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## **March/April Events and Classes at Cantigny Park and Cantigny Golf**

*The following activities will take place at Cantigny Park, 1s151 Winfield Road in Wheaton, or Cantigny Golf, 27w270 Mack Road, also in Wheaton. Additional details are online at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) and [CantignyGolf.com](http://CantignyGolf.com). Cantigny's general phone number is 630.668.5161.*

### **March**

#### **Friday, March 1**

##### **Spring Exhibit: Conflict Zone**

##### **First Division Museum, 10 am to 4 pm**

This multimedia exhibit is a collection of images and video from the front lines of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, captured by some of the world's leading combat photographers and journalists. The exhibit runs through April 15. Admission is free with paid parking (\$5).

#### **Friday, March 1**

##### **Exploring the World of Rhododendrons**

##### **Visitors Center, 1 pm**

Dr. Stephen Krebs, director of the David G. Leach Research Station of The Holden Arboretum in Kirtland, Ohio, will present on the global diversity within genus "Rhododendron" and some of the challenges in growing these plants in continental climates. He will also describe an ongoing rhododendron breeding and research program that aims to improve the performance and adaptability of these beautiful but difficult-to-grow shrubs. The program and parking are free but advance registration is requested due to limited seating. Call 630.260.8162 or email [register@cantigny.org](mailto:register@cantigny.org).

#### **Sunday, March 3**

##### **Girl Reporter: Tracing the Role of Women at the *Chicago Tribune***

##### **McCormick Museum, 2 pm**

This 30-minute illustrated presentation, coinciding with Women's History Month, will include an optional guided tour of the Robert R. McCormick Museum, once home to the *Chicago Tribune's* editor and publisher. The lecture is free with paid parking (\$5). Reservations suggested: call 630.260.8162 or email [register@cantigny.org](mailto:register@cantigny.org).

#### **Monday, March 4**

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

##### **Education Center, 1 to 2 pm**

Drop off your child (ages 5 & 6) for an hour of creative exploration! Class meets three consecutive Mondays: March 4, 11 and 18. The theme is A Mix of Media. Students will experiment with watercolors, oil pastels, clay, colored pencils and markers to create take-home masterpieces. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

#### **Tuesday, March 5**

##### **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. No registration required. Free program. Parking \$5. Park at the Visitors Center then walk to the greenhouse or ride the free shuttle.

**Tuesday, March 5**

**Workshop: Total Golf Conditioning for Maximum Power and Distance**

**Cantigny Golf Academy, 7 to 8:15 pm**

Get helpful tips and advice from Dr. Paul Callaway, director of golf fitness. Reserve your spot by calling 630.567.7572. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for junior golfers under age 18.

**Wednesday, March 6**

**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 Hopping Rabbits. Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, March 6**

**Yoga**

**Education Center, 5:15 to 6:15 pm**

This is the first of 8 Tuesday night classes concluding on April 24. Geared for beginners to intermediate; previous yoga experience not required. Cost \$80; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, March 6**

**Date with History Series**

**First Division Museum, 7:30 pm**

Celebrate Women's History Month with a presentation by Pauline Fraser and her biographer, Louise Brass. They will discuss "Presenting Pauline," the remarkable story of Fraser's years as a London stage performer during World War II. Program and parking free. For more information, visit FirstDivisionMuseum.org or call 630.260.8187.

**Thursday, 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 Backyard Friends, with a focus on rabbits, skunks and chipmunks. Class also meets March 14 & 21. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

**Friday, March 8**

**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 Backyard Friends, with a focus on rabbits, skunks and chipmunks. Class also meets March 15 & 22. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

**Sunday, March 10**

**Concert: Naperville Chamber Players**

**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 March 1. If emailing, be sure to include phone number. Ticket recipients will be contacted by March 6.

**Tuesday, March 12**

**Music Together® Sing-A-Long**

**Education Center, 9:30 or 10:30 am**

"Let's Sing for Spring" is the theme for this fun and interactive 45-minute session designed for infants through kindergarten. Rhonda Sisson from Music Together® will instruct. Cost: \$10 per child and \$8 for siblings; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

**Thursday, March 14**

**Spring Exhibit Talkback**

**First Division Museum, 7 pm**

Explore the Conflict Zone multimedia exhibit with one of the photojournalists, Jackie Spencer, who will discuss the creation of the exhibit and her own images. Program and parking free. For more information, visit [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org) or call 630.260.8187.

**Friday, March 15**

**“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](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Sunday, March 17**

**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.

**Tuesday, March 19**

**Music Together® Parent-Child Program**

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

This is the first of 10 classes meeting on Tuesdays through May 21. Music Together® is 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. Rhonda Sisson from Music Together® will instruct. More details at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org). Cost: \$169 for first child; \$119 for siblings over 9 months old. Siblings under 9 months free. Parking included. Register online or call 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, March 19**

**Workshop: Fitness Training Essentials for Junior Golfers**

**Cantigny Golf Academy, 7 to 8:15 pm**

Get helpful tips and advice from Dr. Paul Callaway, director of golf fitness. Reserve your spot by calling 630.567.7572. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for junior golfers under age 18.

