



Baptist Tipton Earns Prestigious Quality Award



Dr. Kenneth Afenya and Dr. Mark Swanson, along with some of the staff at Baptist Memorial Hospital Tipton, accept merit award for top performance.

Premier, Inc. recently recognized Baptist Memorial Hospital-Tipton as one of 38 recipients of the QUEST® Citation of Merit Award for top performance in areas measured by Premier's QUEST collaborative. The hospital was selected from a pool of approximately 350 QUEST hospitals nationwide.

Those areas measured include cost and efficiency, inpatient and outpatient evidence-based care, mortality, safety, patient experience and appropriate hospital use. This is the second time in three years the hospital has earned the distinction from Premier, according to CEO and administrator Sam Lynd. Lynd cited the award as a testament to the hard work and heartfelt care the staff at Baptist Tipton deliver every day, and stated, "I am so proud of this team and their desire to provide good care for the community. The recognition from Premier is evidence of the good outcomes the staff strives to achieve for every patient, every time."

QUEST is a performance improvement collaborative of approximately 350 hospitals working to make health care safer, more efficient and consistently effective.

Premier Inc, is a leading health care improvement company, uniting an alliance of approximately 3,400 U.S. hospitals and 110,000 other providers to transform health care. A Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recipient, Premier plays a critical role in the rapidly evolving health care industry, collaborating with members to co-develop long-term innovations that reinvent and improve the way care is delivered to patients nationwide.

Built in 1964, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Tipton is an award-winning 100-bed hospital which joined the Baptist Memorial Health Care system in 1981. The hospital offers a wide variety of services with top physicians and the latest technology.

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](#)



Family and friends gathered at the Tipton County Veteran’s Museum in Covington Tuesday night to honor October Veteran of the Month Warren Richard (Rick) Willers for his service and dedication to our country.

Mr. Willers is pictured here with Museum Director Barrie Foster and Kathy Desjarlias, Chairman of the Tipton County Veteran’s Council. Willers was drafted during his junior year in college in 1969 into the US Army. After Artillery Ballistic Meteorology School in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he went to South Vietnam where he served for 9 months with the 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery. Upon discharge, he served in the Alabama National Guard, then joined the US Navy in 1973. After training as an Aviation Electronics Technician, his duty stations included the USS John F. Kennedy, the USS America, and the USS Nassau. While on The Nassau, he spent eight months off the coast of Kuwait. Scroll down to read more about this distinguished veteran.



The regular monthly meeting of the Public Works Committee was held at Covington City Hall October 4, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Alderman Wayne “Mac” McGowan precisely at 1:00 pm

Public Works Director David Gray recently met with representatives from Tennergy, which is currently our natural gas supplier. Tennergy will no longer be in the business of supplying natural gas and will keep us as a customer until April of 2017. Therefore, the City is in need of a new natural gas supplier. He gathered information from other utilities and was given the names of two different suppliers, Atmos Energy and BP. Director Gray presented the committee with an Asset Management and Supply Agreement from Atmos Energy. Zach Littrell, representative of Atmos Energy, gave a brief summary of this proposal and was available for questioning.

A motion was made by Mayor Justin Hanson to take the proposal from Atmos Energy under advisement. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Minnie Bommer. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Bommer requested that Director Gray obtain a proposal from BP as well.

Director David Gray gave an update on the Waste Water Treatment Plant. He then informed the Committee that work will begin on Monday, October 10th to replace a culvert on South College just south of Delfield Drive.

A motion was made by Alderman Timberlake to approve Director Gray’s report as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Bommer. Motion passed.

The September 2016 Code Enforcement / Animal Control report was presented for approval.

