
March/April Events & 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. The park's phone number is 630.668.5161.

March

Monday, March 3

Doodlebugs Art Class

Education Center, 1 to 2 pm

Drop off your child (ages 5 & 6) for an hour of creative exploration! The theme is Melody Makers and the kids will make musical instruments. Class meets three consecutive Mondays: March 3, 10 and 17. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Tuesday, March 4

Greenhouse Tour

Cantigny Greenhouse, 11 am

Bob Carr, Cantigny Grower, will highlight 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 or call 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5). Park at the Visitors Center then walk to the greenhouse or ride the free shuttle.

Wednesday, March 5

Inchworms 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 Clouds. Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, March 5

Date with History Series

First Division Museum, 7:30 pm

Author Miyoko Hikiji will discuss "All I Could Be: My Story as a Woman Warrior in Iraq." Program and parking free. For more information, visit FirstDivisionMuseum.org or call 630.260.8187.

Thursday, March 6

Sprouts Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 10 to 11 am

Children ages 3 to 5 years are invited explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is Weather Watchers. Class meets three consecutive Thursdays: March 6, 13 and 20. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Friday, March 7

Sprouts Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 10 to 11 am

Children ages 3 to 5 years are invited explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is Weather Watchers. Class meets three consecutive Fridays: March 7, 14 and 21. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Saturday, March 8

Lecture: Shade-Tolerant Plants

Visitors Center Theater, 11 am to 1 pm

The Midwest Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society presents Rich Eyre, owner of Rich's Foxwillow Pines Nursery in Woodstock. In his lecture, "Shady Characters," Eyre will discuss various shade-tolerant plants and answer questions from home gardeners. The event is free with paid parking (\$5) and advance registration is not required.

Sunday, March 9

Concert: Metropolis Oboe Quartet

Robert R. McCormick Museum, 3 pm

Visit Cantigny.org for full details about this free concert inside historic Freedom Hall. Due to limited space, ticket distribution is by lottery and limited to two per person. To be eligible for tickets, call 630.260.8162 or email register@cantigny.org by Feb. 28. If emailing, be sure to include phone number. Ticket recipients will be contacted by March 5.

Wednesday, March 12

Lecture: Herbal Pet Care

Visitors Center, 12 pm

Cantigny Floral Designer Beth Libby will discuss the use of herbs to heal common disorders and supplement the diet of our feline and canine friends. Registration requested: register@cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Friday, March 14

"Little Leprechauns" Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 1 to 2 pm

This early St. Patrick's Day celebration will include stories, fun crafts and a special treat! For ages 3 to 5. \$10 per child; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, March 19

Inchworms 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 Rainbows. Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Sunday, March 23

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 another 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 23

Workshop: Introduction to Fruit Tree Grafting

Cantigny Greenhouse, 1 to 2:30 pm

The Midwest Fruit Explorers, a garden club for backyard fruit growers, will offer information about grafting fruit trees on a small lot. The workshop is free, but advance registration is required. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162. Parking (\$5) is at the Visitors Center with free shuttle service available to the greenhouse.

Saturday, March 29

Concert: Airlifter Brass Ensemble

Le Jardin at Cantigny Park, 2 pm

Enjoy this special performance by Airlifter Brass, a quintet featuring members of the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America. The band itself has a long history of entertaining the American public in a 10-state region and promoting esprit de corps within the military. The concert is free with paid parking (\$5).

April

Tuesday, April 1

Garden Tour

Visitors Center, 11 am

Cantigny Forester Todd Henderson will showcase the park's collection of flowering trees, shrubs and wildflowers and answer questions. No registration required. Free program. Parking is \$5.

Tuesday, April 1

Yoga for Seniors

Education Center, 1:30 to 2:45 pm

This 6-session class, concluding on May 6, is specifically designed for ages 65 and up. Maureen Fogerty, certified yoga instructor, will provide a gentle orientation to what can be a very beneficial activity for seniors. All equipment provided but participants may bring their own. Cost \$75; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Thursday, April 3

Cantigny Gardens 2014 Preview

Visitors Center Theater, 9 am

Enjoy a presentation highlighting the park's plant selections and plans for the main gardens, golf course and Idea Garden, spring through fall. The program is free, but advance registration is required. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162. Parking is \$5.

