

# ART i FACTS



Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center Newsletter

Spring 2019

## Museum Honored with Awards



*Tipton County Museum Director Barrie Foster, Archivist Sherri Onorati and Tennessee Association of Museums President Ken Mayes are shown holding the Museum's 2019 seven awards.*

The Tipton County Museum recently won seven awards at the Tennessee Association of Museum's Annual Conference in Clarksdale. We won an Award of Excellence for our Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Award of Excellence for our Moment on Nature video, Award of Excellence for our Tuskegee Red Tails Exhibit, Award of Excellence for last year's May Festival Poster, Award of Excellence for four Bat Houses built by Eagle Scout Riley Hull, Award of Excellence for our Museum blog, *Beneath the Dirt*, and an Award of Commendation

for our Museum Summer Camp. In addition, Sherri Onorati won an Award of Excellence as an Emerging Museum Professional. Barrie, Sherri, and Sherl all worked very hard to make these awards possible and it wouldn't have happened without the support from our partners - the Tipton County Veterans Council, the Tipton County Extension Master Gardeners, and the Eagle Scouts ... Way to go team!

### Fantastic & Fun Workshop

Artist in Residence Debra Howze is re-turning with **"Pour and More: An Acrylic Pouring Workshop"** on Saturday, May



11, from 1 to 4 p.m. The program fee is \$40 for Museum Members and \$45 General Public.

This event is for ages 10 and up, and a family and/or sibling discount is available. This is another great family activity! Please call the Museum at (901) 476-0242 to register as space is limited.

### Nature Walk & Garden Tour

We have added several new programs and events here at the Tipton County Museum. **"Nature Walk and Garden Tour with Sherl Rose"** takes place Saturday, April 27, at 10 a.m. Sherl will lead you on the half-mile Nature Trail, pointing out trees, flowers, birds, and more along the way, and will end the tour at the Herb Garden. This event is FREE and refreshments will be served. This is a great family activity and everyone is welcome!

# May Festival

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual May Festival takes place Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be live music, children's activities, arts and crafts vendors, a children's art exhibit inside the Museum, food, "Ask a Master Gardener," live music, historical military encampments, and more. The Tipton County Community Chorus will sing early in the morning, followed by the TCCA Line Dancers, and live music, including One Good Tire and Jim Hardin and Friends. There will be plenty of chairs outside, so plan on spending the day at the Museum!



## Honoring Our Veterans

Please join us every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday evening at 6:30 for our Veteran of the Month reception. The Tipton County Museum partners with the Tipton County Veterans Council for this event, and the refreshments now have been provided by Girl Scout Troop 13804 for over two years. The program sponsors are the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Unit 116, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4840, and Woodmen Life, Neil Bringle. Tennessee State Representative Debra Moody and Tennessee Speaker of the House Beth Harwell provide a proclamation and a U.S. flag flown over the state capitol in Nashville to each honoree. In addition, the veteran receives several gifts from local businesses. If you would like to

nominate a T i p t o n County Veteran for this honor, please call the museum at (901) 476-0242.



*"If you don't know history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree."*

~ Michael Crichton

## Current Exhibits

"Dr. Charlotte Fisher: Paving a Path in Tipton County" will be on display through May 31, and "Minnie Bommer: A Jewel in Covington's Crown" will be on display through June 30. There is no fee to tour the Tipton County Museum, and we welcome group tours! If you call ahead to let us know your group will be visiting, we may be able to get Dr. Fisher and Ms. Bommer to be available for your visit! Just call the Museum at (901) 476-0242.

## Lecture & Paint

Garden and Art Historian Dominique Bellott is returning on Saturday, May 25 at 10 a.m. to lecture on French Romantic Artist Eugene Delacroix. The lecture is FREE to Museum Members and \$5 General Public. Then from 1 to 4 p.m., Museum Director and Professional Artist Barrie Foster will lead the class in painting his 1850's "Landscape with River, Champrosay" in acrylics on a 16 x 20 inch canvas. No previous art experience is required, and older children are always welcome! Program fee for the art class is \$35 Museum Members and \$40 General Public. You may participate in one activity without the other. Please pre-register for the art class as space is limited.



## Genealogy Basics: Understanding Vital Records

Archivist Sherri Onorati will present "Genealogy Basics: Understanding Vital **Records**" on Saturday, June 1, from 10 until 11:30 a.m. This lecture is FREE to Museum Members and \$5 General Public. Museum memberships are available at the door, and refreshments will be served. Sherri is a genealogist with more than 25 years of experience and is very knowledgeable and passionate about this subject. Come see why genealogy is becoming the most popular hobby in America today!

## What's the Buzz?

In honor of National Pollinator Week, Sherl Rose will present "**What's the Buzz**" on Saturday, June 22 at 10 a.m. She will talk about all the pollinators, why they are so important in our lives, and what we can do to help them. This program is FREE to Museum Members and \$5 General Public. Memberships are available at the door. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome.

## Thanks for the Support ....

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 Ward Law Firm, the Tipton County Master Gardeners, Girl Scout Troop 13804, and our wonderful volunteers. If you are not already a member of the Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial, and Nature Center, please consider becoming one in 2018. Just call the Museum at (901) 476-0242 for an application.



We have added many new videos to our YouTube channel, so please subscribe to it so you won't miss any of them. Our awarding winning program, "**A Moment on Nature**" with Sherl Rose, continues to inform the public about small ways we can help nature in our community. There are also links to each video on our website through the City of Covington, and on our Facebook page. If you have problems finding them, please call the Museum at (901) 476-0242 and we will be happy to assist you.

