

## **November/December 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.*

### **November**

**Thursday, November 1**

**Sprouts Parent-Child Program**  
**Education Center, 10 to 11 am**

Young children are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is "Harvest Time!" Class also meets Nov. 8 and 15. For ages 3-5, with adult. Cost: \$18 per child. Parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Thursday, November 1**

**Growing Grapes in Your Garden**  
**Education Center, 1:30 pm**

Bill Shoemaker, retired University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Educator, will give an informative presentation on backyard grape growing. Advance registration is requested. Call 630.260.8162 or email [register@cantigny.org](mailto:register@cantigny.org). Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Friday, November 2**

**Sprouts Parent-Child Program**  
**Education Center, 10 to 11 am**

Young children are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is "Harvest Time!" Class also meets Nov. 9 and 16. For ages 3-5, with adult. Cost: \$18 per child. Parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Saturday, November 3**

**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, and maybe win a door prize too! \$6 per person; \$2 for ages 4 and under. Walk-ins welcome.

**Saturday, November 3**

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

A great race in beautiful surroundings! Event is chip-timed and limited to 900 runners. Youth Run and Tot Run, too. All proceeds benefit the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans in Wheaton. Register at [signmeup.com/83293](http://signmeup.com/83293).

**Sunday, November 4**

**Toy Soldier Show**

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

Toy soldier enthusiasts will display collections of small-scale soldiers and armaments at this favorite annual event for all ages. Items will be for sale and painting techniques will be demonstrated. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Monday, November 5**

**Grandparent/Grandchild Bingo Bonanza**

**Le Jardin (in the Visitors Center), 5:30 to 7:30 pm**

Spend a fun and special evening with your grandchild! All ages welcome. Event includes bingo, pizza, beverages and prizes. Cost: \$10 per person. Parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, November 6**

**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 new Cantigny Tree Trail led by Todd Henderson, head forester. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Tuesday, November 6**

**Muggles Making Art**

**Education Center, 6 to 7:30 pm**

Kari Krauss from Water Street Studios will instruct this fun and creative 4-session class. If your child (age 6-11) likes Harry Potter and art, this is the perfect fit. Fun games and snacks, too! Class also meets Nov. 13, 20 and 27. Cost is \$70. Parking is free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, November 7**

**"Growing Up Wild" Educator Workshop**

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

"Growing Up WILD: Exploring Nature with Young Children" is an early childhood education activity guide that builds on children's sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them. This workshop is for early-childhood educators in search of creative ideas for their school or day care center. For more information or to register, call 630.260.8232 or email [jpawlowski@cantigny.org](mailto:jpawlowski@cantigny.org). Cost: \$25; parking free. Fee includes continental breakfast, activity guide and hands-on instruction. Registration closes Nov.1.

**Wednesday, November 7**

**Date with History Lecture Series**

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

LTC Mark Viney on the 1-4 Cavalry's deployment to Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1995. Free admission and parking. For program details, visit [firstdivisionmuseum.org](http://firstdivisionmuseum.org).

**Friday, November 9**

**Veterans Day Luminary Tribute**

**Parade Field, 5 pm to 9 pm**

Honor those who served and sacrificed for America's freedom by attending a solemn Luminary Tribute featuring more than 2,000 candles. The First Division Museum will stay open late and special Veterans Day programming will be offered inside the museum and the Cantigny Visitors Center. Free parking.

**Friday, November 9**

**Macallan/Highland Park Whisky Dinner**

**Red Oak Room at Cantigny Golf, 7 pm**

Enjoy an educational evening of whisky sampling and delicious food! Fine single malt Scotch whiskies from Macallan and Highland Park Distilleries will be featured and explained by an expert whisky ambassador. The whisky will accompany perfectly paired hors d'oeuvres and a five-course dinner created by Cantigny Executive Chef John Scieszka. The price for this special evening is \$68 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. Seating is limited; for reservations call 630.668.8194. Cantigny Golf is located at 27w270 Mack Road in Wheaton.

