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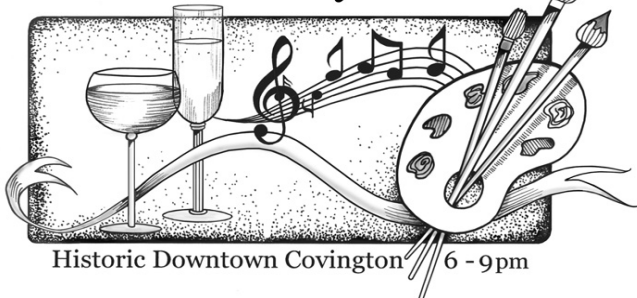
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September 10 - 16, 2014

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STAA NOMA Exhibit, Live Music Downtown Gallery Event Saturday, September 13 Second Saturday Art Walk



Enjoy fine art, boutique shopping, great food and good friends! Join us this Saturday, September 13 from 6-9pm.

The St. Tammany Art Association (320 N. Columbia St.) features "Views from New Orleans: Selections from the New Orleans Museum of Art" with live music by Timothy Gates. A few businesses and galleries open for the evening include the following:

History Antiques & Interiors (317 N. Columbia) will showcase Jim Graham and Sadler Ward, plus European antiques and home furnishings. **Tripolo Gallery** (323 N. Columbia St.) is showing Paula Blackwell, Morgan Cameron, Robert Cook, Tracey Davis, Molly Duet, Donna Landry Duffy, Michael Eddy, Elizabeth M. Haskins, Steve Hasslock, Ken Tate, Craig McMillin and Michael Zavisson.

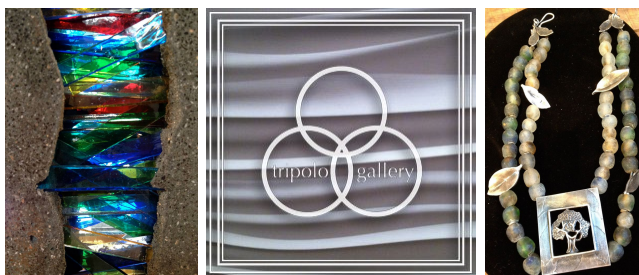
Savoie Originals Gallery (405 N. Columbia) houses unique home furnishings & decor by Steve Savoie. Across the street at 424 N. Columbia, you'll find **Motif**, presenting original art, interiors and gifts. Around the corner, **Henry Hood Gallery** opens Sipiorski & Siporski with "Vive la Difference." (325 Lockwood St.)

Shop Soul Boutique (529 E. Boston) shows art by Rebecca Authement, Amber Damare, Heather Vallaire and Kenny Passuer; jewelry by Sara Craig, Sophie Clesi, Eloise Early and Pam Moore. The newly-renovated **Southern Hotel** (428 E. Boston) has the Divine Protectors of Endangered Pleasures (DIVA's) exhibition of elaborately beaded, handmade Mardi Gras bustiers.

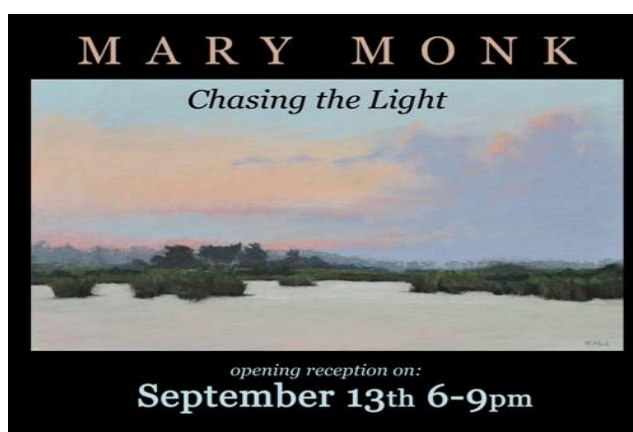
Three Rivers Gallery (333 E. Boston) presents "Chasing the Light: New Artwork by Mary Monk".
www.sttammanyartassociation.org

Tripolo Gallery Features An Array Oil Paintings, Contemporary Sculpture & Jewelry

Tripolo Gallery opens a show at Christwood Saturday afternoon, and will also open for the Second Saturday Art Stroll with featured artists (see 2nd Sat. Art Walk article.)



Three Rivers Gallery Presents:



History Antiques Features Local Art Artists Include Jim Graham, Sadler Ward



Above, artist Jim Graham works on the finer details. Below, History's own Sadler Ward incorporates natural and industrial elements in simple and rustic designs.



30% Off Sale At Northshore Antiques Savings Through Sept. 14 On House-Owned Items

Northshore Antiques & Auction House is holding a sale now through September 14 on all store-owned items that are non-consignment. Northshore Antiques is also marking 20% off items at their booth in Clayton House Marketplace, a fantastic selection of smaller decorative antiques, painted pieces, and some stunning rustic pieces. You'll find a wonderful treasure at a great deal!

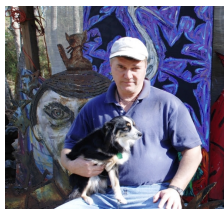


Sipiorski & Siporski At Henry Hood "Vive La Difference" Opening Saturday



325 E. Lockwood St. Covington, LA 70433

Dennis Sipiorski and Ruth Siporski bring new imaginative work to the gallery. Dennis' energetic and fanciful mind is showing paintings and ceramics witnessing the human condition. Ruth works abstractly with ceramics, wood, and paper mache' producing elegant sculptural totems and wall pieces rich in color and texture. Saturday, Sept. 13 from 6-9 p.m.



