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POINSETTIA DISPLAY AT CANTIGNY IS A HOLIDAY FAVORITE!

"Shades of Crimson" on Nov. 17 includes plant sales and greenhouse tours

Wheaton, Ill., November 7, 2017 — The Cantigny horticulture department will host its annual [Shades of Crimson Poinsettia Display](#) on Friday, November 17. Hours are 11 am to 7 pm for this popular holiday event at the park's greenhouse.

Parking (\$5) is in the main lot, outside the Cantigny Visitors Center. From there, visitors can walk to the greenhouse or ride a festive trolley. Admission to *Shades of Crimson* is free but advance registration (630.260.8265) is requested for groups of 10 or more.

At the greenhouse, guests will see 15 varieties of poinsettias in full bloom and about 3,000 plants in all. Tours are self-guided and photography is welcome. Horticulture staff members will be on hand to discuss the plants and answer questions. Poinsettias will be specially priced for sale (mini \$4; small \$6; medium \$16; and large \$36).

Cantigny's poinsettias begin as three-inch-long cuttings, then are carefully nurtured and groomed for about six months. Water, fertilizer, light and temperature are each regulated to achieve the spectacular results that visitors will see at the greenhouse.

Nearly half of the Cantigny poinsettias go to the [Wheaton A.M. Rotary Club](#) which uses them to raise money for its community projects. Another 300 plants are used for holiday decorating in the museums, restaurants and other buildings throughout the 500-acre Cantigny estate.

After *Shades of Crimson*, sales to the public will continue at the Cantigny Shop in the Visitors Center and the Cantigny Golf Shop at regular prices. Unsold plants are donated to local nursing homes and care centers.

Also on November 17:

- Visitors are invited to Cantigny's McCormick House for the 2017 debut of "Community Trees," a special exhibit (through Dec. 30) featuring Christmas trees decorated by local nonprofit organizations. Guests are encouraged to vote for their favorite tree. The free trolley will make stops at McCormick House.
- The Cantigny Shop will be open late (until 7 pm) for holiday shopping.

Cantigny Park is open daily in November and December from 9 am to sunset. More information, including holiday hours, directions and a calendar of upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org.

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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundation, is the 500-acre Wheaton estate of 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 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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