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## **July/August Events and Classes at Cantigny Park**

*The following activities will take place at Cantigny Park, 1s151 Winfield Road in Wheaton. Additional details are online at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.668.5161.*

### **July**

#### **Sunday, July 1**

##### **Theatre Trek: "The Great Snipe Hunt"**

##### **Cantigny Gardens, 11 am and 1 pm**

Enjoy outdoor theater in a beautiful setting as you stroll along with the actors as they perform. Choose morning or afternoon performance. "The Great Snipe Hunt" is about an adventurous girl who goes into the Wild Woods and meets a band of fantastic creatures from folklore and tall tales. Ages 5 and up welcome. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the Cantigny Gift Shop or Cantigny parking booth, [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

#### **Sunday, July 1**

##### **Concert: Navy Band Great Lakes**

##### **First Division Museum, 3 pm**

Enjoy patriotic music and more as the wind ensemble of the Navy Band Great Lakes continues the legacy of bandmaster Lieutenant John Philip Sousa. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

#### **Monday, July 2**

##### **Doodlebugs Art Class**

##### **Education Center, 1 to 2 pm (4 sessions)**

Drop off your child (ages 5 & 6) for an hour of exploration! Class meets on four consecutive Mondays: July 2, 9, 16 and 23. Kids will learn about "Famous Artists" and create their own art based on the styles and techniques of the masters. Cost: \$24; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

#### **Tuesday, July 3**

##### **Garden Tour: Idea Garden**

##### **Visitors Center, 11 am**

Join Jill Weiss from Cantigny Horticulture for an up-close look at Cantigny's "garden for gardeners." Take home some great ideas for your own garden! Free with paid parking (\$5).

#### **Wednesday, July 4**

##### **Independence Day Celebration**

##### **Parade Field, 12 to 4 pm**

Enjoy patriotic sights, sounds and activities for the whole family! Events and parking will be free all day. Kids will love the inflatables and painting our 20-foot mural. They can even ring the Liberty Bell and sign the Declaration of Independence. The McCormick Museum will host children's' activities at noon on the south porch, followed by a magic show outside the Visitors Center at 1 pm. The Southwest Community Concert Band will perform patriotic music in front of the First Division Museum at 3 pm. The First Division Museum and McCormick Museum will each be open from 10 am to 5 pm. Admission to each museum is free, and likewise there is no charge for enjoying Cantigny's spectacular gardens and spacious picnic grounds.

**Friday, July 6**

**Military Science: Rockets**

**First Division Museum, 10 am to 12 pm**

Students ages 11 to 14 are invited to learn about military rockets in a fun and safe environment. Experiment with basic principles of rocketry and launch different types of rockets. All students will take home an Estes rocket. Cost \$10; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Saturday, July 7**

**Northern Illinois Vintage Base Ball Tournament**

**Parade Field, 10 am**

Enjoy America's pastime as it looked more than a 100 years ago! Teams scheduled to appear and play by the rules of 1858 include: DuPage County Plowboys, Chicago Salmon, Bloomingdale Bucks, Rockford Forest Citys, Somonauk Blue Stockings, Springfield Long Nine, Creston Regulators, Aurora Town Club and Oregon Ganymedes. Free event; parking \$5.

**Saturday, July 7**

**Concert: Rick "Elvis" Saucedo**

**First Division Museum, 8 pm**

See and hear the next best thing to the real Elvis when Rick Saucedo & The Change of Habit Tribute Band play under the stars. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Parking is free. Purchase at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Sunday, July 8**

**Concert: Jin & Tonic Band**

**Cantigny Bandshell, 3 pm**

Put on your boots and cowboy hat—Cantigny is goin' country! Jin & Tonic Band is one of the premier country bands in the Midwest and has played many of the larger venues in the Chicagoland area. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Monday, July 9**

