



**News Release**

## **Expert on Chicago's Battle of Fort Dearborn to Speak December 4**

**WHEATON, IL, Nov. 20, 2013** — The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park announces a free presentation by local historian Ann Durkin Keating on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 pm.

Keating will discuss her latest book, *Rising Up from Indian Country: The Battle of Fort Dearborn and the Birth of Chicago*. In detailing the Fort Dearborn Massacre of 1812 by the Potawatomi tribe, Keating brings to life the epic conflict that occurred where downtown Chicago stands today.

Anyone interested in our region's rich history and the evolution of Chicago will enjoy this evening presentation and book signing.

Keating is a professor and chair of the history department at North Central College in Naperville, where she has taught since 1991. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Illinois, and master of arts and doctorate degrees from the University of Chicago. She coedited the *Encyclopedia of Chicago* (2004) and is the author of several books about Chicago's history, including its neighborhoods and suburbs.

Museum doors open at 6:45 pm on December 4. Admission and parking are complimentary. For more information, please call 630.260.8187.

The event is part of the First Division Museum's popular series, *A Date with History*. The monthly programs feature an evening of lively discussion with authors, panelists, historians and special speakers. Information about upcoming programs is online at [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org).

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### **About the First Division Museum**

The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, part of the nonprofit Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundations, promotes public learning about America's military heritage and affairs through the history of the "Big Red One"—the famed 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division of the U.S. Army. It stands in tribute to all who have served our country in the armed forces. The museum's main exhibit hall transports visitors to the trenches of World War I, the beaches of World War II and the jungles of Vietnam. Outside, tanks are displayed from every era, along with personnel carriers and artillery. The Robert R. McCormick Research Center, open to the public, houses the museum's library, archival and photo collections. Visit the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park online at [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org).

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