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**AUTHOR AND NATURALIST JOEL GREENBERG TO SPEAK JUNE 12**

**Wheaton, Ill., May 15, 2014** — Cantigny Park’s Robert R. McCormick Museum welcomes local author, naturalist and environmental consultant Joel Greenberg for a presentation on Thursday, June 12, at 7 pm. All are welcome to this free event, and Cantigny’s usual parking fee will be waived.

Greenberg will present “Hope is the Thing With Feathers: Americans and Three Birds.” The talk ties together the fascinating and sometimes heartbreaking stories of three bird species: the Passenger Pigeon, Kirtland’s Warbler and Whooping Crane. Each experienced a very different fate through its interaction with people.

Greenberg, a Westmont resident, is the author of “A Feathered River Across the Sky: The Passenger Pigeon’s Flight to Extinction.” The highly acclaimed book, published in 2014 to coincide with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the pigeon’s demise, has received a large measure of national media attention. Copies will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

Greenberg also wrote “A Natural History of the Chicago Region” (2004) and “Of Prairie, Woods, and Water: Two Centuries of Chicago Nature Writing” (2008). He co-authored “A Birder’s Guide to the Chicago Region” in 1999.

Doors open at 6:30 on June 12. A brief and optional tour of the McCormick Museum will follow the presentation.

Reservations are suggested. Those wishing to attend should call 630.260.8162 or email [register@cantigny.org](mailto:register@cantigny.org).

**About the Robert R. McCormick Museum**

The McCormick Museum is a historic house museum interpreting the life and legacy of Colonel Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), 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. The museum is open for free guided tours, Tuesday through Sunday. Hours are 10 am to 5 pm on weekdays, and 11 am to 5 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. The museum is closed on Mondays.

**About Cantigny Park**

Cantigny Park, part of the nonprofit Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundations, 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. More information, including hours, directions and a calendar of upcoming events is online at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org).