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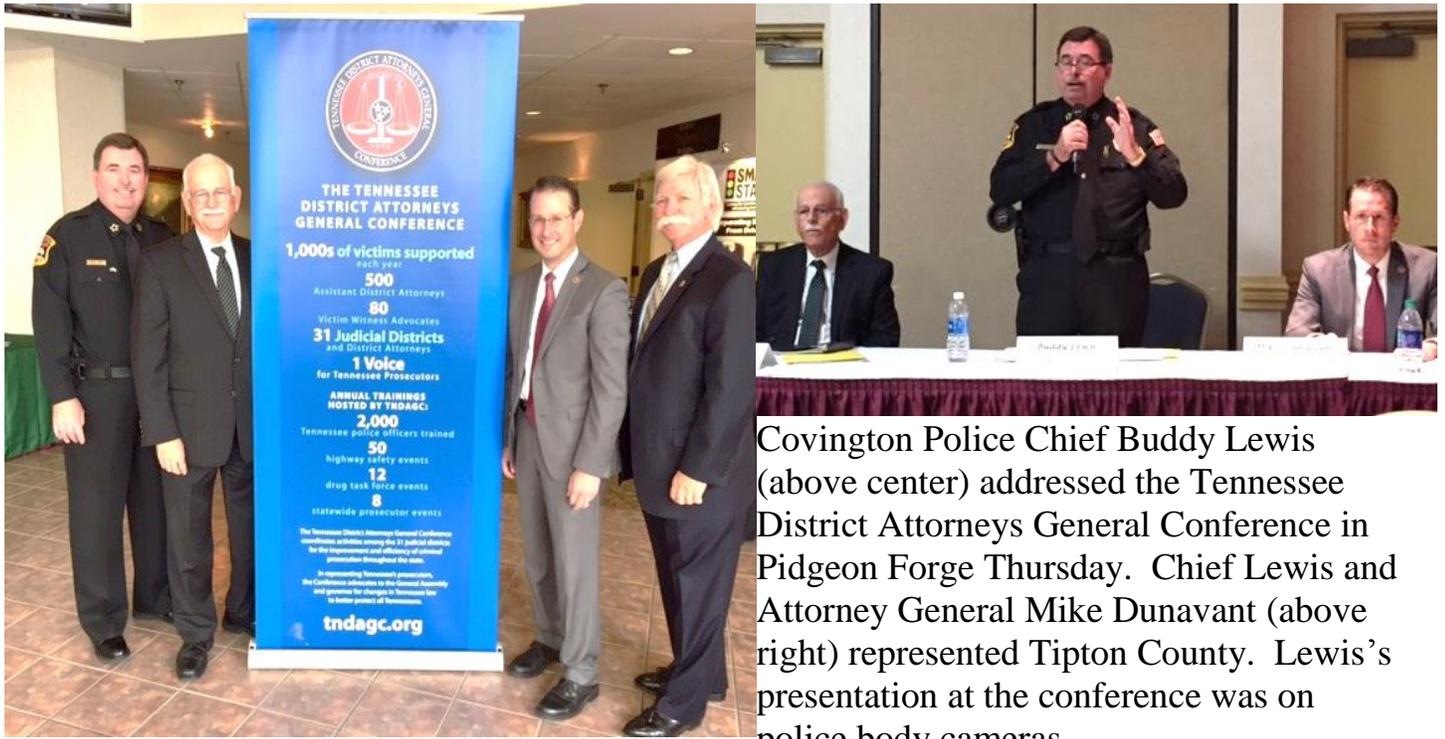
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Official minutes for this and all City meetings can be accessed online or at Covington City Hall.



Covington High School FFA headed to State Finals at Tennessee Tech University

On September 27, the Covington High School FFA Soil Judging Team went to Lexington High School to compete in the West Tennessee Soils Invitational Contest, where the chapter won **1st place** out of 39 teams. On October 4th, the team competed in the West Tennessee Soils Contest at Ames Plantation in Grand Junction, Tennessee. The chapter won **1st place** in the 4H contest out of 32 teams, with **Steven Sartain** leading *a//* students in the contest with a 348, and **John Travis Turner** being the 2nd high individual in the contest with a 346. Other team members on the Tipton County 4H team include **Kenneth Parr, Alex Daniel, Corbin Coughlan, and Tyler Duffin**. On the FFA side, the chapter was **3rd in the region** out of 27 teams and will be advancing to the state finals. **Catherine Turner** led the group with a 331 out of 400. Other team members are **Nathan Oliver, Will Turner, and Ryan Wick**. Both teams will move on to the state finals in Cookeville, Tennessee at Tennessee Tech University, with the opportunity of both teams earning a chance to compete in Oklahoma at the National Finals. Soil judging involves students determine the texture, rooting depth, soil erosion, available water holding capacity of the soil, drainage, slope, crop yields, land capability classes, and have to recommend farming practices to the different types of soils.



Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis (above center) addressed the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference in Pidgeon Forge Thursday. Chief Lewis and Attorney General Mike Dunavant (above right) represented Tipton County. Lewis’s presentation at the conference was on police body cameras.



Management staff at the Covington Unilever facility welcomed Tennessee Congress nominee David Kustoff and Tennessee Representative Debra Moody to the plant Friday. Kustoff is traveling throughout the 8th congressional district on a “Jobs Tour”. The Unilever facility in Covington is a super-scale factory-within-a-factory whose vision is to become the largest, most efficient producer of ice cream in the world. This facility makes Breyer’s Ice Cream, Klondike Bars, and many novelty items, including Popsicle and Good Humor products.