**Saturday, November 10**

**Jewelry and Accessories Show**

**Visitors Center, 10 am to 4 pm**

Get an early start on your holiday shopping and choose from unique and hard-to-find items made by local artists. Admission to the show is free with regular paid parking (\$5 per car or \$2 before 10 am).

**Sunday, November 11**

**Veterans Day**

**Parkwide, 9 am to sunset**

November 11, the date when a cease fire (or armistice) effectively ended World War I in 1918, is the day we honor all of our nation's veterans for their service and sacrifice. Special displays and programming will be offered at the First Division Museum and inside the Cantigny Visitors Center. Free parking all day.

**Wednesday, November 14**

**Wiggleworms 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 of this session is "Talkin' Turkey." For ages 18-36 months with adult. Cost: \$6 per child. Parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Thursday, November 15**

**"Walk on the Wild Side" Family Program: Simply Snakes**

**Education Center, 6:30 pm**

This free one-hour family program is your chance to see snakes up close and learn about their fascinating lives. Naturalist Deb Krohn ("The Frog Lady") will show you how wonderful and beneficial these gentle creatures truly are. Registration is required due to limited seating. Visit [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162. For this event, Cantigny's off-peak parking fee of \$2 per vehicle applies.

**Monday, November 19**

**Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop**

**Cantigny Greenhouse, 6:30 pm**

Create a fresh arrangement for your holiday table with expert instruction from Joyce Grattoni, AIFD. Bring a hand pruner and wire cutter to class; all other materials provided. \$40 fee includes parking. Enter Cantigny at Shaffner Road for access to greenhouse. Register at 630.260.8162 or [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org).

**Tuesday, November 20**

**Community Trees Display**

**Robert R. McCormick Museum**

Through the holiday season, see Christmas trees artfully decorated throughout the museum by seven local non-profit groups with missions linked to Colonel Robert R. McCormick. Visitors are encouraged to vote for their favorite tree. The seven participating nonprofits receive a donation from the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, and the organization with the winning tree will receive additional funding. Museum visitors may also donate if they choose.

**Tuesday, November 27**

**Shades of Crimson Poinsettia Display**

**Cantigny Greenhouse, 10 am to 2 pm**

Witness a sea of poinsettia plants at their holiday best during this popular annual event. See 15 or more varieties and 3,000-plus poinsettias in total, all grown on site. Plants will be available for sale, and Cantigny horticulturists will lead tours and answer questions. Groups welcome. Open house hours are 10 am to 2 pm. Free admission and parking. Enter Cantigny at Shaffner Road for access to greenhouse.

**Wednesday, November 28**

**Wiggleworms 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 of this session is "Little Pumpkins." For ages 18-36 months with adult. Cost: \$6 per child. Parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, November 28**

**Date with History Lecture Series**

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

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tom Ricks on "The Generals: American Military Command from World War II to Today." Free admission and parking. For program details, visit [firstdivisionmuseum.org](http://firstdivisionmuseum.org).

**December**

**Saturday, December 1**

**Celebrate the Season Holiday Festival**

**Parkwide, 4 pm to 7 pm**

Families and children of all ages will enjoy the park's second-annual holiday festival. Activities will include a tree lighting ceremony, ice carving demonstrations, carolers, live reindeer display and of course a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Event is free but a small fee will apply to some activities such as facepainting and sleigh rides. Parking is \$2 per car.

**Sunday, December 2**

**Brunch with Santa**

**Le Jardin, 11 am & 1 pm seatings**

Enjoy a special holiday buffet and meet Mr. C! Young guests can have their picture taken with Santa and each will receive a Santa-style stocking cap. Balloon-twisting entertainment too! \$23/ adults; \$15/ages 3-12; kids 2 and under free. Prices include tax and gratuity. Full menu posted online. For reservations call 630.260.8260 or e-mail [jchase@cantigny.org](mailto:jchase@cantigny.org).

