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## **September/October 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.*

### **September**

#### **Saturday, September 1**

##### **Stargazing**

##### **Parade Field, 7 pm**

Join Cantigny Park and the Naperville Astronomical Association for a family-friendly night with the stars! View planets and stars through telescopes and learn how to identify star constellations with the naked-eye. Chairs and blankets recommended. A children's craft will be available inside the Visitors Center, as well as two presentations about stargazing in the theater. Free with paid parking (\$2).

#### **Sunday, September 2**

##### **Concert: Naperville Big Band**

##### **Bandshell, 3 pm**

Have a swingin' good time with the music of yesteryear, performed by a local favorite that really keeps the beat. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

#### **Monday, September 3**

##### **Concert: Fast Eddie & the Corvettes**

##### **Bandshell, 3 pm**

Cruise into Cantigny and celebrate Labor Day with a dynamic group playing favorite sounds of the 50s, 60s, and 70s, including do-wop vocals and rock 'n roll favorites. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

#### **Tuesday, September 4**

##### **Garden Tour: Prairie**

##### **Visitors Center, 11 am**

Join Todd Henderson and Crain Kruckenber from Cantigny Horticulture for an up-close look at Cantigny's 2-acre prairie featuring native grasses and forbs, such as asters, Echinacea and rudbeckia. The prairie is a haven for wildlife, including birds and butterflies. Free with paid parking (\$5).

#### **Wednesday, September 5**

##### **Storytime with the Warrenville Library**

##### **Education Center, 10:30 am**

Kids will enjoy this special "Falling Into Books" storytime session. The program is free, and a free parking pass may be obtained at the Warrenville Library. For more information or to make reservations, contact the Warrenville Library's Diana Abraham 630.393.1171, ext.100. Program is limited to 30 children.

#### **Wednesday, September 5**

##### **Garden Tips & Tastes**

##### **Idea Garden, 12 pm**

Bring a lunch and join Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture for some practical advice, a new recipe and plenty of plant chatter. Sessions meet on the first and third Wednesday each month. Advance registration requested at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Wednesday, September 5**

**Date with History Lecture: "Warrior's Rage"**

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

Author Douglas Macgregor will discuss "Warrior's Rage: The Great Tank Battle of 73 Easting." His book details a key skirmish during Operation Desert Storm in 1991. Program and parking are free. For more information, including program details, visit [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org) or call 630.260.8187.

**Saturday, September 8**

**Bird Walk**

**Visitors Center, 7:30 am**

Join the DuPage Birding Club on a casual search for migrating species and regular Cantigny Park residents. All skill levels welcome and a limited number of binoculars will be available for borrowing. The walk and parking are free.

**Saturday, September 8 & Sunday, September 9**

**Revolutionary War Reenactment**

**Parade Field, 10 am to 4 pm**

Wear your red, white and blue and witness one of Cantigny's most popular annual events! History will come alive as hundreds of talented reenactors from the Northwest Territory Alliance converge on the park. The event is free. Parking is \$5 per vehicle.

**Sunday, September 9**

**Garden Photo Tips**

**Visitors Center, 2 pm**

Receive advice, share your own knowledge, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow shutterbugs in beautiful surroundings. Group size is limited to 10—register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Monday, September 10**

**Doodlebugs Art Class**

**Education Center, 1 pm (4 one-hour sessions)**

Drop off your child (ages 5 & 6) for an hour of artistic exploration! This month's theme: Recycled Art. Class meets on four consecutive Mondays: September 10, 17, 24 and October 1. Cost: \$24; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, September 11**

**Yoga in the Park**

**Education Center, 6 to 7 pm**

This is the first of 8 Tuesday night classes, concluding October 30. Geared for beginners to intermediate; previous yoga experience helpful but not required. Cost \$80, or \$68 for Cantigny Plus members. Parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, September 12**

**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 Radical Raccoons. Cost: \$6; parking is free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, September 12**

**Blossom Bits: A Floral Design Workshop**

**Idea Garden, 12 pm**

Beth Libby, Cantigny Floral Designer, will discuss terrarium design as outlined in Tovah Martin's latest book, "The New Terrarium." Advance registration requested at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Wednesday, September 12**