United States Department of Agriculture

Rural Development



INVITES YOU TO...

5:00

Third THURSDAY

At the Chamber Center on the Square

*Community
Business
After Hours*

October 20, 2016

Mix ♦ Mingle ♦ Learn ♦ Share ♦ Network

What is *Third* THURSDAY?

A County-Wide mixer held on the "Third Thursday" of every month;
Open to ALL- THANKS to our "Sponsor of the Month" & the Covington-Tipton County Chamber.

WHO should attend?

Anyone who lives, works, visits, or is interested in ANY aspect of Tipton County!

- Community Members: Unwind, Relax, and enjoy the FREE hors d'oeuvres and beverages; Learn about and engage in some of the exciting things going on in our County!
- Businesses: Share business cards, Network, Make announcements; Check out our local Chambers; Get updates on growth in the County & info on local resources (i.e. Free resource info. for small businesses)!
- Non-Profits/Organizations/Schools/Churches/Civic Clubs: Make Announcements and Promote upcoming events!! Drive interest or involvement in your Organization. Bring Flyers and add them to the Community table; bring tickets for events!
- Students/Parents: Get information & volunteer opportunities for TN Promise; Get info. on local programs, colleges/career/learning centers, resources available to you, TN Reconnect, etc. Meet local business leaders, gain insight to potential local opportunities, etc.
- Elected Officials and Candidates: A great outlet to mingle with constituents in a relaxed, fun atmosphere and share news about upcoming events/news in your District.

Please come and join us for the Third Thursday Community Business After-Hours held each month at the Covington Chamber Center and sponsored in October by USDA Rural Development. State Director Bobby Goode will be announcing two awards to the City of Covington for their Fire Station and Sidewalk improvements in the downtown area. Everybody is welcome – food and drinks are served!

Dates to Remember...

- October 14 – Harvest Dance – 7:00 – 9:00. Commission on Aging – 401 S. College Street, Covington.
- October 13-15 – BOOK SALE at the Tipton County Library. Scroll down for more information.
- October 14 – Party with the Pollinators in the herb garden at the Covington-Tipton County Veteran’s Museum and Nature Trail - 5:30 pm. The event is sponsored by the Tipton County Master Gardeners and the museum. It is free and open to the public.
- October 15 – “Insect Pests of Ornamental Plants” lecture by Chris Cooper of the University of Tennessee Extension Office. 10:00 – 11:30 at the Tipton County Museum. This is part of the Fall Gardening Series – scroll down for more information.
- October 15 – Amber McCain Band at Brighton’s October Fest. Scroll down for more information.
- October 18 – Coffee with the Mayor at Coffee in the Attic on the Square in Covington. 7:30 – 9:00
- October 20 – Third Thursday – Chamber Center on the Square – 5:00 pm – food and drinks!
- October 21 – Celebrity Waiters’ Luncheon at The Chamber Center on the Square – A benefit for Carl Perkins Center – scroll down for more information!
- October 22 – Small Town Trio at Brighton’s October Fest. Scroll down for more information.
- October 25 – Yoga in the Garden –Tipton County Veteran’s Museum – noon-1:00 pm. Free! Scroll down for details or call 901-476-0242
- October 27 - Parks and Recreation Citizen Advisory Council meeting – 6:00 pm – Covington City Hall
- October 27 – Museum Merchant Gala – Meet local artists – 6:00 – 8:00 – Tipton County Veteran’s Museum – Covington - free and open to the public



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](#)

[Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region](#)

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

* 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
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HARVEST DANCE

October 14, 2016

7:00 p. m.

\$7.00 per ticket to

9:00 p. m.

at the

Tipton County Commission on Aging
401 S. College St.
Covington, TN 38019

Live Entertainment
Double D Band

with Duane Cleveland & Matt Bradley
Special Guest Tommy Cheairs

Amanda's Way

3rd Annual



Cruisin' Against Bruisin'

October 15, 2016

Brighton High School

8045 HWY 51 South

Brighton, TN 38011

Registration 8:00-9:30 Award Ceremony 2:00

Cars, Trucks, & Bikes of all makes and models welcome!
Music, BBQ, Silent Auction, 50/50 Drawing, Inflatables,
Vendors and Much More!

Come out and Support **Amanda's Way** in our
Stand Against Domestic Violence in Tipton County!

