

City of Covington Newsletter
Highlights from the Week*
January 07 – January 14

The regular monthly meeting of the General Welfare and Public Relations Committee met at Covington City Hall Tuesday with the following people present: Chairman Alderman Drew Glass, Alderman Jere Hadley, Mayor Justin Hanson, Senior Accountant Kristin Mathis, Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack, Museum Director Barrie Foster, Alderman John Edwards, Mayor's Assistant Sara Gangaware, Margaret Fleming, Rosemary Hadley, and Echo Day.

Covington Municipal Airport Director Robin Anderson was sick and did not attend, therefore there is no report from the airport.

Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack showed a PowerPoint presentation and gave his report along with the outline projected on the screen. He distributed a handout and went through it with committee members showing the capabilities of tracking software that stores data indefinitely. He has found another company that has software with basically the same capabilities, and is working with both for pricing. Having this kind of software not only creates a detailed database for the Parks and Recreation Department, but will also allow the general public access so they can see when playgrounds were inspected, who inspected them, and what the findings were, if any. Director Mack believes having tracking and data collecting capabilities such as this will have great benefits for the City.

Director Mack stated he is in the process of having playground certified staff members. He also reported to the committee they have received an invitation to apply for a grant through the Michael Phelps Foundation. This foundation is geared to support swimming lessons and aquatic participation for children who do not know how to swim. The 8-10 week program includes water safety, recreational aquatics, structured and organized swimming, health & wellness, and goal setting. This grant will be in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region in Covington.

Mr. Mack has started adopt-a-park program for our local parks. Several parks have been adopted and he reported that the latest adoption is Shelton Park by The Covington Rotary Club.

Youth sports programs are getting organized and ready for spring. Basketball will start this weekend at the Covington Sportsplex. There will be a baseball camp in March, and spring soccer and flag football signups are online. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) To get more information, please call 901-476-3734.

There have been some recent concerns about water temperature at the pool – extremely cold temperatures outside do impact our ability to keep the pool warm. Director Mack has been in phone conversations with heating manufacturer/provider for both heating the water and heating the air inside the structure. He has learned that the water heat pump is designed to heat the pool 6 degrees per 24 hour period. Mack reported his staff is trying to keep the air temp up to help with water temperature. Mayor Hanson stated it has been unusually cold lately and this creates a special challenge to keeping the water warm. Hanson also suggested monitoring temperature and closing facility if water temperature is not appropriate. Director Mack stated there are challenges with the current structure and said this committee can expect some costs to fix those things down the road. He has had several conversations with the manufacturers of both the room air heaters and the water heaters and anticipates having to replace both. The committee discussed a connection from concession stand and pool area. It is our understanding we cannot connect the new structure to concession stand (old structure) without updating current facility to meet ADA standards. Any plans for that building must include those updates.

There is a groundskeeper position open in Parks and recreation Department and the job posting will be forthcoming. Barrie Foster asked about minimum age requirement for this position and Mr. Mack stated it is 18.

Alderman Edwards asked about background check for this position, and there is a background check and drug testing.

Chairman Glass asked we keep Park and Rec needs in mind as we develop future budgets, as obviously, Director Mack will most likely need to replace several existing structures at the pool. Motion was made by Glass to accept Director Mack's report and seconded by Alderman Hadley. Motion passed.

Museum Director Barrie Foster reported there is a reception and program for the January Veteran of the Month tonight at the Museum. This month's honoree is Jesse Hill Sr. He served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946 as a construction machine operator, and he saw service in New Guinea and Luzon, Philippines. During his military career he was awarded the World War II Victory Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal Ribbon with Two Bronze Service Stars, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with Bronze Star.

Foster also stated there is a new exhibit at the museum titled **Our Rich Heritage** and it features the artifacts and memorabilia of Ms. Hattye Yarbrough. There will be a gardening series on Saturdays in February and Director Foster will teach a water color art class on Tuesdays from 6:00 – 8:00 starting January 31st. Director Foster has created a YouTube account for the museum and has started posting informational videos about Tipton County. They will include museum events as well as other items of interest throughout the county. For more information, please call 901-476-0242.

Motion to accept Foster's report was made by Alderman Drew Glass and seconded by Alderman Jere Hadley. Motion Passed.

