecture and Photographs

**When:** Saturday, November 19, 2016 , 10—11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019

**Fee:** FREE to Museum Members, \$5 General Public

Artist in Residence Peggy Kunkel will be lecturing on the first hand-illuminated bible to be commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in over 500 years, which took almost 15 years to complete! There will be plenty of time for questions and answers. Light refreshments will be served, and everyone is welcome.

Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019

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**The Tipton County Veterans Council and the Tipton County Museum, Veterans  
Memorial and Nature Center  
Veteran of the Month for September, 2016**

## **Henry Leslie Billings**

Leslie Billings was born on May 22, 1947 in Tipton County and grew up in Atoka. A graduate of Munford High School, he was drafted into the U.S. Army on December 1, 1966. After Basic Combat Training at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky; Advanced Infantry Training at Ft. Ord, California; and Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Georgia; he attended Heavy Mortar and Davy Crockett School at Ft. Benning followed by Jungle Survival School at Ft. Sherman, Panama. His first tour of duty in Vietnam included an assignment as Weapons Platoon Leader in the 199<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade, C Company of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry. During this tour, Leslie was wounded by a ground mine (now called an IED) in the Parrots Beak area along the Cambodian Border. In December of 1969, he returned to Ft. Campbell. After 9 months as a Basic Training Company Commander then 12 weeks at Vietnamese Language School, he found himself starting 1971 on his second tour of duty in Vietnam – this time as the Senior Advisor to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 10<sup>th</sup> Regt. 7<sup>th</sup> ARVN Div. He was assigned to work with the Vietnamese Battalion Commander, whom he shadowed for about 10 months. Although living conditions were often difficult, he quickly learned to eat what the locals ate - chicken, boiled duck, fermented fish, and various edible weeds – and to obtain fresh water from coconut milk and to steal water from cisterns.

After his second tour in Vietnam, Leslie spent 9 months in the Officer Advanced Course for Senior Captains at Ft. Benning before being assigned to Ft. Gordon, Georgia as the Assistant S4 for the Military Police Brigade. He was rifted 10 months later and transferred to the Army Reserves. In September 1973 he joined the Army Reserves in Memphis. He worked various civilian jobs until his employment with DuPont, which lasted from September 1976 to May 31, 2005.

Leslie is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Military Order of the Purple Heart. He is a regular volunteer at the Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial, and Nature Center and for the past two years has been the featured soloist at the annual Tipton County Veterans Council Memorial Day Service honoring our fallen Veterans. More kind-hearted than his often gruff demeanor betrays, Leslie is a tireless advocate for timely and accurate Veterans healthcare. He has spent many hours and tanks of gasoline transporting Veterans to and from doctors' appointments and helping ensure they filed their compensation claims.

He met his wife Melanie, a cheerleader at the time, at a ball game. They were married on January 23, 1970, between tours of duty in Vietnam. They have one daughter, Wendi, who is married to Roger Allan and one grandson, Kade. They are members of Bethel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Atoka. Leslie was nominated by fellow Vietnam Veteran, H.T. Ray.

**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)

# 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 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