

Cantigny Greenhouse Welcomes Guests on May 6

Complimentary annual open house includes tours, demonstrations and bulb sale

WHEATON, IL, April 19, 2012 — The Horticulture Department at Cantigny Park will host an open house on Sunday, May 6, from 10 am to 3 pm. The event offers garden enthusiasts a rare opportunity to go inside the Cantigny greenhouse where more than 1,000 varieties of flowers are propagated annually.

“This is a chance to see where the process of making Cantigny beautiful begins,” said Joy Kaminsky, Cantigny director of horticulture. “The greenhouse opens to the public just twice each year so we hope gardeners of all kinds will come take a look, learn something new and ask us some gardening questions.”

The 18,000-square-foot greenhouse supplies the plants displayed throughout the Cantigny gardens and golf course as well as interior spaces around the park.

The open house will offer something for all ages and interest levels. Self-guided tours will be available along with demonstrations, a papermaking activity for kids, and hands-on exhibits by local organizations that encourage “green” living.

Cantigny Park’s annual bulb sale will take place at the open house beginning at 10 am. The sale usually occurs in the third week of May but plans changed due to the exceptionally warm spring. A selection of freshly dug perennials also will be offered for sale, along with colorful flower bowls while supplies last.

Open house admission is free, and so is parking. Some activities may require a small participation fee.

Please note: Visitors should enter Cantigny Park through the main entrance on Winfield Road, not at Shaffner Road as in previous years. Complimentary trams will be running from the main parking lot to the greenhouse.

More information about Cantigny Park, including hours, directions and a calendar of 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 (Illinois) estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is home to 30 acres of spectacular gardens, the Robert R. McCormick Museum, the First Division Museum and a 27-hole championship golf course. All are open to the public. Cantigny also is a favorite destination for special events, weddings, concerts, lectures, workshops and other recreation and learning opportunities for all ages. Full-service banquet and dining facilities are on site. More information, including hours, directions and a calendar of upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org. For details about Cantigny Golf, including

the Cantigny Golf Academy and 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links, please visit CantignyGolf.com.

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