Covington Fire Department swears in Three new Firefighters



After serving the Covington Fire Department as volunteers for six years, three new firefighters were sworn in Tuesday night at the Board of Mayor and Alderman Meeting at Covington City Hall. Above left, Matt Gardiner, Lee Hadley, and Cody Faulk were sworn in by CFD Chief Michael Naifeh and Assistant Chief Richard Griggs. Mayor Justin Hanson welcomed the new employees (R). This is the first increase in shift staffing since July, 1996.



Covington Aquatic Center Director Liz Stambaugh and Mayor Justin Hanson are excited for the pool to receive a timing clock from Tipton Christian Academy. TCA Principal Lisa Blalack presented the clock on behalf of the school. The timer will be used by the swim team, and also by individuals who are swimming laps or participating in other water activities. This particular clock will allow swimmers to start 4 different sets of skills 15 seconds apart. It will also enable us to interval train our participants, working toward increasing their time.

Dear Colleague:

Tipton County is embarking on a journey to make our residents healthier by becoming the newest Healthier TN Community. Healthier TN is an initiative from the Governor's Foundation for Health & Wellness that strives to enable and encourage all Tennesseans to become more physically active, eat healthier, and reduce tobacco use across the state. Team Tipton, a coalition of Tipton County's local governments, organizations, and citizens, is heading up this drive to live healthier.

I share this information with you in order to make a request – will you join us in improving the health of Tipton County by becoming a Healthier TN Workplace, Organization, or Place of Worship? The process to register is quite simple, you visit www.healthiertn.com and then choose “Small Starts for Workplaces” if you are registering a business or organization, or choose “Small Starts for Places of Worship” if you are registering a faith-based organization. After registration, you will be presented with multiple, easy-to-implement options for becoming a recognized member of Healthier TN.

For your employees and organization members, there are also Small Start options for individuals and families, all located at the same website as above. After they register, they can track their progress with the free Streaks for Small Starts app for mobile devices. It makes healthy habits easy to track!

Team Tipton is also hosting community-wide events in 2017, beginning with a “Walk Across Tipton”. During every month of 2017, we will be highlighting different areas of Tipton County via a 10:00 am group walk on Fridays in various communities. The first half of 2017, we will travel through Tipton as follows:

January 27 – Garland Community Center (inside)

February 24 – Cobb-Parr Park in Covington

March 24 – Choose between Atoka Greenway or Brighton Park

April 28 – Mason

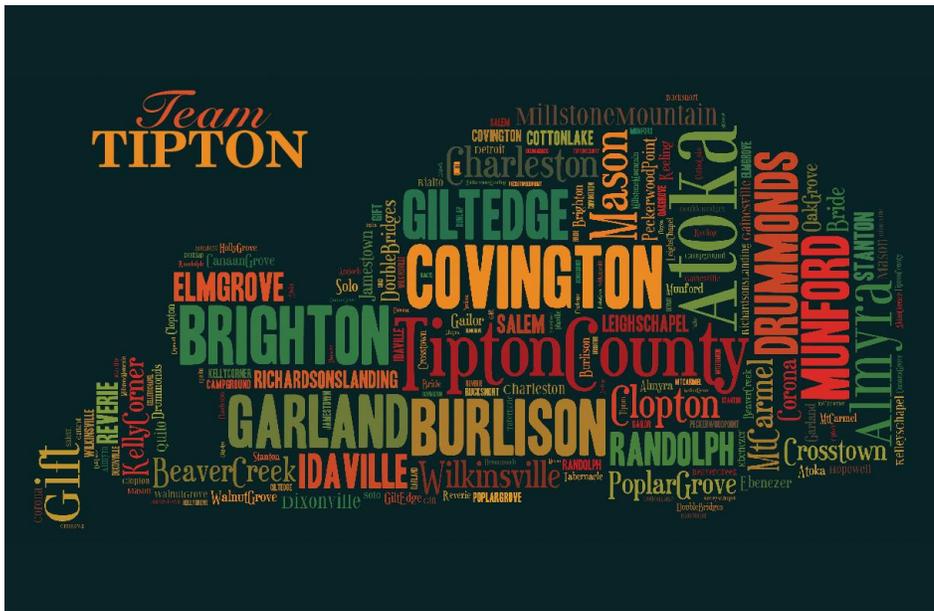
May 26 – Drummonds Park

June 23 – Charleston Cemetery

I invite you to contact me if you have any questions or would like for a Team Tipton member to visit to discuss the HTN initiative. I can be reached at 476-0235, or at Matt.McDaniel@TN.Gov. I look forward to improving Tipton County with you!

