A lot has happened the last three months, not only in the world, but also at the Tipton County Museum! Our hours have changed during the COVID-19 season. We are open Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., and Thursdays from noon until 4 p.m. For the safety of our employees and the public, everyone is required to wear a mask inside the Museum. Because we are limited to 10 people at a time inside the Museum, we have discontinued all our programs and meetings during the COVID-19 season. The good news is that our exhibits and programs are available online via our website, www.tiptoncountymuseum.com. Our exhibits are available by clicking the “Tipton County Virtual Museum” button, and our programs are available by clicking the “TCM Online Academy” button.

Be sure to check our website often, as we are continually adding new programs. The videos include tours of our gardens and nature trail, art, art history, history, genealogy, family crafts, and our “Enhancing Classroom Education” program.

**THE NATURE CONNECTION**

“The Nature Connection” is a new family-oriented nature program here at the Museum. Each month a different bit of nature in our area will be covered. The sheets are designed to be printed and saved in a 3 ring binder. These may be printed from either our website or our Facebook page. There is even a coversheet for the binder.

**Museum Wins Awards**

This spring the Tipton County Museum won five awards from the Tennessee Association of Museums. Awards of Excellence were presented for “Dr. Charlotte Fisher: Paving a Path in Tipton County” exhibit, “A Time to Honor: The Lyons Brothers of Tipton County” exhibit, and Volunteerism: Paula Sweatt.

Awards of Commendation were presented for “Summer Nature Camp” and “Tea Time at the Museum.”
Current Exhibits

The 19th amendment was ratified on August 18, 1920, which gave women in the United States the right to vote. As a result, there are two new exhibits regarding women at the Museum. “Fighting for Equality: Women Who Made a Difference” and “Girl Scouts: Learning we can do anything!” will be on display through the end of 2020.

What’s the Buzz?

The Museum’s beautiful grounds are open daily from 9 a.m. until dusk, and you do not need to wear a mask when outside. Early morning is a great time to visit the gorgeous grounds of the Tipton County Museum. The temperatures are cool, the shadows are long, the birds are chatting away, and the views are amazing. The one half mile Nature Trail is a great place to get your exercise and listen to the birds. There are plenty of benches on the property as well. If the gates are locked, please park across the street.

Promoting the Arts

The Tipton County Museum has teamed with Dyersburg State Community College for a very special art exhibit, “A World of Their Own,” that takes place from July 7 through October 30. Area high school and adult artists will have their artwork on display at Dyersburg State Community College, Jimmy Naifeh Center, Learning Resource Center Building, 3149 Hwy 51 Bypass South in Covington. Many of the pieces will be for sale, so this is a great opportunity to support local artists and purchase beautiful, original artwork for your home or office. Please call the Tipton County Museum at (901) 476-0242 for purchasing information.

Thanks for the Support ….

Your support continues to be very important to us. If you are not currently a member, please considering becoming a member today. Annual memberships begin at $25, and you may sign up for memberships on our website. If you prefer, please call us and we will be glad to mail you a membership form. We hope to see you at the Tipton County Museum!

We have added many new videos to our YouTube channel, so please subscribe to it here so you won’t miss any of them. The TCM Online Academy provides a safe and enjoyable way to participate in our programs at home. If you have problems finding them, please call the Museum at (901) 476-0242 and we will be happy to assist you.