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**NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 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 or 630.668.5161.

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 1

Date with History: Col. Greg Fontenot

Visitors Center, 7:30 pm

Author Gregory Fontenot, Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.), will discuss “The 1st Infantry Division and the U.S. Army Transformed,” a narrative history of the “Big Red One” from 1970 through the Operation Desert Storm victory celebration in 1991. The program and parking are free. Details are online at fdmuseum.org.

Wednesday, November 1

Inchworms Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am

Introduce your little one to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The theme is “Talkin’ Turkeys.” For ages 18 to 36 months with adult. Cost: \$6 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, November 1

Sprouts Parent-Child Program

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

Young children are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme is “It’s Harvest Time.” Class also meets Nov. 8 and 15. For ages 3 to 5, with adult. Cost: \$18 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Saturday, November 4

American Legion Pancake Breakfast

Le Jardin at Cantigny Park, 7 am to 1 pm

Cantigny Post 556 of the American Legion will host this fundraiser in conjunction with the Cantigny 5K Run/Walk. Feast on pancakes, sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy, plus raffle prizes. Cost: \$8; \$4 for ages 4 and under.

FEATURED EVENT

**Saturday, November 4
Cantigny 5K Run/Walk
Parade Field, 9 am**

A great race in beautiful autumn surroundings! Event is chip-timed and limited to 1,200 runners. All proceeds benefit the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans in Wheaton. Adult, Youth and Tot categories. Cost: \$20/\$8/\$5; parking free. Register at signmeup.com/119653.

**Monday, November 6
Doodlebugs Art Class
Education Center, 1 to 2 pm (first of 3 sessions)**

Drop off your child (ages 4 to 6) for an hour of artistic exploration! The theme for this 3-session class is "Silly Scientists." Class also meets Nov. 13 and 20. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, November 7
Garden Tour: Tree Trail
Visitors Center, 11 am**

Learn all about Cantigny's magnificent trees and enjoy the fall foliage on this guided walk of the Cantigny Tree Trail led by Chris Roberts, Cantigny forester. Free with parking (\$5).

**Wednesday, November 8
Inchworms Parent-Child Program
Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am**

Introduce your little one to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The theme is "Pickin' Pumpkins." For ages 18 to 36 months with adult. Cost: \$6 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Friday, November 10
"Reflections Framed" Military Service Celebration
Le Jardin at Cantigny Park, 4 to 7 pm**

This program on the eve of Veterans Day recognizes local vets and benefits the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans in Wheaton. For more information, visit helpaveteran.org.

FEATURED EVENT

**Friday, November 10
Scotch & Scandals Dinner
Robert R. McCormick House, 6:30 pm**

Enjoy a chef-inspired four-course culinary tour, complemented with Macallan and Highland Park single-malt scotches. After dining in the Gold Theatre, guests will retire to Freedom Hall and hear a few details about the McCormick family not commonly shared during guided tours of the historic mansion. Participation is limited to 50 guests ages 21 or over. Cost: \$90 all inclusive; \$80 for Cantigny members. Parking free. Call 630.260.8260 to register or email amyanderson@cantigny.org.

**Saturday, November 11
Second Saturday: Giving Back
Robert R. McCormick House Gold Theatre, 12 to 3 pm**

Families are invited to the McCormick House's monthly drop-in program (no registration necessary). The theme for November is Giving Back, inspired by Robert McCormick's passion for community service and philanthropy. Participants will create holiday cards for the residents of Hines VA Hospital. In addition, "speed volunteering" activities will benefit local nonprofits. Free program; parking \$5.

FEATURED EVENT

Saturday, November 11

'Brew it Forward' Veterans Day

First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, 1 to 4 pm

Thank those who served for America's freedom by attending a charity beer tasting benefiting local veteran organizations. The tasting will be in the Tank Park outside the First Division Museum, with activities for families in the museum lobby. Event and museum admission is free, and parking at Cantigny is free on Veterans Day.