**Nature Art Camp**

**Education Center, 1 to 3:30 pm (4 sessions)**

This 4-day camp for ages 7-12 combines the study of nature with the creation of beautiful art from natural materials. Sustainability and environmentalism are the focus while having fun and exploring our surroundings. Kari Kraus from Water Street Studios will instruct. Class also meets July 10-12. Cost \$85 or \$80 for Cantigny Plus members. Free parking. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, July 10**

**Music Together®**

**Education Center, 9:30 am or 10:30 am (6 sessions)**

This is the first of 6 classes meeting on Tuesdays through August 14. Choose 9:30 or 10:30 am start. Each class is 45 minutes. Music Together® classes are designed to build on your child's natural enthusiasm for music and movement. Children (birth to kindergarten) and their parents or caregivers meet to experience new songs, chants, free dances and instrumental jam sessions. More details at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org). Cost: \$125 for first child; \$65 for siblings over 9 months old. Siblings under 9 months free. Parking included. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, July 10**

**Yoga in the Park**

**Education Center, 6 to 7 pm**

This is the first of 8 Tuesday night classes, concluding August 28. Geared for beginners to intermediate; previous yoga experience helpful but not required. Cost \$80 or \$68 for Cantigny Plus members. Parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, July 10**

**Wine Tasting**

**Rose Garden, 6:30 pm**

Learn about wine in a beautiful setting! Twelve different wines will be sampled with expert interpretation, along with complementing light appetizers. Advance registration required at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Event departs from the Visitors Center. Cost: \$30; parking free.

**Wednesday, July 11**

**Wiggleworms Parent-Child Program**

**Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am**

Introduce your little one (ages 18-36 months) to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The theme for this class is Summer Fruits. Cost: \$6; parking fee. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, July 11**

**Ask the Grower**

**Idea Garden, 12 pm**

Spend your lunch hour with Jill Weiss, Cantigny Grower, who will speak about sweet corn and answer your questions. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Wednesday, July 11**

**Vino van Gogh**

**Visitors Center, 6 to 8:30 pm**

Enjoy a glass of wine as you share good company and foster your inner artist! You'll learn how to paint a particular subject by breaking the steps down into a simple process in a fun, friendly environment. All skill levels welcome, and participants will take home a finished painting. Cost of \$52 includes expert instruction, all supplies, drink ticket, hors d'oeuvres and parking. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, July 11**

**Zumba**

**Education Center, 6 to 7 pm**

This is the first of 8 Wednesday night classes, concluding August 29. Zumba fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy to follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program! Cost \$80 or \$68 for Cantigny Plus members. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Thursday, July 12**

**Sprouts Parent-Child Program**

**Education Center, 10 to 11 am (3 sessions)**

Children ages 3 to 5 years are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is How Does Your Garden Grow? Class also meets July 19 and 26. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Thursday, July 12**

**Movie in the Park: "Kung Fu Panda"**

**Parade Field, 8:30 pm**

Celebrate summer with a favorite animated comedy under the stars! Movie seating is on the lawn, so guests are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs. Free with paid parking (\$2).

**Saturday, July 14**

**Purple Martins 101**

**Cantigny Golf, 7:30 am**

Learn all about one of America's favorite birds from Cantigny volunteer Ray Feld. The presentation will include an up-close look inside one of the martin "hotels." Cantigny Golf is located at 27w270 Mack Road in Wheaton. Free program and parking.

**Saturday, July 14**

**Kids' Concert: Steve Beno  
Cantigny Bandshell, 2 pm**

This energetic show is sure to get kids and their parents singing, smiling and moving! Hear audience favorites as well as Steve's original songs and a few musical surprises. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Saturday, July 14**

**DuPage Symphony Orchestra  
First Division Museum, 8 pm**

Enjoy a Ravinia-style outdoor concert as the DuPage Symphony presents "Symphonic Swing!" The performance will celebrate the legendary Big Bands of the 1930s and 40s and the era of American Jazz. Medley tributes to Duke Ellington, Cole Porter and Hoagy Carmichael will be showcased, along with a very special performance of George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. Director Barbara Schubert will conduct this memorable and fun-filled evening of American popular music. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$18 the day of show. Cantigny Plus members pay \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Purchase tickets at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162. Tickets also are available at Cantigny Park – in the gift shop and at the parking booth. For mail orders, download an order form on the website.

