



# 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.

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