Wednesday, November 15

Inchworms Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am

Introduce your little one to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The theme is "Not So Scary Scarecrows." For ages 18 to 36 months with adult. Cost: \$6 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Thursday, November 16

Lunch and Learn: 100 Years Ago on the Homefront

Visitors Center, 12 to 1 pm

New for 2017, this noon program on the third Thursday of the month features local speakers on topics of interest. Living history actress Ellie Carlson will present the music, food and patriotic pastimes American families were experiencing while "our boys" were serving in World War I. Her presentation will include a few recipe samples that demonstrate how American food was affected by rationing. Bring a lunch or reserve one. To register or order a box lunch call 630.260.8162. Free with parking (\$5).

Thursday, November 16

Civic Awareness Series: "Money in Politics: How Much is Too Much?"

Visitors Center, 7 pm

Sarah Brune, executive director of the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform, will present practical tools for keeping up with the fast-paced world of political money in Illinois. Q&A and discussion over coffee and dessert will follow the presentation. This is the final program in a three-part series presented by the League of Women Voters of Wheaton and Cantigny. The program and parking are free but advance registration is required due to limited seating. Register online at wheatonlwv.org.

FEATURED EVENT

Friday, November 17

Community Trees Display

Robert R. McCormick House

Through Dec. 30, see Christmas trees artfully decorated throughout the museum by seven local non-profit groups with missions linked to Colonel Robert R. McCormick. Visitors can go on a guided "tree tour" and then vote for their favorite. The participating nonprofits receive a grant from the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, and the organization with the winning tree earns additional funding. Museum visitors may also donate if they choose. Free with paid parking (\$5).

FEATURED EVENT

Friday, November 17

Shades of Crimson Poinsettia Display & Sale

Cantigny Greenhouse, 11 am to 7 pm

Visitors are invited to the Cantigny Greenhouse to enjoy a sea of poinsettia plants at their holiday best. See 15 or more varieties and 3,000-plus poinsettias in total, all grown on site from cuttings. Plants will be available for sale, and Cantigny horticulturists will be available to answer questions at points along your self-guided tour. Groups are welcome but notice is requested for parties of 10 or more (call 630.260.8162). Visitors should park

in the main lot at the Cantigny Visitors Center, then walk to the greenhouse or ride the free trolley. Free with parking (\$5).

Monday, November 20

Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop

Cantigny Greenhouse, 6:30 pm

Create a fresh holiday arrangement for your home with expert instruction from Joyce Grattoni, AIFD. The design will feature a variety of fresh and dried flowers in a fall palette of oranges, rusts, reds and greens. Bring a wire cutter and hand pruner if possible, plus a tray to carry your creation home. All other materials provided. Meet at the Cantigny Greenhouse at 6:30 pm. Enter at the Shaffner Road gate for easy access to the greenhouse parking lot. Cost: \$50; \$45 for Cantigny members. Parking free. Register at 630.260.8162 or Cantigny.org.

Tuesday, November 21

Talkin' Turkey Parent-Child Activity

Education Center, 10 to 11 am

Children are invited to celebrate the star of Thanksgiving Day, the wild turkey! Learn about these interesting birds, listen to stories, sing songs and get creative with a turkey craft. For ages 3 to 5 with adult. Cost: \$10 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, November 29

Kid Rock Holiday Sparkle

Education Center, 10 to 10:45 am

This music and movement parent-child event is perfect for kids ages 1 to 5. Songs and musical activities will feature a fun holiday theme and plenty of props! Rock 'n' Kids has offered music, dance classes and events since 1995. Learn more at rockitkids.com. Cost: \$10 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

DECEMBER

FEATURED EVENT

Saturday, December 2

Brunch with Santa

Red Oak Room at Cantigny Golf, 10 am and 12:30 pm seatings

Enjoy a special holiday buffet and meet Mr. C! Besides delicious food, highlights include a photo with Santa, balloon artist and face painters. Cost: \$30/adults; \$26/ages 4-10; kids 3 and under free. Prices do not include tax or gratuity. For reservations call 630.260.8260 or email amyanderson@cantigny.org. The Red Oak Room at Cantigny Golf is located at 27w270 Mack Road in Wheaton.

FEATURED EVENT

Saturday, December 2

Mistletoe Market

Visitors Center, 1 to 7 pm

Visit the festive displays of crafters and artists offering one-of-a-kind items for holiday gift giving. Hours are 1 to 7 pm with the last three hours of the marketplace coinciding with Cantigny's Celebrate the Season Holiday Festival. Free with parking (\$5).

