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**MARCH-APRIL EVENTS & CLASSES AT CANTIGNY PARK**

*The following spring 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.*

**March**

**Wednesday, March 1**

**Inchworms Parent-Child Program**

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

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

**Wednesday, March 1**

**Sprouts Parent-Child Program**

**Visitors Center, 10:45 to 11:45 am** (first of 3 sessions)

Children ages 3 to 5 years (with adult) are invited explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, outdoor walks and crafts. Class meets three consecutive Wednesdays: March 1, 8 and 15. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Monday, March 6**

**Doodlebugs Art Class**

**Visitors Center, 10 to 11 am** (first of 3 sessions)

Drop off your child (ages 4-6) for an hour of creative exploration! Class meets three consecutive Mondays: March 6, 13 and 20. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, March 7**

**Greenhouse Tour**

**Cantigny Greenhouse, 11 am**

Join Bob Carr, Cantigny grower, for a look at the park's spring bedding plants and the beginning stages of its summer plant series on this behind-the-scenes tour. The greenhouse is normally closed to the public. Advance registration requested: email [register@cantigny.org](mailto:register@cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5). Park at the Visitors Center then walk to the greenhouse or ride the free tram.

**Wednesday, March 8**

**Inchworms Parent-Child Program**

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

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

**Saturday, March 11**

**Second Saturday: Women's History Month  
McCormick Museum, 12 to 3 pm**

Families are invited to the museum's Gold Theatre for this monthly drop-in program with interactive themes. The March program honors Women's History Month with a celebration of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote. Make suffragette sashes and pins, and visit a mock voting booth to make your voice heard! Free program; parking \$5.

**Saturday, March 11**

**Living History Performance: Alice Paul  
McCormick Museum, 3 pm**

In honor of Women's History Month, living-history actress and scholar Leslie Goddard presents Alice Paul, an American pioneer in the cause of women's suffrage (right to vote). Goddard's program in the museum's Freedom Hall is ideal for families and children ages 10 and up. There is no cost to attend but advance registration is required. To reserve your place, call 630.260.8162 or email [register@cantigny.org](mailto:register@cantigny.org). Parking is \$5.

**Sunday, March 12**

**Girl Reporter: Tracing the Role of Women at the *Chicago Tribune*  
McCormick Museum, 3 pm**

In honor of Women's History Month, McCormick Museum docent Laurie Russell presents a fascinating look at the history of female journalists at the *Chicago Tribune*, the newspaper where Cantigny benefactor Robert R. McCormick served as editor and publisher for nearly 50 years. Russell's program in the museum's Freedom Hall is geared to adult audiences. It is free to attend but advance registration is required. To reserve your place, call 630.260.8162 or email [register@cantigny.org](mailto:register@cantigny.org). Parking is \$5.

**Tuesday, March 14**

**Kid Rock "Shamrock Shuffle" Parent-Child Event  
Visitors Center, 10 to 10:45 am**

Parents and their wee ones (ages 1-5) are invited to celebrate St. Patty's Day with a fun and musical session of songs, instruments and imaginative play. For more about Kid Rock programs, visit [rockitkids.com](http://rockitkids.com). Cost is \$10 per child; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, March 15**

**Inchworms Parent-Child Program  
Visitors Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am**

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

**Thursday, March 16**

**"Little Leprechauns" Parent-Child Program  
Visitors Center, 10 to 11 am**

This St. Patrick's Day celebration for ages 3 to 5 will include stories, fun crafts and a special treat! \$10 per child; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Sunday, March 19**

**American Legion Pancake Breakfast  
Le Jardin at Cantigny Park, 7 am to 1 pm**

Cantigny Post 556 of the American Legion invites the public to a delicious fundraiser! Feast on pancakes, sausage, eggs and biscuits and gravy. Also enjoy an early spring floral display by Cantigny's horticulture department and register to win a door prize. Cost: \$7 per person or \$3 for ages 4 and under. Walk-ins welcome.

**Sunday, March 19**

**Living-History Performance: Clara Barton  
McCormick Museum, 3 pm**

In honor of Women's History Month, living-history actress and scholar Leslie Goddard presents Clara Barton, the pioneering Civil War battlefield nurse. Goddard's program in the museum's Freedom Hall is ideal for families and children ages 10 and up. There is no cost to attend but advance registration is required. To reserve your place, call 630.260.8162 or email [register@cantigny.org](mailto:register@cantigny.org). Parking is \$5.