Sincerely,

Matt McDaniel
Director, Tipton Co. Health Dept.



- January 27 – Garland Community Center (inside) – 10:00 am
 - February 24 – Cobb-Parr Park in Covington – 10:00 am
 - March 24 – Choose between Atoka Greenway or Brighton Park 10:00 am
 - April 28 – Mason – 10:00 am
 - May 26 – Drummonds Park – 10:00 am
 - June 23 – Charleston Cemetery – 10:00 am
- We will update this section with more information and details as we get them.

When Mayor Justin Hanson, Executive Jeff Huffman, members of their staff, aldermen and commissioners attended the 2016 Governor’s Conference back in October, they discovered the theme was “Team Tennessee.” Throughout the conference, they heard the team concept and also learned more about the Healthier Tennessee initiative. This inspired them to create Team Tipton that will focus on health and well-being right here at home. Team Tipton was further developed in Mayor Hanson’s office with the idea of walking “across” Tipton County. All Tipton Countians are welcome to join in these walks with a focus on getting out, moving more, and improving our health. Join us at the locations listed left and get a taste of all corners of T-County!



It was reported in the December 18-24 newsletter that Alderman C.H. Sullivan voted to have the two city-owned buildings adjacent to the Covington Municipal Center (former Baptist Church) appraised. It should have read *McGowan and Edwards voted to have an appraisal done, and Sullivan, Glass, and Hanson voted no. Mayor Hanson made a motion to table the discussion until the January F & A meeting allowing committee members time to tour the facility. That motion passed unanimously.*



Sugaright (subsidiary of CSC Sugar) is growing and looking to hire a few good folks for entry level Tech positions! In 2017, we will install equipment that will enable us to appeal to a broader range of potential Customers. We need more reliable and flexible folks that want to be part of a small Team in a fast moving and entrepreneurial company. Previous manufacturing experience desired and willingness to work off shifts and occasional weekends is a must. If interested, please send resumes to dmatthews@cscsugar.com.

Join us for a Safety Seminar with Ron Childers

What if you had to leave your home in 30 seconds? What would you take with you? What if you couldn't return to your home for at least 36 hours? What would you need? This is something that most people have never thought about until it's too late.



Ron Childers of WMC Action News 5 will show you how to assemble a simple backpack that will have everything you need to survive in the event of a disaster or emergency evacuation. It's something every member of your family needs. Disaster can happen at any moment and the time to prepare is now. Find out how to put together a survival kit that could ultimately save your life and get you through a disaster.

Make plans to attend this FREE community seminar at the Covington Fire Department's North Station - 101 Tennessee Avenue right behind Kroger.

FREE SAFETY SEMINAR

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 - 5:00 pm

COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT - 101 TENNESSEE AVE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 901-476-2578

Dates to Remember...