Got Questions? Call Christie at 901-214-5471

FALL into some great books

at the

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

OCT 13-15

**Tipton County Public Library
DSCC Covington Campus**

MEMBERS PREVIEW NIGHT:

Thursday 4-7pm

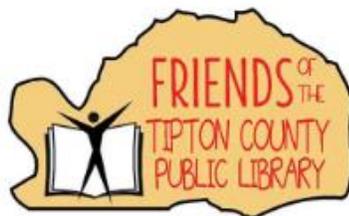
(memberships available at the door)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Friday 10am to 4pm

Saturday 10am to 2pm

**Your purchase helps the Friends of the Library fund
valuable reading programs at the Library!**



Town of Brighton

Presents...

October Fest

October 1st 6pm-9pm

Erin Solang and Natalia Yarbro



October 8th 6pm-9pm



Gospel Night

October 15th 6-9pm

October 22nd 6-9pm



October 29th 6-9pm



Games, Candy,

Boucey House, Hot Dogs,

Drinks

Free Admission!

Bring your own chair and blankets

No Outside Food or Drink

Concessions Available



OCT. 3-28 BREASTSTROKE FOR HOPE

Swim-a-Thon

Help us raise funds to support the fight against Breast Cancer. Sponsor a swimmer or order a shirt. Shirts are \$20.00. All proceeds go to Tipton County Relay for Life. For more information on registration, ways to donate, or order a shirt, please contact the Covington Aquatic Center.



SPONSOR A
SWIMMER

ORDER A SHIRT!

DONATE TO RELAY
FOR LIFE

HOPE SWIMS HERE!!

HOW MANY CAN
YOU SWIM?

COVINGTON AQUATIC CENTER

750 Bert Johnston Ave.
Covington, TN 38019
(901) 476-9178

[Facebook.com/covingtonaquatics](https://www.facebook.com/covingtonaquatics)



Mix • Mingle • Learn • Share • Network

mark your calendar...



Business After Hours

Where our community is our business

October 20, 2016

5PM

The Chamber Center

This month's sponsor

Harriet Cannon

Assistant to State Director/Administrative Program Director

At United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development



Celebrity Waiters' Luncheon



October 21, 2016
The Chamber Center
On the Square in Covington
12:00 noon

To Benefit the Exchange Club-Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse

Reserve a Table of 8 for \$200

Number of tables ____ (\$200 each) Additional seats ____ (\$25 each) Donation Only \$ ____

Amount enclosed _____

Reservation Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (including area code) _____ E-Mail _____

Deadline: October 14, 2016

Please make checks payable to:

Carl Perkins Center
707 South Main Street
Covington, TN 38019
For information call: 901-476-1515



TIPTON COUNTY
M·U·S·E·U·M
VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER

YOGA IN THE GARDEN

Come enjoy a **FREE** Yoga class
surrounded by the majestic beauty of
the Garden @ the Tipton County Museum
(weather permitting)



12-1PM October 25, 2016
TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM
751 Bert Johnston Ave.
Covington TN 38019



No Sitter? No Problem. Bring the kids.
We will also be hosting a kids art class
(ages 3 +) from 12:00-1:00 @ the museum

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON YOGA IN THE
GARDEN AND THE CHILDREN'S ART CLASS,
PLEASE CALL THE MUSEUM AT 901-476-0242

The Exchange Club of Tipton County
Presents

"FIELD OF FLAGS"

November 1st - November 14th

A MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY OF AMERICAN FLAGS WITH EACH FLAG REPRESENTING THE LIFE OF A HERO

Flags will be properly folded after the event and will be yours to keep.
PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THE FLAG FROM THE DISPLAY SITE.
You will be notified of when and where to pick up your flag.

Number of flags _____ (\$25.00 each - ONE name per flag) Donation Only \$ _____

Amount enclosed _____

Name of Sponsor/s _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (including area code) _____ E-Mail _____

I would like my flag to be displayed at: (CIRCLE ONE CITY OR SCHOOL)

CITY: Atoka Brighton Covington Munford

COLLEGE: DSCC TCAT

SCHOOL: Atoka Elem Austin Peay BES BMS BHS TCA TRA
 CES CMS CHS CIAA DES MES MMS MHS

ONLY ONE NAME PER FLAG

(CIRCLE ONE) DEDICATED TO (PLEASE PRINT)