**Sunday, July 15**

**Concert: Northshore Concert Band  
Cantigny Bandshell, 3 pm**

Northshore Concert Band, a 100-member symphonic band now in its 56th season, is internationally known and respected for its musical excellence, leadership in community music and service to music education. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Sunday, July 15**

**Garden Photo Tips  
Visitors Center, 6:30 pm**

Receive advice, share your own knowledge, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow shutterbugs in beautiful surroundings. Group size is limited—register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$2).

**Tuesday, July 17**

**Cantigny Cartooning Camp  
Education Center, 1 to 2:30 pm (4 sessions)**

The first of four sessions, for ages 6 to 12, concluding on July 20. Students will learn the techniques that artists use to create the comic strips we all know and love. Professional guidance will be provided by Young Rembrandt instructor Richard Pietrzyk, a veteran artist, cartoonist and writer. Cost \$68 or \$61 for Cantigny Plus members. Free parking. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, July 18**

**Garden Tips & Tastes  
Idea Garden, 12 pm**

Bring a lunch and join Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture for some practical advice, a new recipe and plenty of plant chatter. Sessions meet on the first and third Wednesday each month. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Wednesday, July 18**

**Vino van Gogh  
Visitors Center, 6 to 8:30 pm**

Enjoy a glass of wine as you share good company and foster your inner artist! You'll learn how to paint a particular subject by breaking the steps down into a simple process in a fun, friendly environment. All skill levels welcome, and participants will take home a finished painting. Cost of \$52 includes expert instruction, all supplies, drink ticket, hors d'oeuvres and parking. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Thursday, July 19**

**Storytime in the Gardens**

**Visitors Center, 11 am**

Join the West Chicago Library staff to explore some favorite stories and other activities in Cantigny's beautiful gardens. Contact Ms. Joslyn Jones at the library for further details and reservations at 630.231.1552, ext. 3.

**Friday, July 20**

**Storytime in the Gardens**

**Visitors Center, 10:30 am**

Join the Winfield Public Library staff to explore some favorite stories and other activities in Cantigny's beautiful gardens. The summer reading theme this year is "Once Upon a Midnight Read." Contact Ms. Nuccia Choate at the library for further details and reservations at 630.653.7599.

**Saturday, July 21**

**Concert: Rockin' for the Troops**

**Parade Field, 12 pm**

Operation Support Our Troops America presents this 7<sup>th</sup> annual music fest for a great cause. Headliners include Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band, The Voices, 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven Band, Big John Howell and Amy Jacobson with The Born to Boogie Band and Isabela Nanni. Tickets are \$25 and limited on-site parking is \$10. Visit [osotamerica.org](http://osotamerica.org) for details.

**Sunday, July 22**

**Concert: Denny Diamond**

**Cantigny Bandshell, 3 pm**

If you like the music of Neil Diamond, this performance is for you! Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Sunday, July 22**

**Shakespeare in the Park: "The Merry Wives of Windsor"**

**Cantigny Gardens, 6 pm**

The Midsummer Theater Company presents an outdoor Shakespearean play amidst the beautiful Cantigny gardens. Just in case, the rain date for this event is July 29. Tickets are \$10; parking free. Visit [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Monday, July 23**

**Golf Course Cart Tour**

**Cantigny Golf, 6:30 pm**

See the spectacular floral plantings on Cantigny's picturesque 27-hole golf course and learn about their creation. Guests will travel in golf carts on this unique tour focusing on flowerbeds, restored natural areas, majestic trees and more. Todd Henderson, Head Forester, and Craig Kruckenberg, Horticulture Manager, will guide. Advance registration required and group size limited to 50. Visit [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162. Meet at Cantigny Golf at 6:15 pm (27w270 Mack Road, Wheaton). Cost: \$5; parking free.