**Wednesday, March 20**

**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 Stinky Skunks. Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, March 20**

**Winter Teaching Series: Best Ways to Practice**

**Cantigny Golf Academy, 6 to 7 pm**

Get helpful tips and advice from Greg Baresel, PGA staff professional. Reserve your spot by calling 630.260.8236. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for junior golfers under age 18.

**Saturday, March 23**

**A Pastel Sampler**

**Education Center, 10 am to 12:30 pm**

This class offers 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. Laverne Bohlin will instruct. Cost is \$30. Parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, March 26**

**Let's Get Crafty!**

**Education Center, 1 to 2:30 pm**

Girls ages 8 to 14 will enjoy creating homemade items to keep or give as gifts, including a bottle cap necklace. \$10 per child; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, March 27**

**A Day at the Spa**

**Education Center, 10 am to 12 pm**

Girls ages 8 to 14 will create homemade sugar scrub, a lavender sachet and a fleece pillow. Get a manicure and enjoy some light refreshments, too! Cost is \$15 per child; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Thursday, March 28**

**Crafty Ladies**

**Education Center, 2 to 3:30 pm**

This crafting session for adult women is sure to be fun and social in nature. Participants will create a spring wreath made with pastel fabric scraps. All supplies provided and all levels of crafters are welcome. Cost \$15; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Friday, March 29**

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

**Education 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](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Saturday, March 30**

**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. A strolling magician will provide entertainment and each child will receive complimentary bunny ears! After breakfast, take part in Cantigny's famous Egg Hunt at 11 am. Cost: \$24 adult; \$16 ages 3-12; kids 2 and under free. Parking free. For reservations, call 630.260.8260.

**Saturday, March 30**

**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, March 31**

**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. For pricing and reservations at either location, call 630.260.8194.

**April**

**Monday, April 1**

**Drawing with Pastels**

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

In this introductory class, students will learn to paint and draw with pastels. Still life objects and the grounds of Cantigny will serve as subject matter. No experience necessary. Cost: \$75;

parking free. Supply cost is estimated at \$40 and a materials list will be provided prior to the first class. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, April 2**

**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 2**

**Yoga for the Young at Heart**

**Education Center, 2 to 3 pm**

This 6-session class, concluding on May 7, 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. Cost is \$60; parking is free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, April 3**

**Cantigny Gardens 2013 Preview**

**Visitors Center, 9 am**

For the first time, Cantigny invites visitors to 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](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162. Parking is \$5.

**Wednesday, April 3**

**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 Beautiful Butterflies. Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, April 3**

**Date with History**

**First Division Museum, 7:30 pm**

Attend a fascinating evening with James Carl Nelson, author of "Five Lieutenants: The Heartbreaking Story of Five Harvard Men Who Led America to Victory in World War I." Program and parking free. For more information, visit [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org) or call 630.260.8187.

**Thursday, April 4**

**Drawing Foundations**

**Robert R. McCormick Museum, 6 to 7:15 pm**

This is the first of 4 drawing classes for kids ages 7-11, with expert instruction by Kari Kraus from Water Street Studios. Class also meets April 11, 18 and 25. Students will explore a variety of drawing materials such as pastels, pencils, pens and markers. Emphasis is on drawing from observation and exercises to explore perspective and shading. The final class will feature a still life session using historical artifacts, followed by a flashlight tour of the McCormick mansion. Cost: \$65 per child; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Sunday, April 7**

**Workshop: Fruit Tree Grafting**

**Cantigny Greenhouse, 8 am**

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](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162. Parking (\$5) is at the Visitors Center with free shuttle service available to the greenhouse.

**Monday, April 8**

**Doodlebugs Art Class**

**Education Center, 1 to 2 pm**

Drop off your child (ages 5 & 6) for an hour of creative exploration! Class meets three consecutive Mondays: April 8, 15 & 22. The theme is Appetizing Art. Students will learn how some of our favorite foods can double as fun art materials! Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, April 9**

**“Exploring Eric Carle” Parent-Child Program**

**Education Center, 11 to 11:45 am**

Eric Carle is a favorite children's author and illustrator who captivates young imaginations. This class for ages 3 to 5 meets on three consecutive Tuesdays, concluding on April 23. Each session will focus on a Carle book and include a fun craft. Cost is \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, April 9**

**Workshop: Simple Steps for Greater Distance and Accuracy**

**Cantigny Golf Academy, 7 to 8:15 pm**

Get helpful tips and advice from Dr. Paul Callaway, director of golf fitness. Reserve your spot by calling 630.567.7572. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for junior golfers under age 18.