Quote of the Week

"Always do right - this will gratify some and astonish the rest."
 - Mark Twain

Last Quarter



Tuesday 16th

CPD Internal Investigation Closed

Multiple Policy Violations, No Criminal Acts

Today, Chief Tim Lentz announces the completion of an internal investigation of two officers surrounding the use of confidential informant funds. The investigation was performed by investigators from the Mandeville Police Department at the request of Chief Lentz and determined that, while there were multiple policy violations, no criminal acts were committed.

The investigation into Lt. Stephen Culotta and Officer Bart Ownby began in May of this year, when Chief Lentz conducted a surprise audit of the confidential informant fund. During this audit, several questions were raised and an internal investigation was initiated. Due to the many complexities of the investigation, Chief Lentz requested the Mandeville Police Department, an outside agency, conduct the investigation.

The investigation into the two officers revealed numerous policy violations ranging from accountability, fund management and case file management to the payment of informants. When deciding the severity of discipline, several factors were taken into account.

Chief Lentz weighs the validity of the charges made against the officer(s), the seriousness of the violations, investigative reports and other appropriate evidence. Discipline is decided based upon these factors and will be commensurate with the circumstances surrounding the incident, the officer's prior service record and prior sustained complaints.

Chief Lentz noted that during this investigation, both officers fully cooperated with investigators and have taken responsibility for their mistakes. Taking responsibility for their actions weighed heavily into the discipline ultimately handed down. Effective September 10th, Lt. Stephen Culotta will be suspended without pay for 28 consecutive days, which is equivalent to two pay periods, totaling 160 hours. Effective the same day, Officer Bart Ownby will be suspended without pay for 14 consecutive days, equivalent to one pay period, totaling 80 hours.

Chief Lentz states, "I appreciate the assistance of the Mandeville Police Department with this investigation. The Covington Police Department holds our officers accountable for their actions and will continue to work every day to create a professional environment for our employees, while continuing to earn the public's trust and respect."

For questions, concerns, feedback or to report an incident, contact the Covington Police Department at 985-892-8500. CPD is located at 609 N. Columbia Street.

HRC Review Committee Assembled

The St. Tammany Parish Council adopted an amended version of the resolution to assemble a committee to conduct an institutional review of The St. Tammany Parish Home Rule Charter. The committee has been formed by appointments from various entities. The appointees are as follows: St. Tammany Parish President: Ed Dillard, Jeannine Meeds; the St. Tammany Parish Council: Richard Tanner, Steve Stefancik; the Northshore Business Council: Danny G. Shaw; the East St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce: S. Michele Blanchard; the St. Tammany West Chamber of Commerce: Andrew Gibson; the NAACP: E. Rene Soule; Leadership Northshore: Van Joffrion; Leadership St. Tammany: Antonio "Tony" LeMon; and the St. Tammany Parish Legislative Delegation: Colonel Evans Spiceland. Every citizen is encouraged to offer input as well.

"I would like to thank everyone involved for their support in this endeavor," said Pat Brister, St. Tammany Parish President. "As stewards of public trust and public money, citizens hold Parish Government to a high standard, and it is our civic responsibility to assess every area in government to ensure that we are meeting that standard. It is a healthy step that is necessary in building on the tenants of this administration - customer service, transparency, accountability and cooperation. I encourage every citizen to get involved and be that 12th member by adding your suggestions into the process."

The Home Rule Charter is available for review at www.stpgov.org/home-rule-charter. To offer you input, visit, www.stpgov.org/speakup.

Covington Weekly strongly encourages every citizen to visit the Parish Government website and offer input.

Playmakers/ETR Dinner Special Enjoy A Dinner And Show Discount



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On September 12th, and 19th, The English Tea Room is offering the opportunity for you to enjoy the lovely combination of a dinner and a show! They are partnering with Playmakers Theater in promoting their production of the play "The Trip to Bountiful" by Horton Foote.

To take advantage of this deal, simply purchase an entrée at the Tea Room on the Friday of your choosing, and then take your receipt to Playmakers Theater for \$5 off of your ticket price! For you to fully enjoy your experience, the Tea Room will be staying open until 7pm for these nights. For more information about the "The Trip to Bountiful" or to make reservations, call the Playmakers Theater at (985)-893-1671 or visit www.playmakersinc.com.



Tickets On Sale Now For "True Blue Bayou"

Tickets are going fast for the Linda Ronstadt tribute True Blue Bayou. Enjoy an evening of dinner and live musical performance from Dorian Rush at Center Of Performing Arts. This show is a one night only event on Saturday, September 20 with a 7 p.m. Dinner and 8 p.m. Show. Buy tickets online at www.centerofperformingarts.net or call for reservations at 985-727-4638.

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Covington Farmer's Market - Saturdays 8 am - 12 pm @ 600 block Columbia St. Local, fresh produce meats & prepared foods, plants & more! Live music by Keenan Knight and food demo by Chef Robert Vasquez of Opal Basil.

Covington Brewery Tours - Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm @ Covington Brewhouse Free tours of Covington's own brewery. - 226 E. Lockwood St.

Music with the Maestro - Tuesdays 7 pm @ The Lake 94.7 FM Local music program featuring Robert Sturcken of Center of Performing Arts with local musicians.

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