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**JULY/AUGUST EVENTS, CONCERTS & 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.*

**JULY**

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Through November 1**

**Special Exhibit: “Five Years in the Jungle: Vietnam Experiences of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, 1965-1970.”**

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

Honoring the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Big Red One’s deployment to Vietnam, the museum presents a fascinating exhibit with seldom-seen artifacts along with interactive elements including music from Vietnam era. Free with paid parking (\$5). Note: the museum is closed on Mondays.

**Wednesday, July 1**

**Inchworms 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 “The Food We Eat.” Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Wednesday, July 1**

**Date with History: The Battle of Cantigny**

**Visitors Center, 7:30 pm**

Author Matthew Davenport will discuss “First Over There,” his new book about the Battle of Cantigny. It was America’s first modern military battle and its first victory during World War I. Cantigny Park, in fact, is named after the small village in France where the battle took place in 1918. Copies of “First Over There” will be available for purchase and signing. Program and parking free. For more information, visit [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org) or call 630.260.8187.

**Thursday, July 2**

**Sprouts Parent-Child Program**

**Education Center, 10-11 am OR 1-2 pm**

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 “The Food We Eat.” The one-hour class also meets July 9 and 16. Choose 10 am or 1 pm start. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Friday, July 3****Movie in the Park: "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"****Parade Field, 8:30 pm**

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$2).

**FEATURED EVENT!****Saturday, July 4****Free Concert: Southwest Community Concert Band****First Division Museum, 3 pm**

Enjoy patriotic music and more at this special Independence Day performance. The Southwest Community Concert Band, established in 1982 and under Musical Director Ray Forlenza, is always a popular attraction at Cantigny. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

**Sunday, July 5****Free Children's Concert: ScribbleMonster****Cantigny Bandshell, 12 pm**

Kids want to sing, dance and get creative when ScribbleMonster performs. This award-winning group delivers a high-energy, play-along rock concert the whole family can enjoy. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Sunday, July 5****Free Concert: The Steve Meisner Band****Cantigny Bandshell, 3 pm**

Steve Meisner is a multi-talented musician, entertainer, composer and arranger. He brings his brand of traditional American polka into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with a fresh spark and swing while retaining the roots of the music. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

**Monday, July 6****LEGO® Camp (5 days)****Visitors Center, Medill Room****9 am to 12 pm (ages 5-6)****1 to 4 pm (ages 7-12)**

Kids will build the hideouts and vehicles of their favorite caped crusaders and learn what makes them not only Super Heroes, but Super Hero Engineers! A builder from Play-Well TEKologies provides expert instruction, showing the kids how to apply real-world concepts in physics, engineering and architecture through engineer-designed projects. LEGO® building materials will be provided for class use but are not for sale or distribution. Two camp sessions per day based on age. Camp concludes on July 10. Cost \$145; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Monday, July 6****Doodlebugs Art Class****Education Center, 1 to 2 pm**

Drop off your child (ages 4-6) for an hour of creative exploration! The theme is Art Around the World. Class meets three consecutive Mondays, concluding on July 20. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162

**Tuesday, July 7****Wee Heart Music Sing-A-Long****Education Center, 9:30 am, 10:30 am OR 11:30 am**

This is the first of four classes meeting on Tuesdays through July 28. Choose from three start times; each class is 45 minutes. Ideal for ages 6 and under, this class is fun for the whole family and features interactive parent-child songs, chants, dances and instrumental jam sessions. More details at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org). Cost: \$59 for first child; \$46 for

siblings over 9 months old. Siblings under 9 months free. Parking included. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, July 7**

**Idea Garden**

**Visitors Center, 11 am**

Join Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture for an up-close look at Cantigny's "garden for gardeners." Take home some great ideas for your own garden! Free with parking (\$5).

**Wednesday, July 8**

**Military Science: Rockets**

**First Division Museum, 10 am to 12 pm**

Students ages 11 to 14 are invited to learn about military rockets in a fun and safe environment. Experiment with basic principles of rocketry and launch different types. All students will take home an Estes rocket. Cost \$15. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Thursday, July 9**

**Evening Bike Tour**

**Visitors Center, 6:30 pm**

Bob Carr and Chris Roberts from Cantigny Horticulture will escort visitors on a leisurely ride with plenty of stops at different areas of the gardens and other park attractions. Adults and children ages 8 and up welcome. Limit 15 people. Advance registration required at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with parking (\$2).

