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CANTIGNY PARK ANNOUNCES PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Top three images determined by public voting throughout 2016

Wheaton, Ill., December 15, 2016 — Cantigny Park visitors voted and the results are in! The top three prize winners of the 2015 *Cantigny in Focus* amateur photo contest are:

- *First Place:* **Mary Brown**, Clarendon Hills, for her close-up of a big-eyed bullfrog, taken in the park's Idea Garden.
- *Second Place:* **Ron Szymczak**, Wheaton, for his early morning rendering of a large crabapple tree adjacent to the Rose Garden.
- *Third Place:* **Angela Cichosz**, Carol Stream, for her black-and-white portrait of Summer, one of the "Four Seasons" statues located just west of the McCormick mansion.

The winning shots were among 40 finalists chosen a year ago by a judging panel and displayed at the park throughout 2016. Visitors were encouraged to vote for their favorites. The top three receive a Cantigny gift card (\$100, \$75 or \$50). All 40 finalists received a Cantigny Park annual membership.

Cantigny in Focus, an annual event for amateur photographers, began in 2006. Submitted images must be from the grounds of Cantigny Park or Cantigny Golf in Wheaton, the 500-acre former estate of Robert R. McCormick.

Images from the 2016 edition of *Cantigny in Focus* will go on display at the park in February. The top three prize winners will again be determined by the public, with voting conducted throughout 2017.

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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is the 500-acre former estate of Col. Robert R. McCormick located in Wheaton, Illinois. Celebrating 60 years in 2015, it is home to the McCormick Museum, First Division Museum, formal gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails, and a Visitor Center with banquet and dining facilities. More information, including hours, directions, and upcoming events, can be found online at Cantigny.org. Cantigny Golf, adjacent to the park, features a 27-hole championship golf course, a full-service clubhouse, Cantigny Golf Academy, and the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links. For more information, please visit CantignyGolf.com.