FEATURED EVENT

Saturday, December 2

Celebrate the Season Holiday Festival

Parkwide, 4 to 7 pm

Families and children of all ages will enjoy the park's 7th annual holiday festival. Attractions include Mistletoe Market, horse-drawn "sleigh rides," facepainting, live

reindeer display and of course a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Event is free but a small fee applies to some activities. Parking is \$5 per car.

Monday, December 4

Doodlebugs Art Class

Education Center, 1 to 2 pm (first of 2 sessions)

Drop off your child (ages 4 to 6) for an hour of artistic exploration! The theme is "Wonderful Winter Creations." Class also meets Dec. 5. Cost: \$12; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, December 6

Inchworms Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15

Introduce your little one to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The theme is "Snow Much Fun!" For ages 18 to 36 months with adult. Cost: \$6 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, December 6

Sprouts Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 10:45 to 11:45 am (first of 2 sessions)

Young children are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme is "Winter Wonder." Class also meets Dec. 13. For ages 3 to 5, with adult. Cost: \$12 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

FEATURED EVENT

Saturday, December 9

Brunch with the Grinch

Red Oak Room, Cantigny Golf

Feast on a Grinch-themed buffet along with a viewing of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." The Grinch himself will make an appearance too! Seatings at 10 am and 12:30 pm. Cost: \$22/adults; \$15/ages 4-10; kids 3 and under free. Prices do not include tax or gratuity. For reservations, call 630.260.8194 or email pduquette@cantigny.org. The Red Oak Room at Cantigny Golf is located at 27w270 Mack Road in Wheaton.

Saturday, December 9

Second Saturday: Engineering

Robert R. McCormick House Gold Theatre, 12 to 3 pm

Families are invited to the McCormick House's monthly drop-in program (no registration necessary). The theme for December is engineering. Celebrate and learn about remarkable feats of engineering and perhaps create one of your own using LEGO® bricks. Free program; parking \$5.

Wednesday, December 13

Inchworms Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15

Introduce your little one to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The theme is "Winter Wonderland" For ages 18 to 36 months with adult. Cost: \$6 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, December 13

Holiday Floral Arrangement Workshop

Cantigny Greenhouse, 6:30 pm

Create a beautiful and fragrant arrangement to brighten your home or dining table. Janet Gallagher, floral design instructor at Kishwaukee College, will provide expert instruction. Your composition will incorporate a variety of fragrant holiday greens and fresh seasonal flowers as well as a few festive baubles. Bring a wire cutter or hand pruner if possible,

plus a small tray to carry your creation home. All other materials provided. Meet at the Cantigny Greenhouse at 6:30 pm. Enter at Shaffner Road for easy access to the greenhouse parking lot. Cost: \$50; \$45 for Cantigny members. Parking free. Register in advance at 630.260.8162 or Cantigny.org.

Thursday, December 21

Lunch and Learn: Curating the McCormick House

Visitors Center, 12 to 1 pm

New for 2017, this noon program on the third Thursday of the month features local speakers on topics of interest. Will Buhlig, curator and interim director of the McCormick House, will discuss his daily work and share some interesting artifacts from the Cantigny landmark built in 1896. Bring a lunch or reserve one. To register or order a box lunch call 630.260.8162. Free with parking (\$5).

FEATURED EVENT

Saturday, December 23

Brunch with Santa

Red Oak Room at Cantigny Golf, 10 am and 12:30 pm seatings

Enjoy a special holiday buffet and meet Mr. C! Besides delicious food, highlights include a photo with Santa, balloon artist and face painters. Cost: \$30/adults; \$26/ages 4-10; kids 3 and under free. Prices do not include tax or gratuity. For reservations call 630.260.8260 or email amyanderson@cantigny.org. The Red Oak Room at Cantigny Golf is located at 27w270 Mack Road in Wheaton.

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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is the 500-acre Wheaton estate of Col. Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955). It is home to the McCormick House, 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, can be found online at www.cantigny.org. Cantigny Golf, adjacent to the park, features a 27-hole championship golf course, clubhouse with banquet and dining rooms, Cantigny Golf Academy, and the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links. For more information, please visit www.cantignygolf.com.