**Friday, July 10**

**Movie in the Park: "The Muppet Movie"**

**Parade Field, 8:30 pm**

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$2).

**Saturday, July 11**

**"Purple Martins 101"**

**Cantigny Golf, 8:30 am**

Learn all about one of America's favorite birds from Cantigny volunteer Ray Feld. The presentation will include an up-close look inside one of the martin "hotels." Cantigny Golf is located at 27w270 Mack Road in Wheaton. Free program and parking.

**Saturday, July 11**

**Nancy Neill Jewelry Trunk Show**

**Visitors Center, 10 am to 4 pm**

Meet Fox Valley jewelry designer Nancy Neill, creator of one-of-a-kind handcrafted jewelry made with found objects, beads, natural stones, charms, chains and other items. Free event; parking \$5.

**Saturday, July 11**

**Second Saturday: Vintage Base Ball**

**Parade Field, 12 to 3 pm**

Families are invited to the McCormick Museum's monthly drop-in program with interactive themes. Activities this month have an old-time "base ball" theme and take place alongside the vintage action on the field! Kids can try a fingerprint base ball craft and a hands-on station will feature classic base ball items. Free program; parking \$5.

**Saturday, July 11**  
**Vintage Base Ball**  
**Parade Field, 1 pm**

Enjoy an afternoon of America's pastime as it was played more than 100 years ago! The rules of 1858 apply as the DuPage Plowboys, Munster Centennials and Indiana Railroaders showcase their skill and sportsmanship in a round robin match. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Saturday, July 11**  
**West Suburban Symphony Orchestra**  
**First Division Museum, 8 pm**

Enjoy a Ravinia-style outdoor concert as the West Suburban Symphony and Maestro Peter Lipari present "Comedy!" This fun and innovative program celebrates humor across a wide range of symphonic music. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$18 the day of show. Cantigny members pay \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Purchase tickets at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162. Tickets also are available at the Cantigny Shop. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Parking is free for ticket holders.

**Sunday, July 12**  
**Free Concert: Chicago Tribute Anthology**  
**Cantigny Bandshell, 3 pm**

CTA is a seven-piece horn band dedicated to performing the music of Chicago, one of the most popular and enduring bands of all time. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

**Monday, July 13**  
**Camp Cantigny**  
**9 am to 12 pm (5 days)**

Kids ages 7-10 are invited to Cantigny for a week of fun and exploration. Each day takes campers to a different part of the park for activities, games, crafts and discoveries. Camp concludes on July 17. Cost \$105. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, July 15**  
**Inchworms 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 is "Yummy, Yummy in My Tummy." Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, July 15**  
**Garden Tips & Tastes**  
**Idea Garden, 12 pm and 6 pm**

Join Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture for some practical advice, a new recipe and plenty of plant chatter. Choose the 12 pm or 6 pm session. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Friday, July 17**  
**Storytime in the Garden with the Winfield Public Library**  
**Visitors Center, 10:30 am**

Join the library staff to explore some favorite stories and other activities in Cantigny's beautiful gardens. Contact Ms. Nuccia Choate at the library for further details and reservations 630.653.7599. Free program and parking fee waived for those who preregister with the library.

**Friday, July 17**

**Family Night Out: Tank Park Scavenger Hunt**

**Visitors Center, 5:30 to 7:30 pm**

The park's monthly Family Night Out series continues with fun activities outside the First Division Museum. Events will include a scavenger hunt and a guided walking tour of the museum's historic tanks used by the U.S. Army from WWI to present. Of course, kids are invited to climb on them, too! Free with \$2 parking.

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Saturday, July 18**

**Concert: Rockin' for the Troops**

**Parade Field, 12 to 11 pm**

Operation Support Our Troops America presents this 10<sup>th</sup> annual music fest for a great cause. Best of all, Cantigny favorite Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band is back! Maggie Speaks, The Voices and Chicago Blues All-Stars also will perform. Tickets are \$25 and limited on-site parking is \$10. Off-site parking with shuttle service is free. Visit [osotamerica.org](http://osotamerica.org) for details.