Memory/Honor _____

Memory/Honor _____

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Memory/Honor _____

Memory/Honor _____

Memory/Honor _____

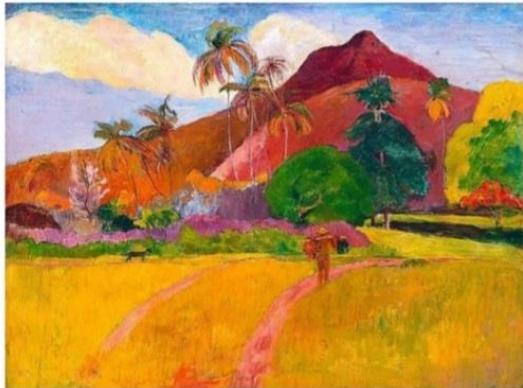
Deadline: October 21, 2016
Please make checks Payable to:
Carl Perkins Center
707 South Main Street
Covington, TN 38019
For information call: 901-476-1515

To Benefit the Exchange Club – Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse

What's Happening at the Museum?



The Master Gardener's put finishing touches on the herb garden in preparation for the Party with the Pollinators event scheduled at the Museum Friday at 5:30. This event is free and open to the public.



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

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242



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

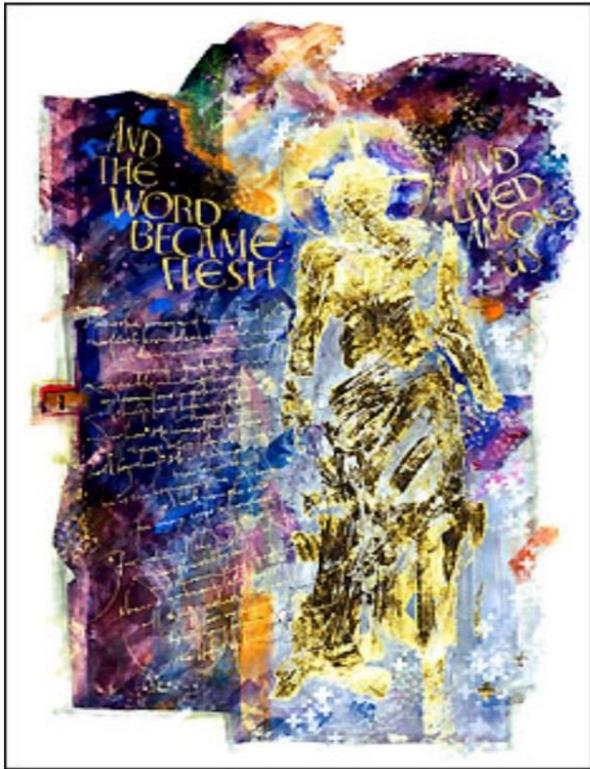
- Oct. 1 “A Brief History of Public American Gardens” by Dominique
 Bellott, Garden Historian
- Oct. 8 “Healthy Plant Plus Healthy Soil Grows Healthy Food” by Carl Wayne
 Hardeman, Master Gardener and founder of the Collierville Victory Garden
- Oct. 15 “Insect Pests of Ornamental Plants” by Chris Cooper, 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

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

(901) 476-0242

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



**Veteran of the Month for October, 2016
Warren Richard Willers**

Warren Richard “Rick” Willers was born on November 12, 1948, in Pensacola, Florida. After his 1966 graduation from Demopolis High School in Alabama, he attended Livingston College (now the University of West Alabama). During his junior year in 1969, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. After Artillery Ballistic Meteorology School in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he was off to South Vietnam, where he served for nine months with the 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery. Upon discharge, he served in the Alabama National Guard, then joined the U.S. Navy in 1973. After training as an Aviation Electronics Technician, his duty stations included the USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67), the USS America (CV-66), and the USS Nassau (LHA-4). He also served as an Electronics Instructor in various places, including Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Millington, Tennessee.

While on board the USS Nassau, he spent eight months and three days off the coast of Kuwait during the first Gulf War. In addition to earning his Air Crew Wings, he was also awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Expeditionary Medal (two awards), National Defense Service Medal (two awards), Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Southwest Asia Campaign Medal with two bronze stars, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal (four awards), Navy “E” Ribbon, Combat Action Ribbon, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (three awards).

After his retirement from the Navy in 1993, he and his late wife Patricia moved to Tipton County. He worked in the private sector for three years before accepting a civilian position on board Naval Support Activity Mid-South in Millington to help close down antiquated facilities. Once that was completed, he worked at Northside Laundry for six years. He is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and attends church at First United Methodist Church in Millington. Rick was nominated for Veteran of the Month by his friend Joyce Geneva Travis.

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