- January 15 – ERACISM – Celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mayor Justin Hanson – Emcee. Ripley High School – Ripley Tennessee – 4:00. Scroll down for more info.
- January 17 – Safety Seminar at North Fire Department with Ron Childers. FREE! 5:00 pm
- January 19 – Third Thursday at The Chamber Center – meet the NEW Covington-Tipton County Chamber Director *and* Assistant Director. There will be food and drink! 5:30
- January 21 – FREE seminar on public speaking and presentations. 10:00 am - Museum – see info below
- January 24 – COFFEE with THE MAYOR – Sookie’s Bake Shop – 7:30 – 9:00
- January 24 – Board of Mayor and Alderman – 5:30 pm – Board Room at City Hall
- January 27 – LEADERSHIP DAY at CIAA! 9:00 – EVERYONE is invited! Scroll down for more info.
- January 27 – First “leg” of Walk Across Tipton County – Garland Community Center – 1598 Garland Drive - 10:00 am. Put on your walking shoes and join us INSIDE for this first installment as we walk across Tipton County!
- February 04 – Grandpa’s Vegetable Garden – part of the Garden Series – 10:00-11:30. Tipton County Museum – 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington. Call 901-476-0242 for more information
- February 07 – COFFEE with THE MAYOR – Sookie’s Bake Shop – 7:30 – 9:00
- February 11 – Nature Symbolism and Enlightenment – 10:00 – 11:30 – Tipton County Museum – 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington. Call 901-476-0242 for more information
- February 11 - Chocolate Tour on the Square in Covington – 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- February 14 – Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting – City Hall – 5:30
- February 16 – Tribute to Ms. Hattye Yarbrough for her contributions to Black History in Covington and at The Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C. – [Tipton County Museum & Veteran’s Memorial](#), 5:30 – 7:00 - Call 901-476-0242 for more information.
- February 18 – Getting your Lawn ready for Summer - 10:00 – 11:30 – Tipton County Museum – 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington. Call 901-476-0242 for more information
- February 21 - COFFEE with THE MAYOR – Sookie’s Bake Shop – 7:30 – 9:00
- February 24 – Team Tipton continues walk across Tipton County - Cobb-Parr Park – Covington - 10:00
- February 24 – Reception at Museum for Artist in Residence Richard Reed - 5:30 – 7:00.
- February 25 – How Does your Garden Grow? - 10:00 – 11:30 – Tipton County Museum – 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington. Call 901-476-0242 for more information
- February 28 - Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting – City Hall – 5:30



Keep up with News, Events, and Information from Covington and Tipton County

[City of Covington](#)

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

[Tipton County](#)

[Covington Sportsplex](#)

[Drug Free Tipton](#)

[Tipton County Schools](#)

[South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#)

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

[Covington Aquatic Center](#)

[Tipton County Museum](#)

Mr. Gaetano “Guy” Critelli is the new **Tipton County Veterans Service Officer**. His office hours are ***Monday thru Wednesday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm***. You are encouraged to schedule an appointment, but walk-ins will be seen.

1286 Munford Ave.

Munford, TN 38058

Office: 901.476.2456

Fax: 901.837.9141

Email: gcritelli@tiptonco.com

Overcoming Your Fear of *PUBLIC SPEAKING* Seminar & Creating a Power point Presentation Workshop

When: Saturday, January 21, 10 a.m.

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

Fee: FREE!!!

The Tipton County Master Gardeners want to help *YOU* overcome this fear! They will show how doing these simple steps can have you speaking in public like a pro in no time! During this seminar, no one will be asked to do any public speaking, so there is no pressure! Refreshments will be served,



Tipton County Museum
751 Bert Johnston Ave.
Covington, TN 38019
901-476-0242



Lead Out Loud #LOL

Covington Integrated Arts Academy Cordially invites you to our annual Leadership Day!

When: January 27, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Where: Covington Integrated Arts Academy
760 Bert Johnson Avenue
Covington, TN



Come see YOUR neighborhood school at
work building the future!

Please contact tanderson@tipton-county.com or 901-840-9150 for more info!

COVINGTON BASEBALL

2017 REGISTRATION

Sign-Ups for Covington Baseball
Will be held on **Saturdays in January**

January 7, 14, 21, & 28
Oak Grove Church 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
Sportsplex Jan 7, 14, & 21 9:30 – 12:00 noon
Open to Ages 3-12

Registration Fees (ages 5-12) \$85
(Includes Shirt, Pants, Hat, Belt and Socks)

Registration Fees (ages 3-4) \$50
(Includes Shirt and Hat)

Can also go to Ted's Glass Monday – Friday 8:00-5:00

***** Copy of Birth Certificate is required to register *****

Families with 3 or more children will receive discount

QUESTIONS? Email us at **CovingtonDYB@gmail.com** or find us on
Facebook at **www.facebook.com/covingtondixieyouthbaseball**
Alicia Shires - 901-299-7306

TY'S HEART



Online Registration ends
December 30, 2016

RUN TO GLORY SERIES

Garland Baptist Church, and the City of Covington Parks & Recreation Department have partnered to Host "Ty's Heart 5K" to assist the family of 2 year old Richard Ty Bryan who is under going -l Transposition of the great arteries for Pulmonary Atresia with VSD.