**Sunday, July 19**

**Free Concert: Morry Sochat & The Special 20s**

**Cantigny Bandshell, 3 pm**

This band brings a fresh sound to the blues music scene, mixing classic Chicago blues with swing and rock n' roll from the 1950s. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Sunday, July 19**

**Shakespeare in the Park: "Twelfth Night"**

**Cantigny Gardens, 6 pm**

The Midsummer Theater Company presents an outdoor Shakespearean play surrounded by the beautiful Cantigny gardens. Tickets are \$10; parking free. Visit [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162. The rain date for this event is July 26.

**Monday, July 20**

**Fiber Fun Art Camp (5 days)**

**Education Center, 2 to 3:30 pm**

Kids ages 7-12 will explore the creative world of fiber! Learn about wool and felting, loom weaving, dying and other fun fiber-related activities. Students will get messy, make all kinds of lovely creations, and learn skills they can enjoy for a lifetime! Expert instruction provided by the staff of Wool and Company. The five-day camp concludes on July 24. Cost \$65. Parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Monday, July 20**

**Golf Course Cart Tour**

**Cantigny Golf, 6:30 pm**

See and learn about the elaborate floral plantings on Cantigny's scenic 27-hole golf course. Guests will travel in golf carts on this unique tour focusing on flowerbeds, restored natural areas, majestic trees and more. Todd Henderson, head forester, and Craig Kruckenberg, horticulture manager, will guide. Advance registration required and group size limited to 50. Visit [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162. Meet at Cantigny Golf at 6:15 pm (27w270 Mack Road, Wheaton). Cost: \$5; parking free.

**Thursday, July 23**

**Storytime in the Garden with the West Chicago Public Library**

**Visitors Center, 10 am**

Join the library staff to explore some favorite stories and other activities in Cantigny's beautiful gardens. Contact Neena Nagpal the library for further details and reservations

630.231.1552, ext. 3. Free program and parking fee waived for those who preregister with the library.

**Thursday, July 23**

**Garden Photo Tips**

**Visitors Center, 6:30 pm**

Receive advice, share your own knowledge, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow shutterbugs in beautiful surroundings. Group size is limited—register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with parking (\$2).

**Friday, July 24**

**Movie in the Park: “Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban”**

**Parade Field, 8:30 pm**

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$2).

**Friday, July 24**

**Military Science: Rockets**

**First Division Museum, 12:30 to 2:30 pm**

Students ages 11 to 14 are invited to learn about military rockets in a fun and safe environment. Experiment with basic principles of rocketry and launch different types. All students will take home an Estes rocket. Cost \$15. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Saturday, July 25**

**Pop Art Workshop**

**Education Center, 9 am to 3 pm**

Students ages 7-12 will explore the work of pop artists Andy Warhol, Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg and others. Artist Kari Kraus will instruct and the kids will leave with an appreciation for how pop art challenged traditional perceptions of art as well as a work of art they create themselves. Cost \$75; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Saturday, July 25**

**Northern Illinois Vintage Base Ball Tournament**

**Parade Field, 10 am**

Pull up a hay bale and witness “America’s Pastime” as it was played during Civil War times, under the rules of 1858. This is the longest running annual event of its kind in Illinois. Clubs scheduled to appear: DuPage Plowboys, Chicago Salmon, Springfield Long Nine, Oregon Ganymedes, Indianapolis Hoosiers and Lemont Quarrymen. Free with parking (\$5).

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Saturday, July 25**

**Special Concert: And Beyond**

**First Division Museum, 7 pm**

Cantigny will rock! And Beyond specializes in classic rock favorites and more, played with passion and style. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 the day of show. Purchase at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162. Tickets also available in the Cantigny Shop and at the parking booth. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets suggested. Parking is free for ticketholders.

**Sunday, July 26**

**Free Children's Concert: Jeanie B!  
Cantigny Bandshell, 12 pm**

Kids will love this family-friendly performance by one of hottest acts on the kids' music circuit. Jeanie B! will have young and old alike up on their feet, dancing and singing along! Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Sunday, July 26**

**Free Concert: Denny Diamond  
Cantigny Bandshell, 3 pm**

If you love the music of Neil Diamond, this performance is for you! Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Monday, July 27**

**"Spanish for Me!" Parent-Child Program  
Education Center, 2 to 2:45 pm**

"1, 2, 3...Spanish for Me!" is a new program for children ages 3 to 5. Cantigny educator Edith Roman will help kids learn a second language through familiar songs, games and crafts. The theme is "Colors." Class also meets July 28 and 29. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Thursday, July 30**

