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“CELEBRATE THE SEASON” AT CANTIGNY ON DEC. 6!

Festive evening for all ages is a holiday favorite; NEW for 2014: Mistletoe Market

Wheaton, Ill., November 24, 2014 — The first Saturday of December will be bustling with holiday shoppers and fun-seeking families at Cantigny Park:

- ***Celebrate the Season Holiday Festival***
Saturday, Dec. 6
4 to 7 pm
Free event with paid parking (\$2 per vehicle)

Enjoy the park at its holiday best! Activities and attractions include:

- tree lighting ceremony
- carolers
- visits from Santa and Mrs. Claus!
- horse-drawn sleigh rides (\$2 per person)
- **Mistletoe Market** (open 1-7 pm, see below)
- live reindeer display
- performance by the Salt Creek Boys
- children’s craft
- face painting (\$3 per person)
- delicious holiday treats available in Bertie’s Café
- unique gift ideas in the Cantigny Shop – plus 20%-off storewide sale (some exclusions apply) and an extra 10% off for Cantigny members!

In addition, the Robert R. McCormick Museum will host a Holiday Open House from 5 to 8 pm. Visitors can view seven Christmas trees decorated by local non-profit groups and vote for their favorite. Each charity receives a donation from the McCormick Foundation. Also at the museum, Mrs. Claus will read children’s stories in the historic library under an 18-foot tree richly decorated by Phillip’s Flowers and Gifts.

The First Division Museum also will be open during the festival (until 7 pm) with holiday activities including storytime in the trenches (Christmas Truce) and the opportunity to write letters to soldiers who are serving our country far from home. Plus, visitors will see a new temporary exhibit featuring a huge Battle of the Bulge diorama made of LEGOs!

- **Mistletoe Market**

Saturday, Dec. 6

1 to 7 pm

Free event with paid parking (\$5; \$2 after 4 pm)

The place for one-of-a-kind, handcrafted gifts! You'll find them at this festive marketplace of local artisans, inside the Cantigny Visitors Center.

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About Cantigny Park

Part of the nonprofit Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundation, Cantigny 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 popular 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.