Sunday, April 6

Illinois Orchid Society Lecture and Display

Visitors Center Theater, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

The Illinois Orchid Society presents Tom Harper, who will speak about Phalaenopsis, the most common orchid for home growers. Society members will offer a workshop and display of blooming orchids prior to the keynote presentation. The event is free with paid parking (\$5) and advance registration is not required.

Monday, April 7

Golden Oak Club

Education Center, 10 to 11:30 am

Calling all seniors! This popular third-year program is for ages 65 and up. The club will meet on the first and third Monday of the month through October. The first meeting features a guest speaker; the second is devoted to games and other activities. Each

meeting includes refreshments. Cost is \$25 per year; parking free. Register online or call 630.260.8162.

Tuesday, April 8

Doodlebugs: Camp Messterpiece

Education Center, 1 to 2 pm (4 sessions)

The perfect camp-style class for kids ages 5-6 who like to get messy and explore new ways to create art! Class meets four days, concluding on April 11. Cost: \$24. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, April 9

Inchworms 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 Let's Celebrate Spring! Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Thursday, April 10

Sprouts Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 10 to 11 am

Children ages 3 to 5 years are invited explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is Sensational Spring! Class meets three consecutive Thursdays: April 10, 17 and 24. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Friday, April 11

Sprouts Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 10 to 11 am

Children ages 3 to 5 years are invited explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is Sensational Spring! Class meets three consecutive Fridays: April 11, 18 and 25. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Sunday, April 13

Concert: Maevis Jazz Quartet

Robert R. McCormick Museum, 3 pm

Visit Cantigny.org for full details about this free concert inside historic Freedom Hall. Due to limited space, ticket distribution is by lottery and limited to two per person. To be eligible for tickets, call 630.260.8162 or email register@cantigny.org by April 4. If emailing, please include phone number. Ticket recipients will be contacted by April 9.

Friday, April 18

"Hoppy Easter!" Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 1 to 2 pm

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.

Saturday, April 19

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Le Jardin at Cantigny Park, 9 to 10:30 am

Enjoy a hearty buffet at Le Jardin inside the Cantigny Visitors Center and have your child photographed with the Easter Bunny. Strolling balloon artists will provide entertainment and each child will receive a complimentary pair of bunny ears! After

breakfast, take part in Cantigny's famous Egg Hunt at 11 am. Cost: \$26 adults; \$18 children (ages 3-12); children 2 and under free. For reservations, call 630.260.8260.

Saturday, April 19

Egg Hunt

Robert R. McCormick Museum, 11 am

Hundreds of colored eggs will be scattered across the McCormick Museum lawn at this classic annual activity for families and kids. Bring your camera! Your child might even find the Golden Egg! Activities at the museum begin at 10:30, including an Easter craft and a baby animal petting zoo. Event is free; parking \$5.

Sunday, April 20

Easter Brunch

Le Jardin at Cantigny Park and Red Oak Room at Cantigny Golf

Celebrate the holiday with one of the finest brunches in the western suburbs and in beautiful surroundings. Seatings at 10 am, 12:30 and 3 pm. Cost: \$40 adults; \$37 seniors; \$17 children (ages 4-10); children 3 and under free. For reservations, call 630.260.8194.

Wednesday, April 23

Inchworms 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 Sensational Spring! Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Saturday, April 26 (9 am to 4 pm)

Sunday, April 27 (10 am to 4 pm)

Woodcarving Show

Cantigny Visitors Center

"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. Show is free; parking \$5.

Sunday, April 27

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 or call 630.260.8162. Parking \$5.

Wednesday, April 30

Date with History Series

Visitors Center Theater, 7:30 pm

Author David Finkel will discuss "Thank You for Your Service." Program and parking free. For more information, visit FirstDivisionMuseum.org or call 630.260.8187.

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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. 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.

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