**Wednesday, April 10**

**Ask the Grower**

**Idea Garden, 12 pm**

Spend your lunch hour with Jill Weiss, Cantigny Grower, and bring your questions! This session will focus on getting your garden started. Free with paid parking (\$5). Advance registration requested: call 630.260.8162 or email [register@cantigny.org](mailto:register@cantigny.org).

**Thursday, 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 Ants Go Marching, with a focus on ladybugs, butterflies and ants. Class also meets April 18 & 25. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Friday, April 12**

**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 Ants Go Marching, with a focus on ladybugs, butterflies and ants. Class also meets April 19 & 26. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Friday, April 12**

**Night in the Mansion Family Overnight**

**Robert R. McCormick Museum, 6:30 pm**

Spend the night inside the historic Robert R. McCormick Museum! Activities, including a movie in the Gold Theatre, geared to kids ages 5 to 10. More details at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org). Cost: \$45 per person, including snacks Friday night and a light breakfast on Saturday. Parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Friday, April 12****Koval Whiskey Dinner****Red Oak Room at Cantigny Golf, 7 pm**

Enjoy an educational evening of whiskey sampling and delicious food! Koval is Chicago's first craft distillery since Prohibition and produces award-winning, small batch spirits. Six handmade whiskeys will accompany perfectly paired hors d'oeuvres and a five-course dinner created by Cantigny Executive Chef John Scieszka and his talented culinary team. The price for this special evening is \$68 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. Seating is limited and a sold-out event is expected. For reservations call 630.260.8194. Cantigny Golf is located at 27w270 Mack Road in Wheaton.

**Saturday, April 13****TOUR Academy Junior Golf Camp****Cantigny Golf Academy, 10 am to 1 pm**

This is the first of five half-day sessions for golfers ages 7 to 13. Class meets on consecutive Saturdays, concluding on May 11. Camp includes range practice and instruction focusing on stance, swing evaluation, grip and golf fundamentals. A strong emphasis is placed on rules and etiquette to ensure that each golfer learns not just technique but all aspects of the game. Cost is \$325 and includes student materials and sponsor gifts. Further information and registration materials are online at [touracademycamps.com](http://touracademycamps.com) or call 877.611.1911.

**Sunday, April 14****The Art of Papermaking (kids)****Education Center, 11 am to 1 pm**

At this unique class, kids ages 6 to 12 will turn recycled paper into paper pulp and then use it to create sheets of new paper to take home. JoAnne Laudolff, an expert in papermaking and botanical printing for 13 years, will lead this fun and educational activity. Cost is \$30; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Sunday, April 14****Japanese Papermaking (adults)****Education Center, 1:30 to 4:30 pm**

Learn an ancient art form using traditional Japanese fibers and incorporating dyed pulps, dried flowers and other botanical materials to create handmade paper. Students will create at least 20 sheets of unique and colorful papers. No experience necessary. Instruction provided by JoAnne Laudolff, an expert in papermaking and botanical printing for 13 years. Cost is \$45; parking free. Register online or call 630.260.8162.

**Monday, April 15****Golden Oak Club****Education Center, 10 to 11:30 am**

Calling all seniors! This popular second-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.

**Wednesday, April 17****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 Lovely Ladybugs. Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Saturday, April 20****Workshop: Wings & Wildflowers****Education Center, 9 am to 12 pm**

Enjoy and learn from a morning of discussions and tours focusing on birds and native landscapes. The featured presenter will be ecological restoration expert Jack Pizzo of Pizzo & Associates, who will explain how to create a sustainable backyard habitat. Event begins with an

optional birdwalk around Cantigny's prairie garden. 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 Education Center.

**Sunday, April 21**

**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 630.260.8162. Parking \$5.

**Sunday, April 21**

**Concert: Chicago New Arts Trio**

**Robert R. McCormick Museum, 3 pm**

Visit [Cantigny.org](http://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](mailto:register@cantigny.org) by April 12. If emailing, be sure to include phone number. Ticket recipients will be contacted by April 17.

**Tuesday, April 23**

**Workshop: How Your Golf Body Controls Your Golf Swing**

**Cantigny Golf Academy, 7 to 8:15 pm**

Get helpful tips and advice from Dr. Paul Callaway, director of golf fitness. Reserve your spot by calling 630.567.7572. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for junior golfers under age 18.

**Saturday, April 27** (9 am to 4 pm)

**Sunday, April 28** (10 am to 4 pm)

**Woodcarving Show**

**Cantigny Visitors Center**

"Artistry in Wood," presented by North Suburban Carvers, will feature 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.

**Tuesday, April 30**

**Page Turners of Cantigny**

**Education Center, 11 am to 12 pm**

At this first meeting of Cantigny Park's book club, discussion will focus on "No Easy Day: The Firsthand Account of the Mission That Killed Osama Bin Laden," by Mark Owen and Kevin Mauer. The club will meet monthly through September, with separate sign-up for each meeting. The cost to attend is \$5 per meeting and parking is free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

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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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