**Sunday, March 19**

**Workshop: Introduction to Grafting Fruit Trees  
Cantigny Greenhouse, 1 to 2:30 pm**

The Midwest Fruit Explorers, a garden club for backyard fruit growers, offers this free session for beginners. The workshop is free but advance registration is required. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162. Parking (\$5) is at the Visitors Center with free shuttle service available to the greenhouse.

**Wednesday, March 22**

**Wee Heart Music: "Zoom Zoom Sing-a-Long"  
Visitors Center, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30 and 12:30 (choose one)**

Families with children ages birth to 6 will enjoy this 45-minute sing-a-long with a transportation theme. Wee Heart Music is a research-based early childhood music and movement program. Choose from four class times; each class is 45 minutes. Cost: \$5 per child; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, March 22**

**Date with History  
Visitors Center, 7:30 pm**

The First Division Museum welcomes Author Marsha Gordon who will discuss her newly published (2017) book, "Film is Like a Battleground: Sam Fuller's War Movies." Program and parking free. For more information, visit [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org) or call 630.260.8187.

**Thursday, March 23**

**Wee Heart Music: "All the Animals Sing-a-Long"  
Visitors Center, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30 and 12:30 (choose one)**

Families with children ages birth to 6 will enjoy this sing-a-long with an animal theme. Wee Heart Music is a research-based early childhood music and movement program. Choose from four class times; each class is 45 minutes. Cost: \$5 per child; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, March 28**

**Spring Fling: Girl's Craft Camp  
Visitors Center, 10 am to 12 pm (first of four sessions)**

This four-day (March 28-31) craft camp for girls ages 8-14 coincides with Spring Break for most area schools. Campers will make decorative cards, jewelry, beauty products and more – take home a different project each day! Cost: \$85; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Friday, March 31**

**Bell's Craft Brew Dinner  
Red Oak Room at Cantigny Golf, 6:30 pm**

Cantigny welcome's Kalamazoo's Bell's Brewery for a special craft brew dinner prepared by Chef Frank Bellino and his talented culinary team. Guests will enjoy a creatively delicious five-course meal with each course complemented by a different Bell's beer. Recipe's will contain beer as well, even dessert! Cost: \$70 per person, inclusive of tax

and gratuity. Reservations required; call 630.260.8194. Cantigny Golf is located at 27w270 Mack Road in Wheaton.

## **April**

### **Tuesday, April 4**

#### **Garden Tour**

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

Cantigny Forester Chris Roberts will showcase the park's collection of flowering trees, shrubs and wildflowers and answer questions. No registration required. Free program; parking \$5.

### **Wednesday, April 5**

#### **Inchworms Parent-Child Program**

##### **Visitors Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am**

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

### **Wednesday, April 5**

#### **Sprouts Parent-Child Program**

##### **Visitors Center, 10:45 to 11:45 am (first of 3 sessions)**

Children ages 3 to 5 years (with adult) are invited explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. Class meets three consecutive Wednesdays: April 5, 12 and 19. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

### **Wednesday, April 5**

#### **Date with History**

##### **Cantigny Visitors Center, 7:30 pm**

The First Division Museum welcomes author Kathryn J. Atwood. She will discuss her 2016 book, "Women Heroes of World War I: 16 Remarkable Resisters, Soldiers, Spies, and Medics." The inspiring volume, from the Women of Action series, is geared to teenage readers. Program and parking free. For more information, visit [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org) or call 630.260.8187.

### **Thursday, April 6**

#### **Cantigny Gardens 2017 Preview**

##### **Visitors Center Theater, 10 am**

Enjoy a free presentation (about 90 minutes) highlighting the park's plant selections and plans for the main gardens, golf course and Idea Garden, spring through fall. Parking \$5.

### **Saturday, April 8 & Sunday, April 9**

#### **Easter Egg Hunt**

##### **Parade Field, 9 am to 1 pm**

Hundreds of plastic eggs will be hidden on the Parade Field for this colorful rain or shine event for all ages. The format is "open house" so come either day at any time during event hours. Take a photo with Mr. or Mrs. Easter Bunny and watch "Hop" in the movie theater at 9:30 and 11:30 am. A children's craft project will be offered inside the Visitors Center, too. All activities are free except for the craft (\$3). Parking \$5.

### **Saturday, April 8 & Sunday, April 9**

#### **Free Movie: "Hop"**

##### **Visitors Center Theater, 9:30 am & 11:30 am**

Enjoy this complimentary screening of the 2011 Easter-themed comedy. Released in 2011 and rated PG, the live-action and animated movie features Russell Brand as the

voice of E.B., a rabbit who does not want to succeed his dad as the Easter Bunny. Parking at Cantigny is \$5.

