

Cantigny's Toy Soldier Show Set for November 4

WHEATON, IL, October 22, 2012 — The public is invited to Cantigny Park's Toy Soldier Show on Sunday, November 4, from 9 am to 4 pm.

The popular annual event is fun for all ages, including those who may be curious about a fascinating hobby that mixes military history and art.

About 20 dealers will display and sell their products inside the Cantigny Visitors Center. Visitors will see the work of dealers who make and paint toy figures, military and civilian, and those who collect them.

Antique toy soldiers can be valuable collector items, coveted for their historic accuracy, precision artistry and sometimes scarcity. At the other end of the spectrum are the classic plastic-molded soldiers and artillery with actual play value.

All sides of the hobby will be represented at Cantigny's 13th Annual Toy Soldier Show, making this a good event for families. More than 1,000 attended in 2011.

Show admission is free; parking is \$5 per vehicle or just \$2 before 10 am. Toy soldier enthusiasts may also want to visit the First Division Museum at Cantigny, open from 10 am to 4 pm (free admission). Bertie's Café in the Visitors Center will be open for snacks and sandwiches.

Cantigny Park is open daily from 9 am to sunset in November and December. More information and a complete schedule of events are 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 (Illinois) estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is home to 30 acres of spectacular gardens, the Robert R. McCormick Museum, the First Division Museum and a 27-hole championship golf course. All are open to the public. Cantigny also is a favorite destination for special events, weddings, concerts, lectures, workshops and other recreation and learning opportunities for all ages. Full-service banquet and dining facilities are on site. More information, including hours, directions and a calendar of upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org. For details about Cantigny Golf, including the Cantigny Golf Academy and 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links, please visit CantignyGolf.com.

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