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**NOVEMBER-DECEMBER EVENTS & CLASSES  
AT CANTIGNY PARK**

*The following activities will take place at Cantigny Park, 1s151 Winfield Road in Wheaton (or at Cantigny Golf as indicated). Additional details are online at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.668.5161.*

**NOVEMBER**

**Saturday, November 3**

**American Legion Pancake Breakfast**

**Le Jardin at Cantigny Park, 7 am to 1 pm**

Cantigny Post 556 of the American Legion will host this fundraiser in conjunction with the Cantigny 5K Run/Walk. Feast on pancakes, sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy. Cost: \$8; ages 4 and under free.

**FEATURED EVENT**

**Saturday, November 3**

**Cantigny 5K Run/Walk**

**Parade Field, 9 am**

A great race in beautiful autumn surroundings! Event is chip-timed and limited to 1,200 runners. All proceeds benefit the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans in Wheaton. Adult, Youth and Tot categories. Cost: \$20/\$8/\$5; parking free. Register at [signmeup.com/125434](http://signmeup.com/125434).

**Saturday, November 3**

**Book Talk: Frank Cicero, Jr.**

**McCormick House Gold Theater, 3 pm**

Coinciding with our state's bicentennial, author and attorney Frank Cicero, Jr. will discuss and sign copies of his book, "Creating the Land of Lincoln: The History and Constitutions of Illinois, 1778-1870." Program is free but seating is limited. Call 630.260.8162 or visit [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) to reserve your seat. Parking fee applies (\$5).

**Tuesday, November 6**

**Tree Walk & Talk**

**Visitors Center, 11 am**

Learn about Cantigny's magnificent trees and enjoy the fall foliage on this guided tour led by Cantigny's expert foresters. The walk will focus on new additions to the gardens such as the Oak Colonnade and offer helpful information for homeowners. Free with parking (\$5).

**Tuesday, November 6**  
**Date with History: WWI Armistice**  
**Visitors Center, 7 pm**

Jennifer D. Keene, a military historian specializing in World War I, will discuss the events of 100 years ago, when the Great War officially ended on November 11. Program and parking are free. Details online at [fdmuseum.org](http://fdmuseum.org).

***FEATURED EVENT***

**Friday, November 9**  
**Friendsgiving on the Farm Dinner**  
**Cantigny Park, 6:30 pm**

New for 2018! Cantigny's series of monthly farm-to-table dining events began in July. These premium culinary experiences are inspired by the foods grown or raised on site when Cantigny was known as Red Oaks Farm. Each dinner has a theme. Cost of \$95 per person includes parking. For details, including dinner location and menu, and to RSVP, call 630.260.8260.

***FEATURED EVENT***

**Friday, November 9**  
**Doughboys of Cantigny: Oral History Presentation**  
**Visitors Center, 7 pm**

Remember the "doughboy" soldiers of the First Division with an evening of oral histories narrated by First Division Museum Curator Bill Brewster. This presentation from the First Division Museum's oral history archives will introduce viewers to the veterans of the Battle of Cantigny, the first major American offensive of the Great War. Program and parking are free. Details online at [fdmuseum.org](http://fdmuseum.org).

**Saturday, November 10**  
**Second Saturday Family Program: Giving Back**  
**Robert R. McCormick House Gold Theater, 12 to 3 pm**

Families are invited to the McCormick House's monthly drop-in program (no registration necessary). The theme for November is Giving Back, inspired by Robert McCormick's passion for community service and philanthropy. Participants will create holiday cards for the residents of Hines VA Hospital. In addition, "speed volunteering" activities will benefit local nonprofits. Free program; parking \$5.

***FEATURED EVENT***

**Saturday, November 10**  
**Brew it Forward**  
**First Division Museum, 1 to 4 pm**

Thank those who served for America's freedom by enjoying a charity beer tasting to benefit the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans in Wheaton. The tasting will be in the Tank Park outside the First Division Museum. Guests can donate to MSHV or purchase a brew for a veteran. Veterans attending will receive two complimentary tastings. Three-oz beers are \$2; three for \$5; or seven for \$10. Food available for purchase. Family activities include Cantina Cantigny hot chocolate station, poppy craft, storytime in a WWII-era vehicle, and preparing gift bags for veterans in need. Admission and parking free.

***FEATURED EVENT***

**Sunday, November 11**  
**Armistice Day: Bells of Peace**  
**Visitors Center, 10:50 am**

On the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Veterans Day, previously known as Armistice Day, Americans across the nation will toll bells in remembrance of those who served and sacrificed in the war that changed the world. Bring a bell or use one of our WWI

Centennial commemoration bells (while supplies last). The brief ceremony will include a special bagpipe performance by the Firefighters Highland Guard of Naperville. Afterward, enjoy a Victory Tea with warm beverages before heading over to the First Division Museum. Program and parking free.