**Zumba**

**Education Center, 6 to 7 pm**

This is the first of 8 Wednesday night classes, concluding October 31. Zumba fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy to follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program! Cost \$80, or \$68 for Cantigny Plus members. Parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Thursday, September 13**

**Sprouts Parent-Child Program**

**Education Center, 10 am (3 one-hour sessions)**

Children ages 3 to 5 years are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is Forest Friends, focusing on raccoons, coyotes and foxes. Class also meets September 20 and 27. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Friday, September 14**

**Sprouts Parent-Child Program**

**Education Center, 10 am (3 one-hour sessions)**

Children ages 3 to 5 years are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is Forest Friends, focusing on raccoons, coyotes and foxes. Class also meets September 21 and 28. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Saturday, September 15**

**Photo Scavenger Hunt**

**Education Center, 10 am**

Participating families will receive a list of items to find and photograph. The first family back to the Education Center with all photos taken is the winner! Digital cameras are required and not provided by Cantigny. Each family making it back to the Education Center before the end of the program at 11:30 will win a prize. Cost: \$10 per family; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Saturday, September 15**

**Vintage Base Ball Match**

**Parade Field, 1 pm**

See how our national pastime was played under 1858 rules as Cantigny's own Medill Farm Red Oaks take on the Lemont Quarrymen in a spirited match of skill and sportsmanship. Free with parking (\$5).

**Sunday, September 16**

**Cantigny Car Show**

**South parking lot, 9 am to 3 pm**

This will be Cantigny's 7<sup>th</sup> annual event and one of the best car shows in the region. Over 90 awards will be presented to the 400 vehicles on display. DJ music by Carousel Sound and food/drink concessions available. Event is free. Parking is \$5 (or \$2 before 10 am).

**Monday, September 17**

**Patriotic Celebration: Constitution Day**

Pick up your own pocket copy of the United States Constitution and sign a copy of the historic document with a real quill pen. Free parking all day.

**Tuesday, September 18**

**Music Together®**

**Education Center, 9:30 am or 10:30 am (9 sessions)**

This is the first of 9 classes meeting on Tuesdays through November 13. Choose 9:30 or 10:30 am start. Each class is 45 minutes. Music Together® classes are 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. 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 is free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, September 19**

**Garden Tips & Tastes**

**Idea Garden, 12 pm**

Bring a lunch and join Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture for some practical advice, a new recipe and plenty of plant chatter. Sessions meet on the first and third Wednesday each month. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Thursday, September 20**

**Monarch Butterfly Tagging**

**Idea Garden, 1 pm**

Learn about a beautiful and fascinating insect! This tagging event assists the Monarch Watch organization in tracking these butterflies as they return back to the mountains of Mexico. Lauren Fox will describe the process of tagging and explain why and how it is done. This event is highly recommended for families! Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Friday, September 21**

**National POW/MIA Recognition Day**

**First Division Museum, 10 am to 5 pm**

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is held across the country on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, schools and veterans' facilities. This observance is one of six days throughout the year that Congress has mandated the flying of the National League of Families' POW/MIA flag. Throughout the day, we will have a Missing Man Table on display at the First Division Museum. The table and items on it symbolize the sacrifices made by prisoners of war and those missing in action.

**Saturday, September 22**

**Cantigny Green Fair**

**Parade Field, 10 am to 4 pm**

Cantigny and SCARCE will host this fourth annual family-oriented event that educates and motivates! Eco-activities for kids, local Farmers Market, cooking demos, live music, recycled art contest, fashion show and more. Bring your recyclables, too: a list of acceptable items is posted on Cantigny.org. Event is free; parking is \$5 per vehicle.

**Wednesday, September 26**

**The Wall That Heals**

**Parade Field, 7 am to sunset**

For five days, through September 30, Cantigny Park will host the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Established in 1979, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is the nonprofit organization authorized by Congress to build the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Today, through a series of outreach programs, the organization works to preserve the legacy of The Wall.