**Wednesday, July 25**

**Wiggleworms Parent-Child Program**

**Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am**

Introduce your little one (ages 18-36 months) to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The theme for this class is Wiggly Worms. Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, July 25**

**Blossom Bits: A Floral Design Workshop**

**Idea Garden, 12 pm**

Beth Libby, Cantigny Floral Designer, will share tips and demonstrate how to create floral bugs such as dragonflies, ladybugs and spiders—cute little buggers! Advance registration requested at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Thursday, July 26**

**McCormick Day**

**Parkwide, 10 am**

Vintage games for kids, special tours and exhibits and much more at this annual parkwide celebration! Enjoy a slice of birthday cake, too, all in honor of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955). Free event and free parking all day!

**Thursday, July 26**

**Movie in the Park: "E.T."**

**Parade Field, 8:30 pm**

Celebrate summer with a family classic under the stars! Movie seating is on the lawn, so guests are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs. Free with paid parking (\$2).

**Friday, July 27**

**Military Science: Rockets**

**First Division Museum, 12:30 to 2:20 pm**

Students ages 11 to 14 are invited to learn about military rockets in a fun and safe environment. Experiment with basic principles of rocketry and launch different types of rockets. All students will take home an Estes rocket. Cost \$10, parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Friday, July 27**

**Family Campfire Night**

**Visitors Center, 5:30 pm**

Come spend the evening sitting fireside with your family. Plenty of fun activities including a craft, s'more making, campfire songs and a hike! Cost \$15 per family; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Saturday, July 28**

**Vintage Base Ball Match**

**Parade Field, 11 am**

Enjoy America's pastime as it looked more than a 100 years ago! The DuPage County Plowboys face the Rockford Forest Citys in spirited exhibition showcasing skill, sportsmanship and the rules of 1858! Free event; parking \$5.

**Saturday, July 28**

**Kids' Concert: Super Stolie and the Rockstars**

**Cantigny Bandshell, 2 pm**

This act's high-energy style and blend of kid-friendly pop-rock songs and audience participation encourages everyone to be silly and have a good time with music! Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Saturday, July 28**

**West Suburban Symphony Orchestra**

**First Division Museum, 8 pm**

Enjoy a Ravinia-style outdoor concert as the West Suburban Symphony and Maestro Peter Lipari present "HEROES." You'll be inspired by the thrilling music of heroes, real and legendary: American soldiers, astronauts and Olympians plus Flash Gordon, The Three Musketeers, Superman, Rocky Balboa, Harry Potter, James Bond, Captain Kirk, Indiana Jones and General Maximus. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$18 the day of show. Cantigny Plus members pay \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Purchase tickets at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162. Tickets also are available at Cantigny Park – in the gift shop and at the parking booth. For mail orders, download an order form on the website.

**Sunday, July 29**

**Concert: The Legends**

**Cantigny Bandshell, 3 pm**

The 1960s and 70s are back in style when this high-energy band hits the stage! Enjoy favorites from the Beach Boys, The Ventures, Jan & Dean and lots of other great surfin' sounds. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Monday, July 30****Camp Cantigny (5 sessions)****9 am to 12 pm**

Kids ages 7-10 are invited to Cantigny for a week of fun and exploration. Each day will take campers to a different part of the park for activities, games, crafts and discoveries. Camp concludes on August 3. Cost \$105 or \$100 for Cantigny Plus members. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**August****Wednesday, August 1****Garden Tips & Tastes****Idea Garden, 12 pm**

Bring a lunch and join Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture for some practical advice, a new recipe and plenty of plant chatter. Sessions meet on the first and third Wednesday each month. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Wednesday, August 1****Date with History Lecture: "The Battle of Kursk"****First Division Museum, 7:30 pm**

Program and parking are free. For more information, visit FirstDivisionMuseum.org or call 630.260.8187.