**Cantigny Park 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and McCormick Day  
Parkwide, 10 am to 9 pm**

A full day of family fun is planned as the park celebrates a milestone anniversary on McCormick Day, the birthday of Cantigny benefactor Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955). Kids will enjoy vintage games and crafts plus a concert by Miss Jamie & The Farmhands at 2 pm. The thrilling Barefoot Hawaiian performs at 5:30 pm. The special day will be capped by a Ravinia-like concert by Chicago Sinfonietta at 7:30 pm—under the oaks outside the First Division Museum. All events and concerts are complimentary—Cantigny's "thank you" to the community for 60 beautiful years. Parking also is free.

**Thursday, July 30**

**Free Children's Concert: Miss Jamie & The Farmhands  
McCormick Museum Allée, 2 pm**

This event may be what kids remember most about Cantigny Park's all-day 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration! Miss Jamie and her puppet friends from the farm will take the audience on a magical barnyard adventure in a sing-along, dance-along show that's fun for kids and grownups alike. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free event and free parking all day!

**Thursday, July 30**

**Free Concert: Barefoot Hawaiian  
McCormick Museum Allée, 5:30 pm**

Fans of Polynesian music and dance are in for a treat! Established 42 years ago, Barefoot Hawaiian is sure to add even more excitement to Cantigny Park's all-day 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free event and free parking all day!

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Thursday, July 30**

**Free Concert: Chicago Sinfonietta  
First Division Museum, 7:30 pm**

Cantigny is pleased to welcome Maestro Mei-Ann Chen and the innovative Chicago Sinfonietta for a rare outdoor performance capping off the park's all-day 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. This special evening of music will include Saibei Dance, Carmen Fantasy

and Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 4, along with a few special surprises tailored to the venue and occasion. In addition, two young musicians from Naperville, Rebecca Moy and Jack McCammon, will be featured soloists. This concert is Cantigny's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift to the community. No tickets are required, and parking also is complimentary. Seating is on the lawn outside the museum; chairs or blankets are suggested. Fancy picnics welcome!

**Friday, July 31**

**Movie in the Park: "Sixteen Candles"**

**Parade Field, 8:30 pm**

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$2).

## **AUGUST**

### **FEATURED EVENT!**

**Saturday, August 1**

**Dog Days at Cantigny**

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

Bring your furry best friend and enjoy everything canine at this 7<sup>th</sup> annual event. Lots of special entertainment for all ages plus vendor exhibits and sales. All dogs must have current vaccination tags and be social with others. Free with parking (\$5).

**Sunday, August 2**

**Free Concert: Logical Fleadh**

**Cantigny Bandshell, 3 pm**

This band plays Celtic rock, a unique and high-spirited brand of music that pairs traditional Irish fiddle tunes and songs with a driving rock rhythm section. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

**Monday, August 3**

**Doodlebugs Art Class**

**Education Center, 1 to 2 pm**

Drop off your child (ages 4-6) for an hour of creative exploration! The theme is "Make a MESS-terpiece." Class meets three consecutive Mondays, concluding on August 17. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Monday, August 3**

**Cantigny Post 556 American Legion Pasta Dinner**

**Le Jardin at Cantigny Park, 4:30 to 8:30 pm**

Cantigny Post 556 of the American Legion invites the community to a delicious fundraiser! Enjoy a wonderful all-you-can-eat pasta dinner with all the trimmings prepared by Cantigny's award-winning culinary team. Cost: \$10 per person or \$3 for ages 4 and under. No reservations needed. Free parking.

**Tuesday, August 4**

**Tour: Rose Garden**

**Visitors Center, 11 am**

Craig Myroup from Cantigny Horticulture will interpret and share one of the estate's most popular attractions, the Rose Garden. The 12,000 square foot garden is home to more than 1,000 rose bushes and 55 varieties. Free with parking (\$5).