**Saturday, April 8 & Sunday, April 9**

**Usborne Children's Book Fair**

**Visitors Center, 9 am to 1 pm**

Add some "brain candy" to your child's Easter basket! Usborne will offer a wide selection of books for young readers. Free event; parking \$5.

**Saturday, April 8 & Sunday, April 9**

**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**

**Le Jardin at Cantigny Park**

Enjoy a hearty buffet at Le Jardin inside the Cantigny Visitors Center and have your child photographed with the Easter Bunny. Choose 10 am and 12:30 pm seating. Two strolling balloon artists and a face painter will provide entertainment. Cost: \$29 adults; \$20 children (ages 4-10); children 3 and under free. Prices include food, entertainment, photo and parking; tax and gratuity extra. For reservations, call 630.260.8260 or email amyanderson@cantigny.org.

**Wednesday, April 12**

**Inchworms Parent-Child Program**

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

Introduce your little one (ages 18-36 months) to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, April 12**

**Kid Rock "Bunny Hop" Parent-Child Event**

**Visitors Center, 6 to 6:45 pm**

Parents and their little ones (ages 1-5) are invited to a fun Easter-themed session of songs, instruments and imaginative play. For more about Kid Rock programs, visit rockitkids.com. Cost is \$10 per child; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

**Thursday, April 13**

**"Hoppy Easter!" Parent-Child Program**

**Visitor Center, 10 to 11 am**

This holiday celebration will include stories, songs and crafts about bunnies, eggs and chicks—plus a special treat! For ages 3 to 5. \$10 per child; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

**Sunday, April 16**

**Easter Brunch**

**Le Jardin at Cantigny Park & Red Oak Room at Cantigny Golf**

Celebrate the holiday with one of the finest brunches in the western suburbs and served in beautiful surroundings. Choose from 10 am, 12:30 pm or 3 pm seatings at either location. Cost: \$43 adults; \$40 seniors; \$18 children (ages 4-10); children 3 and under free. Prices do not include tax or gratuity. For reservations, call 630.260.8194 or email [pduquette@cantigny.org](mailto:pduquette@cantigny.org).

**Wednesday, April 19**

**Inchworms Parent-Child Program**

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

Introduce your little one (ages 18-36 months) to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

**Friday, April 21**

**Family Night: Fly a Kite!**

**Visitors Center, 5:30 to 7:30 pm**

The park's monthly Family Night series begins a third year with an evening devoted to kite flying! Bring your own kite or purchase one at Cantigny (\$3). Wind permitting, Chicago Kite will demonstrate some larger, fancier models. Free with \$5 parking.

**Sunday, April 23**

**Garden Photo Tips**

**Visitors Center, 2 pm**

Learn how to take better pictures on a stroll led by one of Cantigny's volunteer photographers. Beginners welcome. First in a series of free monthly photo walks. Group size limited to 10; register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162. Parking \$5.

**Tuesday, April 25**

**Doodlebugs Art Class**

**Visitors Center, 10 to 11 am** (first of 3 sessions)

Drop off your child (ages 4-6) for an hour of creative exploration! Class meets for three consecutive days, April 25-27. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Thursday, April 27**

**Pork & Pinot Dinner**

**Red Oak Room at Cantigny Golf, 6:30 pm**

Cantigny welcomes Heritage Wines for a unique wine dinner event! Executive Chef Frank Bellino and his talented culinary team will prepare a tasty and memorable four-course meal, each course featuring pork and accompanied by the perfect Pinot Noir, the most versatile food wine around. Cost: \$70 per person, tax and gratuity included. Reservations required; call 630.260.8194. Cantigny Golf is located at 27w270 Mack Road in Wheaton.

**Saturday, April 29 & Sunday, April 30**

**Woodcarving Show**

**Visitors Center, 9 am to 4 pm**

"Artistry in Wood," presented by North Suburban Carvers, features many of the Midwest's finest woodcarvers exhibiting their work and offering one-of-a-kind items for sale. Visitors will see a wide variety of carvings and carving styles, plus demonstrations. Admission is free with paid parking (\$5).

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**About Cantigny Park**

Cantigny Park, part of the nonprofit Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundation, 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](http://Cantigny.org). For details about Cantigny Golf, including the Cantigny Golf Academy and 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links, please visit [CantignyGolf.com](http://CantignyGolf.com).