

Cantigny Park Offers Pinterest-Inspired Workshops for Gardeners

WHEATON, IL, Jan. 29, 2013 — Cantigny Park’s horticulture department is offering a series of three Saturday-morning workshops in February, each inspired by a popular “pin” on Pinterest, the online pinboard. The do-it-yourself projects are designed for home gardeners or crafters and no experience with Pinterest is needed.

“Pinterest is wildly popular as we’ve seen first-hand since introducing a Cantigny Pinterest page in 2012,” said Liz Omura, curator of the park’s Idea Garden and volunteer coordinator. “We thought it would be fun to use some clever ‘pins’ as the basis for creating garden accents for the home.”

Omura will lead the workshops, which are priced individually so that participants can choose one, two or all three:

- **“Upcycled” Hypertufa Container**
Saturday, Feb. 9, 9:00 am
Create an all-new hypertufa container from re-purposed materials, such as upcycled containers from a local thrift store that will serve as molds. Ingredients will be supplied. See Cantigny.org for full details about the project and a short list of items to bring to class. Class fee is \$35.
- **Miniature Birdbath Garden**
Saturday, Feb. 16, 9:00 am
Create a miniature garden from a medium-sized glazed birdbath that will be covered in a terrain of green sheet moss. Ingredients and props needed to create a miniature “scene” will be supplied but participants are welcome to bring mini-objects from home. See Cantigny.org for more details. Class fee is \$50.
- **Vertical Sedum Frame**
Saturday, Feb. 23, 9:00 am
Create a wood-encased sedum container from re-purposed materials. A variety of sedums and succulents will be planted that eventually grow together to create a solid surface within the frame. All materials needed to create a delightful vertical garden will be supplied. Class fee is \$45.

Advance registration is required at Cantigny.org or by calling 630.260.8162. Participants can pay online or download a registration form to mail with payment.

All workshops will take place in the Cantigny Greenhouse and last two to three hours. Participants should enter Cantigny from Shaffner Road for convenient access to the greenhouse. Parking is free.

Cantigny Park will reopen for 2013 on Friday, Feb. 1. The grounds and museums are open weekends in February (Friday-Sunday). The park returns to a 7-day operating schedule in March.

More information about Cantigny, including park hours, directions and details about upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org.

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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. 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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