**Monday, December 3**

**Doodlebugs Art Class**

**Education Center, 1 to 2 pm**

Drop off your child (ages 5 & 6) for an hour of artistic exploration! The 2-session class will have a holiday theme and also meet Dec. 10. Cost: \$12; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, December 4**

**Music Together® Holiday Sing-A-Long**

**Education Center, 9:30-10:15 am or 10:30-11:15 am**

The first of three Tuesday sessions (class also meets Dec. 11 and 18). For ages birth to 6 years. Tuition is \$45 for the first registered child and \$30 for registered siblings over 9 months old. Younger siblings are free. Free parking. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, December 4**

**Garden Tour: Winter Walk**

**Visitors Center, 11 am**

Enjoy a guided walk by Todd Henderson, Cantigny's head forester, and get a new perspective on the beauty of a winter garden. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Wednesday, December 5**

**Wiggleworms 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 of this session is "A Snowy Day." For ages 18-36 months with adult. Cost: \$6 per child. Parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, December 5**

**Date with History Lecture Series**

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

Author Lewis Sorley on "Westmoreland: The General Who Lost Vietnam." Free admission and parking. For program details, visit [firstdivisionmuseum.org](http://firstdivisionmuseum.org).

**Thursday, December 6**

**Sprouts Parent-Child Program**

**Education Center, 10 to 11 am**

Young children are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 2-session class is "Winter Wonderland." Class also meets Dec. 13. For ages 3-5, with adult. Cost: \$12 per child. Parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Thursday, December 6**

**Gingerbread House Decorating**

**Robert R. McCormick Museum, 4:30 to 6 pm**

Take a peek inside the impressive Freedom Hall, decked out for the season, and then decorate your very own preassembled gingerbread house inside the 116-year-old mansion! Enjoy hot cocoa, cookies and holiday music as you work. For ages 6-12. Cost \$16, or \$13 for Cantigny Plus members; free parking. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

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**Saturday, December 8 & Sunday, December 9**  
**LEGO® Train Show**

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

Cantigny Park's 11<sup>th</sup> annual holiday show is produced by the Northern Illinois LEGO® Train Club and is their largest show of the year. This is one of Cantigny's most popular annual events for families. Admission is free with paid parking (\$5 per car).

**Monday, December 10**  
**Dapped Earrings Workshop**  
**Education Center, 6 to 8 pm**

Create two pair of unique copper earrings with sterling silver earwires! Great for gift-giving! Artist Lisa Dienst-Thomas will provide expert instruction. No previous experience necessary. All tools provided for use during class. Cost: \$38 or \$35 for Cantigny Plus members. Parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Sunday, December 16**  
**Holiday Concert**

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

The Canterbury Carollers, a Victorian ensemble, will perform a Christmas-themed concert in the museum's intimate Freedom Hall. You'll enjoy the *a cappella* harmonies as the group sings traditional carols all written before 1870. Tickets are free but distribution is by lottery due to limited seating. Limit two per person. To enter, call 630.260.8162 or email [register@cantigny.org](mailto:register@cantigny.org) before Dec. 7. Forty names will be drawn on Dec. 8 and winners contacted by Dec. 13. Parking is \$5 per car.

**Wednesday, December 19**  
**Holiday Floral Arrangement Workshop**  
**Cantigny Greenhouse, 6:30 pm**

Create a beautiful arrangement to enhance your home or table for the holiday. Janet Gallagher from Kishwaukee College will provide expert instruction. Bring a hand pruner and wire cutter to class; all other materials provided. Enter Cantigny at Shaffner Road for access to greenhouse. \$40 fee includes parking. Register at 630.260.8162 or [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org).

**Wednesday, December 19**  
**Storytime with the Warrenville Library**  
**Education Center, 10:30 am**

Join our friends from the Warrenville Library for a "Winter Wonderland" storytime. Pick up a free parking pass at the library. Registration is required and limited to 30. For more information or to make reservations, contact Diana Abraham at 630.393.1171, ext.100.

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**About Cantigny Park**

Cantigny Park, part of the nonprofit 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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