*Info for this defect can be found at www.chw.org



Run thru Covington's beautiful Cobb-Parr Park & Munford Cemetery

Ty's Heart Inaugural 5K

5K

Garland Baptist Church



ONLY \$30

To register or go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/TN/Covington/TysHeart5K>

January 14, 2017



10:00 AM @ the Covington Sportsplex
790 Bert Johnston Ave
Covington TN 38019

Sign up before
December 30, 2016
for a Ty's Heart T-shirt



1st ANNUAL Sweetheart 
Spikeball TOURNAMENT  **Free T-Shirt**

Mixed Doubles (Couples Only) **Valentines** Tournament
Games Start @3PM

1st 2nd & 3rd Place Prizes

February 11, 2017 @ Covington Sportsplex
790 Bert Johnston Avenue
Covington TN 38019

Couples Age 18+

<https://spikeball.com/pages/official-rules>



Portion of the proceeds to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region



Covington High School Book Drive

Please donate any unwanted books to a local Chamber of Commerce, business, or directly to Covington High School.



All books will be used throughout Tipton County to promote literacy among students. Books not age appropriate will be sent to other Covington schools or traded in for more age appropriate material.

Thank you for your support of our students!

Please call Megan Young at 901-475-5850 or 901-552-8336 for more information.
She can provide a collection box and pick-up, if needed.

There is a drop-off box at Covington City Hall



Chocolate Tour 2017

Historic Downtown Covington, Tennessee Saturday, Feb 11th 10am - 4pm



Tickets \$7 day of or
\$5 in advance



Visit All Participating
Merchants to have your Tour
Map entered for the Mega
Chocolate & Gift Basket
Prize Drawing



Enjoy Shopping & Delicious Treats
at more than 20 great Merchant locations on the
Downtown Square

Sponsored by:

Covington Economic and Development Corporation (CEDC)

For more information, contact Covington-Tipton Co. Chamber of Commerce at (901) 476-9727

Satisfy your chocolate craving and do a little shopping, too, at the 2017 Chocolate Tour on the square in Covington. Make plans to attend this fun event on February 11 from 10:00 – 4:00.

Tipton-Rosemark Academy

Bound for College. Prepared for Life.

8696 Rosemark Rd. Millington, TN 38053



You're invited to take that next step at one of our

OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

3K, 4K, 5K "Little Rebel" Preview Days

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Thursday, February 9, 2017

9am - 10am

Meet early childhood faculty & administration, engage in interactive play and explore the campus.

Elementary Open House (Grades 1st - 5th)

Sunday, January 29, 2017

2pm - 4pm

Meet elementary faculty & administration, visit classrooms and explore the campus.

Rebel for a Day (Grades 5th - 11th)

Friday, February 10, 2017

Thursday, April 6, 2017

8:15am - 2:00pm

Prospective students are invited to shadow a current student, visit classrooms, meet teachers & coaches and enjoy a complimentary lunch.

Space is limited and RSVP is REQUIRED for all events.

Register by calling Suzanne Davidson at 901-829-6536.



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**Ask about \$100 off your
2017-2018 contract fee!**

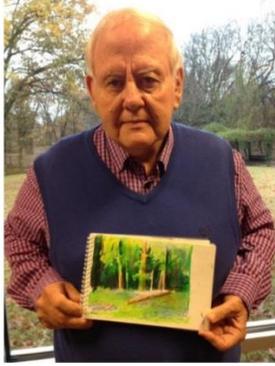
What's Happening at the Museum?

Veteran of the Month Jesse Hill honored with Reception at the Tipton County Museum



January Veteran of the Month Jesse Hill was honored with his family and friends by his side at a reception at the Tipton County Museum Tuesday night. In 1938, Mr. Hill joined Salem M.B. Church in Mason, Tennessee, where he has served as a choir member, deacon, and trustee, and is still a member. He served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946 as a construction machine operator, and he saw service in New Guinea and Luzon, Philippines. During his military career he was awarded the World War II Victory Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal Ribbon with Two Bronze Service Stars, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with Bronze Star.