**Thursday, August 2****Teddy Bear Picnic****Education Center, 1 to 2:30 pm**

Kids (ages 6-8) are invited for a special afternoon at the park! Blankets will be spread on the grass (weather permitting) where the children and their fuzzy friends will listen to stories, make a few crafts, play games and share a snack and lemonade. Cost \$10 per child; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Friday, August 3****Military Science: Rockets****First Division Museum, 10 am to 12 pm**

Students ages 11 to 14 are invited to learn about military rockets in a fun and safe environment. Experiment with basic principles of rocketry and launch different types of rockets. All students will take home an Estes rocket. Cost \$10; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Saturday, August 4****Fitness Walk****Visitors Center, 8 am**

This is the first session of a new program led by a certified fitness instructor. One-hour walks will take place every Saturday morning through October 27. Participants can choose one, four, eight or all 13 fitness walks (full season). Fees range from \$12 to \$120 depending on how many classes are purchased. Discounts for Cantigny Plus members range from \$6 to \$24 depending on number of classes purchased. Parking free. Full details are posted online. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Saturday, August 4****Dog Days at Cantigny****Parade Field, 10 am to 4 pm**

Bring your furry best friend and enjoy everything canine at this 4<sup>th</sup> annual event. Lots of special entertainment for all ages plus vendor exhibits and sales. Free with \$5 parking.

**Sunday, August 5****Concert: Celtic Sounds****Cantigny Bandshell, 3 pm**

From humble beginnings as a pub band in 2001, Celtic Sounds has emerged as a fiery, exciting group performing time-honored Irish music along with some country, folk and soft rock just for fun. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Tuesday, August 7**

**Tour: Rose Garden**

**Visitors Center, 11 am**

Craig Myroup from Cantigny Horticulture will interpret and share one of the estate's most popular attractions, the Rose Garden. The 12,000 square foot garden is home to more than 1,000 rose bushes and 55 varieties. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Tuesday, August 7**

**Wine Through the Gardens**

**Visitors Center, 6:30 pm**

Take a leisurely stroll through a horticultural masterpiece, stopping at the most popular features. Cantigny horticulturalists will make short presentations at each spot and answer questions. A different wine will be served at each stop and the tour will conclude with light appetizers. Cost \$25; parking free. Advance registration required at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, August 8**

**Blossom Bits: A Floral Design Workshop**

**Idea Garden, 12 pm**

Beth Libby, Cantigny Floral Designer, will discuss and demonstrate centerpieces with floating flowers. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Wednesday, August 8**

**Wiggleworms Parent-Child Program**

**Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am**

Introduce your little one (ages 18-36 months) to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The theme for this class is "Bird is the Word." Cost: \$6; parking fee. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Thursday, August 9**

**Sprouts Parent-Child Program**

**Education Center, 10 to 11 am (3 sessions)**

Children ages 3 to 5 years are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is Birds of a Feather. Class also meets August 16 and 23. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Thursday, August 9**

**Movie in the Park: "Ghostbusters"**

**Parade Field, 8:30 pm**

Enjoy some late summer spooky fun under the stars! Movie seating is on the lawn, so guests are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs. Free with paid parking (\$2).

**Saturday, August 11**

**Bird Walk**

**Visitors Center, 7:30 am**

This version of our monthly bird walk has a special theme: "Take a Kid Birding Day!" If you know a young person (at least 10) who likes birds, or might like birds, bring him or her to the park! Volunteers from the DuPage Birding Club will try their best to show the youngsters some colorful and interesting birds while providing a light introduction to a fascinating hobby. Binoculars will be available for borrowing. Free event, including parking.

