

Cantigny Park to Host “Wings & Wildflowers” Workshop April 20

WHEATON, IL, April 9, 2013 — Cantigny Park’s horticulture department will host a free presentation and workshop on April 20 devoted to the many benefits of native plantings. The featured speaker will be Jack Pizzo of Pizzo & Associates, Ltd., a Leland, IL-based firm specializing in large-scale ecological restoration.

Pizzo’s remarks will focus on how to create a sustainable backyard habitat by using native plant material and practicing eco-friendly stewardship. His talk will offer practical advice and information for homeowners with properties of all sizes.

“Wings & Wildflowers” will begin at 9 am with a bird walk around Cantigny’s 3-acre prairie, created in 2007 with a seed mix containing a variety of native grasses and forbs. The area attracts birds, butterflies and insects of all kinds, and is the site for Cantigny’s new “tower” for chimney swifts.

Pizzo’s presentation, including Q&A, will begin around 10 am in the Cantigny Education Center, adjacent to the prairie.

There is no charge for attending the workshop, but advance registration is requested. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162. Parking (\$5) is at the Visitors Center. It’s a short walk to the prairie and Education Center but free tram service will be available.

More information about Cantigny—including park 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 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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