## Nature Camp

This summer we are adding Nature Camp from June 17 through June 21 for children ages 10 through 18. Camp begins at 8 a.m. and ends at noon each day. The fee for each child is \$55 for the week, and breakfast and lunch are included. The kids will learn about monarch butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies, opossums, bluebirds, and more. They will spend lots of time outdoors, and will participate in several craft projects, including creating bee houses, making bird feeders, and more! You may register for the camp online with the following link: <http://www.covingtontn.com/summer-camp-series.html> Please register early, as space is limited.



## Art Camp

Art Camp will be returning July 22 through July 26 from 8 a.m. until noon for children ages 10 through 18. The fee for each child is \$55 for the week, and breakfast and lunch are included. The kids will learn about perspective, Claude Monet, Henri Matisse, the Ashcan art movement, the history of art in Italy, and more. They will paint outdoors, and will paint in a variety of mediums including watercolor, pencil, acrylics, oil pastels, chalk pastels, and more! You may register for the camp online with the following link: <http://www.covingtontn.com/summer-camp-series.html> Please register early, as space is limited.



Our gift shop, *Gioiello*, offers handmade items from over two dozen Tipton Countians, including fine art, jewelry, woodcarving, books, and more! Museum Members receive a 10% discount. Proceeds from your purchase support local artists, as well as ongoing programs and exhibits at the Tipton County Museum. The gift shop is open during normal business hours, Tues.- Fri., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sat. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Gift certificates are available for your convenience.

# Art Classes

Barbara Flowers McBride continues to teach acrylics and oils on Friday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 in four week sessions. Program fee is \$60 for Museum members and \$80 General Public. Barb is a fantastic teacher and customizes the course so the students can progress at their own pace. Please call the Museum at (901) 476-0242 to register or if you have any questions.

Museum Director Barrie Foster continues to teach watercolor on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 in four week sessions. Program fee is \$60 for Museum Members and \$80 General Public. Barrie is a nationally award winning artist with many years of experience teaching art. Please call the Museum at (901) 476-0242 to register or if you have any questions.



**“Get Writing: A Creative Writing Workshop”** with Elaine Watkins takes place Saturday, June 11, from noon until 3 p.m. Elaine is a local author who has published several books (on sale in our gift shop) and writes a column for *The Leader*. This workshop is for anyone who ever wanted

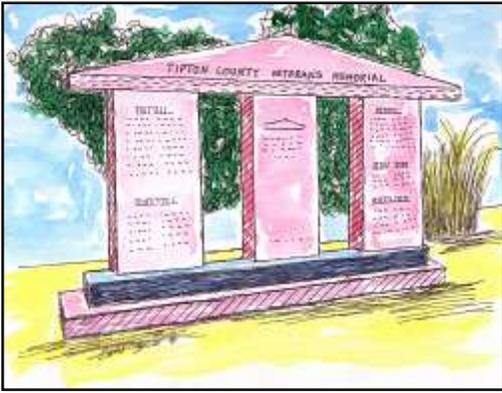


**to be a writer, but didn't know where to start. Elaine will cover writing prompts, writer's**

block, overcoming fear, how to get published, and more. Each participant will write several pages during the workshop. Program fee is \$15 for Museum Members and \$20 General Public. Please call the Museum at (901) 476-0242 to register as space is limited.

## **Buy-A-Brick... Support the Museum**

You can reserve a place in Tipton County History! For \$100 you may purchase a brick that will become part of the sidewalk in front of the Tipton County Museum. There are 14 characters per line and three lines per brick. These bricks are an excellent way to honor or memorialize a loved one. Please call us and we will gladly mail you an order form today.



The Tipton County Museum's expansion campaign is underway, and there are several ways for you to help. Limited edition artwork prints created by Museum Director Barrie Foster are for sale in the gift shop, and memorial bricks are still available for \$100. All proceeds go to the expansion fund.

## Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our services and products

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*20 Years at the Tipton County Museum: Embracing the Future While Honoring the Past.*

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# 2019 - 1st Quarter Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH		NOTES
1		1	9:30- Intro to Acrylics	1	9:30- Intro to Acrylics	
2		2	10am - Gardening Series lecture	2	10am Finding Your Kin – Census Rec	
3		3		3		
4		4		4		
5		5	6pm – Dr. Fisher Reception	5	6pm – Minnie Bommer Reception	
6		6	9:30 – Watercolors with Barrie	6		
7		7		7		
8	6:30 - Veteran of the Month	8	9:30- Intro to Acrylics	8	9:30- Intro to Acrylics	
9		9	10am - Gardening Series lecture	9		
10	6:30pm – SCV	10		10		
11	9:30- Intro to Acrylics	11		11		
12		12	6:30 - Veteran of the Month	12	6:30 - Veteran of the Month	
13		13	9:30 – Watercolors with Barrie	13		
14		14	6:30pm – SCV	14	6:30pm – SCV	
15		15	9:30- Intro to Acrylics	15	9:30- Intro to Acrylics	
16		16	10am - Gardening Series lecture 1-3pm – Go with the Flow 8am – Vet Council	16	8am – Vet Council	
17	12pm – TC Museum Board meets	17		17		
18	9:30- Intro to Acrylics	18		18		
19	8am – Vet Council	19		19		
20		20	9:30 – Watercolors with Barrie	20		
21		21		21		
22		22	9:30- Intro to Acrylics	22	9:30- Intro to Acrylics	
23		23	10am - Gardening Series lecture 1-3pm – Artist Series for Kids	23		
24		24		24		
25	9:30- Intro to Acrylics	25		25		
26	10am Finding Your Kin – Basic Gene.	26	Exhibit Exchange	26		
27		27	9:30 – Watercolors with Barrie Exhibit Exchange	27		
28		28	Exhibit Exchange	28		
29	Exhibit Exchange			29	9:30- Intro to Acrylics	
30	Exhibit Exchange			30		
31	Exhibit Exchange			31		