After returning home from the service in 1946 he married the former Laura Mae Culbreath and to this union seven children were born. In 1956 he began working for Thornton's Construction Company. He also farmed, which included raising cattle and hogs, and growing vegetables to feed his family. He loved to hunt and fish. In 1963 he joined the Christian Aid Male Chorus and has been a member of that organization for fifty three years. In 1971 he retired from his civilian job and from farming, but he continued to hunt, fish, and grow vegetables. At ninety three years old, he planted a vegetable garden this year. Thank you for your service, Mr. Hill!



MEET THE ARTIST!
2017 ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Richard Reed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017

5:30—7 P.M.

With more than thirty years as an artist and art teacher, Richard has incorporated art into his daily life. Rarely seen without his sketchbook nearby, his joy and spontaneity shine through in each piece of his artwork. We are looking forward to him lecturing and teaching classes here at the Tipton County Museum in 2017. Please join us Tuesday evening, January 24, from 5:30 to 7 as we welcome him in his new endeavors! Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited.

Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center
751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019
901-476-0242



Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

2017 Artist in Residence

Richard Reed



A Sketch a Day Or More

With more than thirty years as an artist and art teacher, Richard has incorporated art into his daily life. Rarely seen without his sketchbook nearby, his joy and spontaneity shine through in each piece of his artwork. He earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from what was then Memphis State University and is member of the Tipton Art League and the Memphis Urban Sketchers. A retired Visual Arts Teacher from Munford High School, Richard enjoys working in pen and ink, watercolor, and acrylics. He particularly enjoys painting urban scenes and landscapes. He has taught several art classes here at the Tipton County Museum, and he and his wife Diana live in Drummonds.



Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center Winter 2017 Newsletter

The year 2016 was a fruitful one for the Tipton County Museum! On October 11, 2016, the Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center became a **Certified Wildlife Habitat** with the **National Wildlife Federation**. We are proud of this designation, and of our Nature Center, which provides our wildlife food, water, cover, and places to raise their young. Our **Nature Trail** behind the museum is an easy half mile hike, and is a great place to observe wildlife in their natural habitat. The trail makes a large loop, so there is no risk of getting lost. There is no charge to hike the trail, which is open during daylight hours.

Sherri Onorati is the new “**Archivist and Program Coordinator**” at the Tipton County Museum. Sherri is a retired Navy Chief, a genealogist, and a former reporter for the Leader. She has been busy perusing our artifacts, and has added many of them to our military exhibit. This new exhibit, “**More Stories from Home**” is now on display, and contains not only artifacts from the Vietnam era, but artifacts from World War I, World War II, and the Korean War as well. Please visit us soon and see what’s new!

In addition to our military and nature exhibits inside the museum, we are adding a third exhibit in, “**Tipton County: Our Rich Heritage**,” that chronicles the rich history of Tipton County. Featured in this exhibit is Historian **Ms. Hattye Yarbrough**, who taught school in Tipton County for many years. We are proud to recognize Ms. Hattye, who recently donated her scrapbook to the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History. Please join us on Thursday evening, **February 16, 2017 at 5:30** as we celebrate **Black History Month**, our “Tipton County: Our Rich Heritage” exhibit, and we honor Ms. Hattye for her contributions to our community. Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited.

The **February Gardening Series** is returning! Every Saturday morning in February from 10 until 11:30 there a gardening lecture in our conference room. On February 4, Tipton County Master Gardener **Sherl Rose** presents “**Grandpa’s Vegetable Garden**.” On February 11, Garden Historian **Dominique Bellott** presents “**Nature Symbolism and Enlightenment**,” which is about the history of Japanese Gardens. On February 18, University of Tennessee Commercial Horticulture Extension Agent **Booker T. Leigh** presents “**Getting Your Lawn Ready for Summer**” and on February 25 Tipton County Master Gardener **Paula Sweatt** will talk about container gardens and vertical landscapes in “**How Does Your Garden Grow?**” Lectures are free to Museum Members and \$5 General Public. Museum memberships start at \$25 and are available at the door. Membership entitles you to free lectures, a 10% discount at our gift shop, and reduced program fees for art classes.