**Saturday, August 11**

**Kids' Concert: Dave Rudolf**

**Cantigny Bandshell, 2 pm**

A favorite performer returns for another fun and silly Beach Party featuring hula hooping, bubble machines, limbo and more. Come ready to sing and dance! Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Sunday, August 12**

**French Connection Day**

**Parade Field, 9 am to 3 pm**

Enjoy a day-long festival and family fun as Cantigny celebrates everything France—all to commemorate the personal history of the park's benefactor, Robert R. McCormick. Colonel McCormick named his Cantigny estate after a French village, scene of the first American victory during World War I. McCormick fought in the Battle of Cantigny with the Army's 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Sunday, August 12**

**Concert: The Nevery Brothers**

**Cantigny Bandshell, 3 pm**

This band plays favorite hits from 1950s through the 1964 British invasion. Prepare for an awe-inspiring concert that will have you singing, dancing and thoroughly entertained! Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Monday, August 13**

**Awesome Earrings for Beginners**

**Education Center, 6 pm**

Learn the fundamental techniques to create awesome earrings! Lisa Dienst-Thomas will provide expert instruction and students will receive all supplies necessary for up to three pairs of pierced dangle earrings with sterling silver and various beads. Tools also provided for use during class. No experience necessary. Cost \$38 or \$35 for Cantigny Plus members. Parking free. Advance registration required at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, August 14**

**Pedals & Petals Bike Tour**

**Visitors Center, 6:30 pm**

Bob Carr and Chris Roberts from Cantigny Horticulture will escort visitors on a leisurely ride with plenty of stops at different areas of the gardens. Adults and children ages 8 and up welcome. Limit 15 people. Free with paid parking (\$2). Advance registration required at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, August 15**

**Garden Tips & Tastes**

**Idea Garden, 12 pm**

Bring a lunch and join Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture for some practical advice, a new recipe and plenty of plant chatter. Sessions meet on the first and third Wednesday each month. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Thursday, August 16**

**Movie in the Park: "Hugo"**

**Parade Field, 8:30 pm**

Celebrate late summer under the stars with this magical Best Picture nominee directed by Martin Scorsese. Movie seating is on the lawn, so guests are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs. Free with paid parking (\$2).

**Sunday, August 19**

**Vintage Base Ball Match**

**Parade Field, 1 pm**

See how our national pastime was played under 1858 rules as the DuPage County Plowboys take on the Oregon Ganymedes in a spirited but friendly competition. Free with parking (\$5).

**Sunday, August 19**

**Concert: Roots Rock Society**

**Cantigny Bandshell, 3 pm**

Founded in 1986, this group celebrates its heritage and culture with an innovative blend of reggae, calypso, soul, zouk and other rhythms of the African Diaspora. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Sunday, August 19**

**Garden Photo Tips**

**Visitors Center, 6:30 pm**

Receive advice, share your own knowledge, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow shutterbugs in beautiful surroundings. Group size is limited—register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$2).

**Wednesday, August 22**

**Wiggleworms Parent-Child Program**

**Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am**

Introduce your little one (ages 18-36 months) to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The theme for this class is “Birds of a Different Feather.” Cost: \$6; parking fee. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Saturday, August 25**

**A Pastel Sampler**

**Education Center, 9:30 am to 12 pm**

This class will offer basic instruction on how to draw with soft pastels. All supplies will be provided and you'll leave the class with a finished “sampler.” No experience necessary. Cost is \$25 or \$22 for Cantigny Plus members. Parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Sunday, August 26**

**Concert: U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America**

**First Division Museum, 3 pm**

This unit has a long history of entertaining the American public and promoting *esprit de corps* within the military. Each year it performs for millions of people throughout a six-state region from the upper peninsula of Michigan to Oklahoma. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Wednesday, August 29**

**Ask the Grower**

**Idea Garden, 12 pm**

Spend your lunch hour with Jill Weiss, Cantigny Grower, who will speak on “Preserving Your Harvest” and answer your questions. Advance registration requested at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

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**About Cantigny Park**

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is the 500-acre Wheaton estate of Robert R. McCormick. It is home to the McCormick Museum, First Division Museum, formal gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails and a Visitor Center with banquet and dining facilities. More information, including hours, directions and upcoming events is online at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org). 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. For more information, visit [CantignyGolf.com](http://CantignyGolf.com).

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