**Wednesday, September 26**

**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 Fabulous Foxes. Cost: \$6; parking is free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Thursday, September 27**

**Monarch Butterfly Tagging**

**Idea Garden, 1 pm**

Learn about a beautiful and fascinating insect! This tagging event assists the Monarch Watch organization in tracking these butterflies as they return back to the mountains of Mexico. Lauren Fox will describe the process of tagging and explain why and how it is done. This event is highly recommended for families! Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Thursday, September 27**

**Family Campfire Night**

**Education Center, 5:30 pm**

Come spend the evening sitting fireside with your family. Plenty of fun activities including a craft, s'more making, campfire songs and a hike! Cost \$15 per family; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Friday, September 28**

**Oktoberfest Dinner**

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

Enjoy great German food, beer and music at this popular annual event. Call 630.260.8194 for menu, pricing and reservations.

**Saturday, September 29**

**Veterans Benefit Fair**

**Parade Field, 9 am to 10 pm**

This full-day free event, co-sponsored by the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park and Welcome Home All Veterans, aims to thank, celebrate and assist all veterans. The focus will be on the ever-changing benefits and services that they have earned and so richly deserve. Besides an opportunity to gather information and get answers to questions, the day will feature entertainment, guest speakers, great food and camaraderie. For more information, please visit [www.welcomehomeallveterans.org](http://www.welcomehomeallveterans.org) or call 630.260.8227.

**October**

**Tuesday, October 2**

**Fall Color Hayride Tour**

**Visitors Center, 10 am**

Todd Henderson and Chris Roberts from Cantigny Horticulture will lead a fall color tour via haywagon. The program is free with paid parking (\$5) but registration is required due to limited space. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, October 3**

**Storytime with the Winfield Library**

**Education Center, 10 am**

Join the Winfield Public Library staff for an apple-themed storytime along with songs and a craft. The program is free, and a free parking pass may be obtained at the Winfield Library. For more information or to make reservations, contact the Winfield Library's Ms. Nuccia Choate at 630.653.7599. Program is limited to 40 children.

**Wednesday, October 3**

**Date with History Lecture: "The Color of War"**

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

Acclaimed World War II author James Campbell will discuss his new book, "The Color of War: How One Battle Broke Japan and Another Changed America." Program and parking are free. For more information, including program details, visit [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org) or call 630.260.8187.

**Saturday, October 6**

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil War Symposium**

**First Division Museum, 9 am to 5 pm**

Enjoy and learn from expert presentations by leading Civil War scholars. This year's theme is "1862: The Reality of War." Symposium fee is \$40 for the general public. Reduced fees apply for students, teachers, seniors, veterans and active-duty military. For details and registration information, visit [chicago.archives@nara.gov](mailto:chicago.archives@nara.gov) or call 773.948.9001.

**Saturday, October 6 & Sunday, October 7**

**Civil War Reenactment**

**First Division Museum/Parade Field, 10 am to 4 pm**

Living History reenactors portraying soldiers and civilians will interact with visitors, including Abraham Lincoln, Mary Todd Lincoln and Harriet Tubman. See a Civil War cannon fire and watch a surgeon at work. The Battlefield Balladeers will perform songs from the Civil War era and educational activities will be available for all ages. Kids will enjoy a Civil War scavenger hunt. Event is free; parking is \$5 per vehicle.

**Monday, October 8**

**Super Sand Art**

**Education Center, 10 am**

Kids ages 8-12 are invited to enjoy part of their day off from school making some beautiful sand art pieces to take home. Cost: \$12; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, October 9**

**Fall Color Hayride Tour**

**Visitors Center, 10 am**

Todd Henderson and Chris Roberts from Cantigny Horticulture will lead a fall color tour via haywagon. The program is free with paid parking (\$5) but registration is required due to limited space. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, October 10**

**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 Fall Leaves. Cost: \$6; parking is free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Thursday, October 11**

**Sprouts Parent-Child Program**

**Education Center, 10 am (3 one-hour sessions)**

Children ages 3 to 5 years are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is Awesome Autumn. Class also meets October 18 and 25. Cost: \$18; parking is free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Friday, October 12**

**Sprouts Parent-Child Program**

**Education Center, 10 am (3 one-hour sessions)**

Children ages 3 to 5 years are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is Awesome Autumn. Class also meets October 19 and 26. Cost: \$18; parking is free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Saturday, October 13**

**Bird Walk**

**Visitors Center, 7:30 am**

Join the DuPage Birding Club on a casual search for migrating species and regular Cantigny Park residents. All skill levels welcome and a limited number of binoculars will be available for borrowing. The walk and parking are free.