Our **Veteran of the Month** program continues to be a success! We now have honored twenty four Tipton County Veterans for their service and dedication to our country. It is vital we recognize and honor these fine men and women in their lifetime. This recognition stretches beyond the local level; **Tennessee State Representative Debra Moody** and **Tennessee Speaker of the House Beth Harwell**

award a proclamation and a U.S. flag that has been flown over the state capital in Nashville to each honoree. The Veteran of the Month reception is held the **second Tuesday evening of each month at 6:30**. Refreshments are always served, and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. If you would like to nominate a Tipton County Veteran for this honor, please call the museum at (901) 476-0242 and we will gladly mail you a nomination form.

Richard Reed is our **2017 Artist in Residence**. Richard is an award winning artist, a retired Visual Arts Teacher from Munford High School, and a member of both the Tipton Art League and the Memphis Sketchers. His exhibit **"A Sketch a Day or More"** will be on display in the conference room beginning in January. You will have the chance to meet him on Tuesday evening, **January 24, 2017 at 5:30** when we have a reception in his honor. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome. We are looking forward to Richard lecturing and teaching art classes in 2017!

In addition to celebrating Black History Month in February, the Tipton County Museum will be celebrating **Women's History Month in March** with a variety of events. On **Saturday, March 4**, Artist in Residence Richard Reed will lecture about **Georgia O'Keeffe** at 10 a.m., and he and Museum Director Barrie Foster will lead participants in **painting O'Keeffe's "Blue Morning Glories"** from 1 to 4 p.m. in the conference room. The lecture is free to Museum Members and \$5 General Public, and the painting class is \$35 for Museum Members and \$40 General Public. No previous art experience is required, and we furnish all the supplies. We ask that you do register for the art class, so we can be sure to have plenty of art supplies for everyone. Then on **Saturday, March 11**, Garden Historian Dominique Bellott will be talking about the evolution of women landscape architects in **"Women in the Garden"** at 10 a.m. Her lecture is free to Museum Members and \$5 General Public. On **Saturday, March 18**, Military Women Across the Nation will present **"Women's Military Service through the Years"** at 10 a.m. This event is free to Museum Members and \$5 General Public.

Director Barrie Foster continues to teach art at the Tipton County Museum. She will be teaching **"Watercolor Botanicals"** on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8. Class dates are **January 31, February 7, 21, & 28**. Program fee is \$60 Museum Members and \$80 General Public. **No previous art experience is required**. Please call the Tipton County Museum at (901) 476-0242 for a supply list and to register for the class.

Because of the generous support of our members, the City of Covington, and Tipton County, there is no admission fee to tour the Tipton County Museum. We also gratefully acknowledge the support of the Tipton County Veterans Council, Bank of Tipton, Patriot Bank, the Tipton County Master Gardeners, and our volunteers. If you are not already a member of the Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial, and Nature Center, please consider becoming one in 2017. Just call the museum at (901) 476-0242 and we will gladly mail you a membership application.

MUSEUM DOLLARS



TIPTON COUNTY
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VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER

**At the Tipton County Museum
In Covington!**

Museum Dollars! We now have Museum Dollars at the Tipton County Museum in Covington. They may be purchased for any amount and may be used towards Museum Memberships, our Gift Shop, and Art Classes. They make great gifts and may be purchased at any time. Just call the Tipton County Museum at (901) 476-0242 and we will be glad to help you.

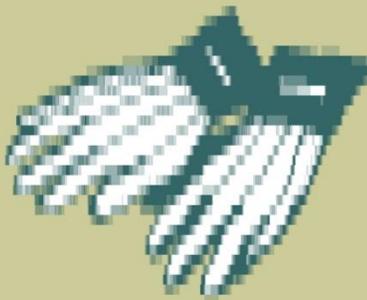
**The Tipton County Museum,
Veterans Memorial & Nature Center
751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019
(901) 476-0242**

Successful Gardening—A February Event at The Tipton County Museum!



TIPTON COUNTY
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VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER



ADMISSION PER
PROGRAM:

\$5.00 General Public

FREE to Museum

Refreshments will be served.

751 Bert Johnston Avenue

PO Box 768

Covington, TN 38019

Phone: 901-476-0242

Saturday, February 4th 10 - 11:30 A.M.

