

“Night in the Mansion” Family Overnight at Cantigny’s McCormick Museum

WHEATON, IL, February 21, 2012 — A highly popular Cantigny Park event returns on Friday, April 13, when the Robert R. McCormick Museum presents “A Night in the Mansion” Family Overnight. Participation is geared toward children ages 5 to 10 and their parents or guardians.

Guests will enjoy a variety of activities inside the historic former home of Cantigny’s benefactor, Robert R. McCormick. The evening will begin with a visit by owls from the Willowbrook Wildlife Center in Glen Ellyn, followed by a pillowcase craft and flashlight tour of the mansion. Visitors will then settle into their sleeping bags for a showing of “Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga’Hoole” in the historic Gold Theatre.

A light breakfast will be served in the museum on Saturday morning. Overnight guests may then wish to explore Cantigny Park on their own or join the park’s monthly bird walk (7:30 am, Visitors Center).

“Night in the Mansion” begins at 6:30 pm on April 13. The cost is \$40 per person and includes craft supplies, snacks, movie, continental breakfast and complimentary parking. Reservations (required) can be made online at Cantigny.org or by calling 630.260.8162. Space is limited.

The McCormick Museum is open in February for free guided tours. Hours in February are 10 am to 4 pm, Friday through Sunday. The museum returns to its usual Tuesday through Sunday tour schedule in March.

More information about Cantigny Park, including hours, directions and a calendar of upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org.

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About the Robert R. McCormick Museum

The McCormick Museum is a historic house museum interpreting the life and legacy of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is located at Cantigny, the Colonel’s 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate that he left as a gift to the public. Cantigny Park, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is home to the McCormick Museum, First Division Museum, formal gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails and a Visitors Center with banquet and dining facilities. 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.

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