**Saturday, October 13**

**Cantigny Fall Festival**

**Parade Field, 10 am to 4 pm**

Celebrate Autumn with harvest-time fun at Cantigny Park! Fun for all ages, including scarecrow making, stiltwalker/juggler, petting zoo, Candy Dive, inflatables, Arts & Crafts Show and seasonal treats! Live music will be provided by the Salt Creek Boys and Little Nashville will perform a children's concert at 2 pm. The event is free with paid parking (\$5). A nominal fee applies to some activities such as hayrides, facepainting and pumpkin decorating.

**Sunday, October 14**

**Garden Photo Tips**

**Visitors Center, 2 pm**

Receive advice, share your own knowledge, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow shutterbugs in beautiful surroundings. Group size is limited to 10—register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Thursday, October 18**

**“Walk on the Wild Side” Family Program**

**Education Center, 6:30 pm**

This free one-hour family program will feature a live birds of prey demonstration by the staff of Willowbrook Wildlife Center in Glen Ellyn. See raptors up close and learn about their fascinating lives. 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.

**Sunday, October 21**

**Mixed Media with Botanical Objects Workshop**

**Education Center, 12 pm**

This class for ages 16 and up will combine components of mixed media and incorporate dried leaves, grasses and other organic materials. With expert instruction from artist JoAnne Laudolff, students will create and take home a finished one-of-a-kind print. No art experience necessary. Cost: \$48, or \$45 for Cantigny Plus members; parking is free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Monday, October 22**

**“Kandinsky Kids” for Homeschoolers**

**Education Center, 10:30 am (four one-hour sessions)**

This popular art class is for home-schooled children ages 7-11. Class meets on four consecutive Mondays: Oct. 22 and 29, and Nov. 5 and Nov. 12. Inspired by Russian artist Wassily Kandinsky, students will create using a range of media and techniques including paint, clay, fabric, sculpture and printmaking. Kari Kraus from Water Street Studios will provide expert instruction. Cost \$60, or \$55 for Cantigny Plus members. Parking is free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Monday, October 22**

**Doodlebugs Art Class**

**Education Center, 1 pm (4 one-hour sessions)**

Drop off your child (ages 5 & 6) for an hour of artistic exploration! The theme for these sessions is Making “Mess”terpieces. Class meets on four consecutive Mondays: October 22 and 29, and Nov. 5 and 12. Cost: \$24; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Monday, October 22**

**Circular Sensation Necklace**

**Education Center, 6 pm**

At this class for ages 16 and up you’ll create a one-of-a-kind pendant using colorful glass beads and sterling silver. Artist Lisa Dienst-Thomas will provide expert instruction. Beginners welcome, no experience necessary. Cost: \$38, or \$35 for Cantigny Plus members. Parking is free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, October 24**

**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 Autumn Celebration. Cost: \$6; parking is free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, October 24**

**Storytime with the Winfield Library**

**Education Center, 1:30 pm**

Join the Winfield Public Library staff for Teddy Bear Day as we celebrate the birthday of President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt with a special story, songs and craft. Bring your favorite teddy bear, too. The program is free, and a free parking pass may be obtained at the Winfield Library. For more information or to make reservations, contact the Winfield Library's Ms. Nuccia Choate at 630.653.7599. Program is limited to 40 children.

**Thursday, October 25**

**Family Campfire Night**

**Education Center, 5:30 pm**

Come spend the evening sitting fireside with your family. Plenty of fun activities including a craft, s'more making, campfire songs and a hike! Cost \$15 per family; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Friday, October 26**

**Murder in the Mansion**

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

If you enjoy a cocktail, delicious food and solving a good mystery, this evening is for you! The story is "Feud in Ragtime" and the setting is Chicago in 1915. More details about this dinner/interactive theater event, professionally produced by Get Away With Murder, Inc., are online at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org). Cost \$90 per person, or \$80 for Cantigny Plus members. Register on the website or call 630.260.8162.

**Saturday, October 27**

**Catapult Contest**

**Parade Field, 10 am**

The First Division Museum invites teams to build a working catapult, a device once used in medieval warfare. The challenge is to build a machine that throws a baseball as far as possible. Prizes will be awarded for the top three distances in youth and adult divisions. Full details, contest rules and entry forms are online at [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.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](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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