“Grandpa’s Vegetable Garden”

- Guest Speaker – Sherl Rose: Urban Homesteader, former President and Vice President of the Tipton County Master Gardener Association, founder of the Facebook gardening groups “The Hippy Homesteader” and “3 B’s Gardener”

Saturday, February 11th : 10- 11:30 A.M.

“Nature Symbolism and Enlightenment” - History of Japanese Gardens

- Guest Speaker – Dominique Bellott, Master’s Degrees in Speech Pathology and Romance Languages & Literature, University of Memphis Italian instructor, Rhodes College French Language and Literature instructor.

Saturday, February 18th: 10 - 11:30 A.M.

“Getting Your Lawn Ready for Summer”

- Guest Speaker – Booker T. Leigh, University of Tennessee Commercial Horticulture Extension Agent

Saturday, February 25th: 10 - 11:30 A.M.

“How Does your Garden Grow?”**

- Guest Speaker – Paula Sweatt, Tipton County Master Gardener. **Feel free to bring pass-a-long plants

This event is being made possible in part by the following
Corporate Sponsors:





**The Tipton County Veterans Council and the Tipton County Museum,
Veterans Memorial and Nature Center
Veteran of the Month for January, 2017**

Jesse Hill, Sr.

Jesse Hill, Sr. was born on August 4, 1923 in Covington, Tennessee, to Sloan and Mattie Tipton Hill. He is the middle child of three children. He attended Tabernacle School. In 1938, he joined Salem M.B. Church in Mason, Tennessee, where he has served as a choir member, deacon, and trustee, and is still a member. He served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946 as a construction machine operator, and he saw service in New Guinea and Luzon, Philippines. During his military career he was awarded the World War II Victory Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal Ribbon with Two Bronze Service Stars, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with Bronze Star.

After returning home from the service in 1946 he married the former Laura Mae Culbreath and to this union seven children were born. In 1956 he began working for Thornton's Construction Company. He also farmed, which included raising cattle and hogs, and growing vegetables to feed his family. He loved to hunt and fish. In 1963 he joined the Christian Aid Male Chorus and has been a member of that organization for fifty three years. In 1971 he retired from his civilian job and from farming, but he continued to hunt, fish, and grow vegetables. At ninety three years old, he planted a vegetable garden this year. He would like to do more, but his health has prevented him from doing so. Jesse Hill, Sr. can still remember things from many years ago.

As of 2016, Jesse Hill, Sr. and Laura Mae have been married for seventy years. They live in Covington with their daughter, Maggie Jean. Their son Jesse Hill, Jr., was also a United States Army Veteran but sadly passed away on January 30, 2013. Jesse and Laura Mae are proud grandparents of twenty grandchildren, twenty five great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. He was nominated for Veteran of the Month by his good friend Feaster Williamson, Jr.

VETERANS – Clinics are held WEEKLY to provide you with information – click [here](http://www.tiptonco.com/veterans_services/index.php) to learn more:
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FEBRUARY is
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
at the TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM



Local Teacher, Historian and Artist Ms. Hattye Yarbrough recently donated her scrap book to the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History in Washington, D.C. Please join us as we honor Ms. Hattye for her contributions to our community.

When: Thursday evening, February 16, 5:30—7

Where: Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington

Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited!

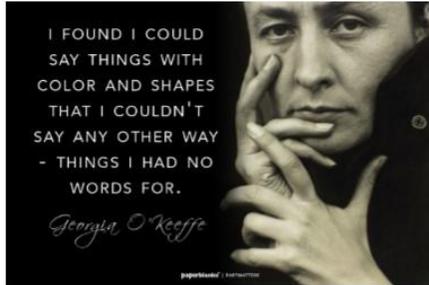
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MARCH is WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
At the
TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM



Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m.—11:30, Artist in Residence
Richard Reed lectures about the life and artwork of
Georgia O'Keeffe, then leads participants in painting her
"Blue Morning Glories" in acrylics from 1 to 4.

Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m.—11:30, Garden
Historian Dominique Bellott talks about Women
Landscape Architects in "Women in the Garden."



Saturday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.—11:00,
Military Women Across the Nation presents
"Women's Military Service Through the Years."

Lectures are FREE to Museum Members, \$5 General Public

O'Keeffe Art Class \$35 Members, \$40 General Public

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