

Decorate a Gingerbread House at the Robert R. McCormick Museum!

WHEATON, IL, November 29, 2012 — Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to a very special house to decorate a house of their own. Cantigny's annual gingerbread house decorating party will take place Thursday, Dec. 6, from 4:30 to 6 pm.

The venue, inside the former home of Cantigny's benefactor, Robert R. McCormick, makes this event a traditional favorite for kids and families.

In addition to decorating a preassembled gingerbread house, guests will enjoy hot chocolate, cookies and holiday music. They can also take a peek inside Freedom Hall, the home's impressive library, which is richly decorated for the season.

Cost for the gingerbread event is \$16 per child, or \$13 for Cantigny Plus members. Parking is free.

Advance registration is required—online at Cantigny.org or by phone at 630.260.8162. Registration closes on Monday, Dec. 3.

The McCormick Museum is open for free guided tours from 10 am to 4 pm, Tuesday through Sunday, through December. Currently, the museum features seven thematic Christmas trees on display, each decorated by a local nonprofit organization. Guests are invited to view the "community trees" and vote for their favorite. Each charity receives a donation from the McCormick Foundation.

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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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