

Cantigny Park Announces Top 3 Photo Contest Winners

WHEATON, IL, January 16, 2012 — Cantigny Park visitors voted and the results are in! The grand prize winners of the 2010 *Cantigny in Focus* amateur photo contest are:

- *First Place*: **Mary Lemak**, Batavia, IL, for her summery and colorful photograph of the new fountain garden located east of the Cantigny Park Visitors Center.
- *Second Place*: **Chris Edwards**, Sugar Grove, IL, for his artful capture of the Lion of Cantigny statue on a rainy morning in late May.
- *Third Place*: **Fran Lawless**, Batavia, IL, for her touching image of Army veteran and chaplain George Knapp, now deceased, taken at the 65th anniversary of D-Day ceremony on June 6, 2009.

The winning shots were among 40 finalists chosen a year ago by a judging panel and displayed at the park throughout 2011. Visitors were invited to vote for their favorites. The top three receive a Cantigny gift card (\$100, \$75 or \$50), and all finalists were awarded a Cantigny Park annual parking pass.

“We appreciate all those who shared their passion for Cantigny by entering the contest,” said Matt LaFond, Cantigny Park executive director. “Digital technology is making it easier for all of us to take great pictures and the photo opportunities here at the park are excellent in every season.”

Cantigny in Focus is an annual event for amateur photographers that began in 2006. Submitted images must be from the grounds of Cantigny Park in Wheaton, the 500-acre former estate of Robert R. McCormick and part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundation.

On February 3, the top 40 images from the 2011 edition of *Cantigny in Focus* will go on display at the park. The three grand prize winners will again be determined by the public, with voting conducted throughout 2012.

Cantigny Park is closed in January and will reopen on weekends in February (Friday-Sunday). The park returns to a 7-day schedule in March.

More information about Cantigny, including park hours, directions and details about upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org.

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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is the 500-acre Wheaton estate of Robert R. McCormick. 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 is online at Cantigny.org. Cantigny Golf, adjacent to

the park, features a 27-hole championship golf course, full-service clubhouse, Cantigny Golf Academy and the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links. For more information, visit CantignyGolf.com.

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