**FEATURED EVENT**

**Sunday, November 11**

**“Reflections Framed” Military Service Celebration**

**Le Jardin at Cantigny Park, 5 to 7 pm**

This Veterans Day program recognizes local vets and benefits the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans in Wheaton. For more information, visit [helpaveteran.org/reflections](http://helpaveteran.org/reflections) or call 630.414.5706. Program and parking free.

**Thursday, November 15**

**Lunch & Learn: Birds of Cantigny**

**Visitors Center, 12 to 1 pm**

Jeff Reiter will discuss birding opportunities at the park and the species that make Cantigny a special place to enjoy our feathered friends. Bring a lunch or reserve one. To register or order a box lunch (\$13) call 630.260.8162. Free with parking (\$5).

**Thursday, November 15**

**Civic Awareness Series: Fixing Corruption**

**McCormick House, 6:30 pm**

Donna Limper of the Leadership Team of Represent Us DuPage County will discuss ways that citizens can have a voice in combating corruption. This event continues a series presented by the League of Women Voters of Wheaton and sponsored by Cantigny. Program and parking are free but advance registration is required due to limited seating. Register online at [wheatonlwvill.org](http://wheatonlwvill.org).

**FEATURED EVENT**

**Friday, November 16**

**Community Trees Display**

**Robert R. McCormick House**

Through Dec. 30, see Christmas trees artfully decorated throughout the historic home by seven local non-profit groups with missions linked to Colonel Robert R. McCormick. Visitors can take a guided “tree tour” and then vote for their favorite. Participating nonprofits receive a grant from the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, and the organization with the winning tree earns additional funding. Museum visitors may also donate if they choose. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**FEATURED EVENT**

**Friday, November 16**

**Shades of Crimson Poinsettia Display & Sale**

**Cantigny Greenhouse, 11 am to 7 pm**

Visitors are invited to the Cantigny Greenhouse to enjoy a sea of poinsettia plants at their holiday best. See 15 or more varieties and 3,000-plus poinsettias in total, all grown on site from cuttings. Plants will be available for sale, and Cantigny horticulturists will be available to answer questions at points along your self-guided tour. Groups are welcome, but notice is requested for parties of 10 or more (call 630.260.8162). Visitors should park in the main lot at the Cantigny Visitors Center, then walk to the greenhouse or ride the free trolley. Free with parking (\$5).

**Monday, November 19**

**Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop**

**Cantigny Greenhouse, 6:30 pm**

Create a fresh holiday arrangement for your home with expert instruction from Joyce Grattoni, AIFD. The design will feature a variety of fresh and dried flowers in oranges, rusts, reds and greens—the perfect fall palette! Bring a wire cutter and hand pruner if possible, plus a tray to help transport your creation home. All other materials provided. Meet at the Cantigny Greenhouse at 6:30 pm. Enter at the Shaffner Road gate for easy access to the greenhouse parking lot. \$50 fee includes parking; \$45 for Cantigny members. Register in advance at 630.260.8162 or download a registration form on the Cantigny website.

**Tuesday, November 20**  
**Talkin' Turkey Parent-Child Activity**  
**Education Center, 10 to 11 am**

Children are invited to celebrate the star of Thanksgiving Day, the wild turkey! Learn about these interesting birds, listen to stories, sing songs and get creative with a turkey craft. For ages 3 to 5 with adult. Cost: \$10 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

## **DECEMBER**

### ***FEATURED EVENT***

**Saturday, December 1**  
**Mistletoe Market**

**Visitors Center, 1 to 7 pm**

Visit the festive displays of crafters and artists offering one-of-a-kind items for holiday gift giving. The marketplace coincides with Cantigny's annual Celebrate the Season Holiday Festival. Free with parking (\$5).

### ***FEATURED EVENT***

**Saturday, December 1**  
**Celebrate the Season Holiday Festival**  
**Parkwide, 1 to 7 pm**

Families and children of all ages will enjoy the park's 8<sup>th</sup> annual holiday festival. Attractions include Mistletoe Market, horse-drawn "sleigh rides," facepainting, live reindeer display and of course a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Event is free but a small fee may apply to some activities. Parking is \$5 per car.

