

Women's History Month Lecture at McCormick Museum on March 18

WHEATON, IL, March 9, 2012 — Cantigny Park's Robert R. McCormick Museum invites the public to a free presentation on "The Women of Cantigny." The lecture, coinciding with Women's History Month, will take place **Sunday, March 18, at 2 pm.**

Laurie Russell, a McCormick Museum tour guide, will discuss the remarkable lives of Amy McCormick, Cissy Patterson and others, tracing their family roots to Joseph Medill and Robert R. McCormick, owners and editors of the *Chicago Tribune*. Her remarks inside the historic Gold Theatre will include illustrations and vintage photographs. Afterwards, guests are welcome to enjoy a special guided tour of the museum, where several of the women once lived.

"The women of Cantigny lived in a world of debutantes and flappers, but they succeeded as Pulitzer Prize winners, record-breaking pilots, progressive reformers in Washington, editors of their own newspapers, talented artists and more," said Russell. "Learning about them was a fascinating process and I'm excited to share my research."

The Robert R. McCormick Museum at Cantigny Park is open Tuesday through Sunday for complimentary guided tours. Hours are 10 am to 4 pm. Closing time is 5 pm starting in May and through October.

Parking at Cantigny is \$5 per car. More information, including park hours, directions and a calendar of upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org.

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About the Robert R. McCormick Museum

The McCormick Museum is a historic house museum interpreting the life and legacy of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is located at Cantigny, the Colonel's 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate that he left as a gift to the public. Cantigny Park, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is home to the McCormick Museum, First Division Museum, formal gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails and a Visitors Center with banquet and dining facilities. 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.

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