

Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center



Spring 2016 Newsletter

We would like to thank our **Sponsors** for their continued support of the Tipton County Museum. The **Tipton County Veterans Council** is our Premiere Sponsor, and our Corporate Sponsors are **Patriot Bank, Bank of Tipton, and Munford Funeral Home**. Their support help bring educational programs and exhibits to the Museum. If you are interested in becoming a Corporate Sponsor, please call the Museum at (901) 476-0242.

Our **“Veteran of the Month”** reception is every 2nd Tuesday evening at 6:30. Refreshments are always served and everyone is invited. The Tipton County Museum partners with the Tipton County Veterans Council in honoring a Tipton County Veteran for their service and dedication to our country every month. This program is now in its second year and has been very successful! Veterans are nominated for this honor; if you would like to nominate a Tipton County Veteran, please call the Museum at (901) 476-0242 and we will gladly mail you a nomination form.

Our **May Fest** will take place Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is FREE, and will be fun for the whole family! There will be arts and crafts vendors, music, food, children’s activities, a civil war encampment, a student art exhibit, face painting, local veterans, “Ask a Master Gardener”, and more. Mark your calendar because you won’t want to miss it!

We have **children’s programs** at the Tipton County Museum. We have more than two dozen **educational programs** available to school children, youth groups, scouts, etc. Each group visit includes an educational program on the Nature Trail, a guided tour of the Museum and Nature Center, and an educational program presented in the conference room. Please call the Museum at (901) 476-0242 for a list of available topics and dates. We now have the **Artist Series for Kids**, where the children learn about an artist, then create a painting in the style of that artist. The next children’s art class will be Saturday, May 14 from 10 to noon in the conference room. The children will learn about Paul Cezanne, then create one of his paintings in oil pastels. Course fee is \$20 for Museum Members, \$25 General Public. A sibling discount is available, and a snack is provided. Please call the Museum at (901) 476-0242 to register. We now have **scavenger hunts** available! We have both indoor and outdoor scavenger hunts, so bad weather is never a problem. We have outdoor hunts on our Nature Trail, and indoor hunts created around our current exhibit. Just ask one of our staff for a scavenger hunt when you visit the Museum.

The **Summer Lecture Series** is coming on Saturday mornings in June! Each Saturday from 10 to 11:30, there will be a lecture presented in the conference room. The topics are: June 4: "Rock, Paper, Stone, plus a Demon; the History of Calligraphy" by Peggy Kunkel, Artist in Residence; June 11: "World's Columbian Exposition of 1893; American Ingenuity on Display Then and Now" by Nancy Fosheé, award winning author; June 18: "A Visual Voyage; The Art & Life of Claude Monet" by Tipton County Museum Director Barrie Foster (with optional Monet art class that afternoon); June 25: "Everyday Art for Everyday Folk; how to incorporate discarded or reclaimed objects into artwork" by Frank Lilly, folk artist & Vietnam Veteran. Lectures are free to Museum Members and \$5 General Public. Refreshments will be provided, and everyone is welcome.

We continue to offer **adult art classes** as well. "**Watercolor 201** with Director Barrie Foster" will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 on April 5, 19, 26, and May 3. Program fee is \$60 Museum Members and \$80 General Public. "**Introduction to Acrylics** with Barbara Flowers McBride" will meet on Friday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 on April 22, & 29, and May 6 and 13. Program fee is \$60 Museum Members and \$80 General Public. "**Painting with Monet**" will take place Saturday, June 18, 1 to 4 p.m. (following morning Monet lecture). Program fee \$35 Museum Members, \$40 General Public. Please call the Tipton County Museum at (901) 476-0242 to register for art classes.

Spring is the perfect time for **picnics**, and why not have yours at the Tipton County Museum? We have several picnic tables on the lawn, just to the east of the Museum. Enjoy the sounds of nature while you enjoy your lunch!

The **Tipton County Master Gardeners** are adding a pollinator garden to the herb bed, so be sure to visit it to enjoy the show. Be sure to also visit the Hosta Bed that is maintained by the Master Gardeners. The hostas are gorgeous when they bloom!

Our **conference room** seats 45 people comfortably and is available for your event. Please call the Museum at (901) 476-0242 for more information.

The Tipton County Museum relies on the support of the community in order to bring educational programs and exhibits to the Museum. If you are not already a member, please consider becoming one. Just call the Museum and we will gladly mail you a **membership application**.

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