### ***FEATURED EVENT***

**Sunday, December 2 and Sunday, December 16**  
**Brunch with Santa**

**Le Jardin at Cantigny Park, 10 am and 12:30 pm seatings**

Enjoy a special holiday buffet and meet Mr. C! Besides delicious food, highlights include a photo with Santa, balloon artist and face painters. Cost: \$38/adults; \$33/ages 4-11; and \$5/ages 3 and under. Prices do not include tax or gratuity. For reservations call 630.260.8188 or visit Cantigny.org.

**Tuesday, December 4**  
**Kid Rock Holiday Sparkle**  
**Education Center, 10 to 10:45 am**

This music and movement parent-child event is perfect for kids ages 1 to 5. Songs and musical activities will feature a fun holiday theme and plenty of props! Rock 'n' Kids has offered music, dance classes and events since 1995. Learn more at rockitkids.com. Cost: \$12 per child (\$10 members). Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**FEATURED EVENT**

**Saturday, December 8: 9 am to 8 pm**

**Sunday, December 9: 9 am to 4 pm**

**LEGO® Train Show**

**Visitors Center**

The largest show of the year produced by the Northern Illinois LEGO® Train Club returns to Cantigny after a one-year hiatus due to park construction. Admission is free with paid parking (\$5 per car). Parking is free for anyone donating a new and unwrapped toy for the Marine Toys for Tots drop boxes inside the Visitors Center. On Saturday, the McCormick House and First Division Museum will offer LEGO® attractions, too!

**FEATURED EVENT**

**Saturday, December 8 and Saturday, December 15**

**Brunch with Grinch**

**Red Oak Room at Cantigny Golf, 10 am and 12:30 pm seatings**

Enjoy a delicious holiday buffet and meet the toast of Whoville! Besides great food, the brunch includes a viewing of “The Grinch Who Stole Christmas” and, of course, a photo with the warm-hearted green guy. Cost: \$38/adults; \$33/ages 4-11; and \$5/ages 3 and under. Prices do not include tax or gratuity. For reservations call 630.260.8188 or visit Cantigny.org. The Red Oak Room at Cantigny Golf is located at 27w270 Mack Road in Wheaton.

**Saturday, December 8**

**Second Saturday Family Program: Engineering**

**Robert R. McCormick House Gold Theater, 12 to 3 pm**

Families are invited to the McCormick House’s monthly drop-in program (no registration necessary). The theme for December is engineering. Celebrate and learn about remarkable feats of engineering and perhaps create one of your own using LEGO® bricks. Free program; parking \$5.

**Wednesday, December 12**

**Holiday Floral Arrangement Workshop**

**Cantigny Greenhouse, 6:30 pm**

Create a beautiful and fragrant arrangement to brighten your home or dining table. Janet Gallagher, floral design instructor at Kishwaukee College, will provide expert instruction. Your composition will incorporate a variety of fragrant holiday greens and fresh seasonal flowers as well as a few festive baubles. Bring a wire cutter or hand pruner if possible, plus a small tray to carry your creation home. All other materials provided. Meet at the Cantigny Greenhouse at 6:30 pm. Enter at Shaffner Road for easy access to the greenhouse parking lot. Cost: \$50; \$45 for Cantigny members. Parking free. Register in advance at 630.260.8162 or Cantigny.org.

**FEATURED EVENT**

**Saturday, December 15**

**Holiday Stroll and Open House**

**Cantigny Park, 4 to 7 pm**

Enjoy the park at its lighted holiday best! Attractions include The Great Holiday Tank Bake-Off at the First Division Museum (details and entry forms at [fdmuseum.org](http://fdmuseum.org)) and the annual Community Trees display inside McCormick House. Vote for your favorite tree, decorated by a local charity. Both museums will host self-guided tours and festive photo opportunities. At the Visitors Center, Bertie’s Bistro and the Cantigny Shop will offer holiday specials. Free event. Parking is \$5 per car.

**Thursday, December 20**  
**Lunch and Learn: Christmas with the Lincolns**  
**Visitors Center, 12 to 1 pm**

Living history presenters Max and Donna Daniels visit Cantigny as Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln for a talk about Victorian Christmas traditions. Bring a lunch or reserve one. To register or order a box lunch (\$13) call 630.260.8162. Free with parking (\$5).

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**About Cantigny Park**

Cantigny Park, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is the 500-acre Wheaton estate of Col. 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, can be found online at [www.cantigny.org](http://www.cantigny.org). Cantigny Golf, adjacent to the park, features a 27-hole championship golf course, clubhouse with banquet and dining rooms, Cantigny Golf Academy, and the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links. For more information, please visit [www.cantignygolf.com](http://www.cantignygolf.com).