**Wednesday, August 5**  
**Inchworms 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 "Air is All Around Us." Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

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**First Division Museum, 12:30 to 2:30 pm**

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**Wednesday, August 5**  
**"Spanish for Me!" Parent-Child Program**  
**Education Center, 2 to 2:45 pm**

"1, 2, 3...Spanish for Me!" is a new program for children ages 3 to 5. Cantigny educator Edith Roman will help kids learn a second language through familiar songs, games and crafts. The theme is "Food." Class meets on three consecutive Wednesdays, concluding on August 19. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, August 5**  
**Get Involved! Series: Outdoor Composting**  
**Education Center, 7 pm**

Learn the basics of backyard composting including various compost bin options at this free seminar. You'll save money and conserve water while creating a nutrient-rich soil amendment. Kay McKeen from SCARCE (School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education) will instruct. Participants, if they wish, may enter a drawing for an eco-friendly prize (\$5 per ticket or two for \$8) with all proceeds donated to SCARCE. This event is free, including parking, but advance registration is requested. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Thursday, August 6**  
**Sprouts Parent-Child Program**  
**Education Center, 10-11 am OR 1-2 pm**

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 "Air is All Around Us." The one-hour class also meets August 13 and 20. Choose from a 10 am or 1 pm start. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Friday, August 7**  
**Movie in the Park: "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"**  
**Parade Field, 8:30 pm**

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$2).

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Saturday, August 8**  
**Free Concert: Corpo Musicale Olgiatese**  
**First Division Museum, 7 pm**

This Italian concert band is being hosted by the Mount Prospect Park District Community Band through an exchange program. Their music covers a wide range of expressions including show tunes, movie themes, operatic, classical and contemporary. Talented vocalists will accompany the 65-member orchestra on this special evening featuring the

authentic sounds of Italy. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets suggested. Free with parking (\$2).

**Saturday, August 8**

**Bird Walk**

**Visitors Center, 7:30 am**

Enjoy a walk around the park with members of the DuPage Birding Club as we search for summer resident birds and perhaps a few early fall migrants. Beginners welcome and binoculars available for borrowing. Free event, including parking.

**Saturday, August 8**

**Second Saturday: Papermaking**

**Education Center, 12 to 3 pm**

Families are invited to the McCormick Museum's monthly drop-in program with interactive themes. Robert McCormick, Cantigny's benefactor, made his fortune in the newspaper business. Come try your hand at making the raw material that he depended on! Papermaking is fun but a little messy, so be prepared. Free program; parking \$5.

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Sunday, August 9**

**French Connection Day**

**Parade Field, 9 am to 4 pm**

Enjoy a day-long festival of music, food, art and family fun as Cantigny celebrates everything France—all to commemorate the personal history of the park's benefactor, Robert R. McCormick. (Cantigny, after all, is named after the small village north of Paris where Colonel McCormick fought in the Battle of Cantigny in 1918.) Enjoy musical entertainment by "Maison Clobert" and have your photo taken by our Eiffel Tower replica, too! Free with parking (\$5).

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Wednesday, August 12**

**Wine Through the Gardens**

**Visitors Center, 6:30 pm**

Take a leisurely stroll through a horticultural masterpiece, stopping at the most popular features. Cantigny horticulturalists will make short presentations at each spot and answer questions. A different wine will be served at each stop and the tour will conclude with light appetizers. Cost \$25; parking free. Advance registration required at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

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**Garden Photo Tips**

**Visitors Center, 5:30 pm**

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**Friday, August 14**

**Movie in the Park: "Enchanted"**

**Parade Field, 8:30 pm**

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$2).

**Sunday, August 16**

**Free Children's Concert: Super Stolie**

**Cantigny Bandshell, 12 pm**

This act's high-energy style and blend of kid-friendly pop-rock songs and audience participation encourages everyone to be silly and have a good time with music! Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Sunday, August 16**

**Free Concert: Banjo Buddies Dixieland Band**

**Cantigny Bandshell, 3 pm**

Led by Ann Stewart, the "Diva of Dixieland," Chicago's top Dixieland jazz band has been entertaining audiences for more than two decades. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

**August 19**

**Inchworms 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 "Blowing Away." Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

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**Garden Tips & Tastes**

**Idea Garden, 12 pm and 6 pm**

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**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Wednesday, August 19**

**Free Concert: U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America**

**First Division Museum, 6 pm**

The band's Shades of Blue jazz ensemble looks forward to entertaining a large audience under the towering oaks and amidst the museum's tank collection. After the concert, visitors may wish to stay for the Date with History lecture by Pulitzer Prize winning author David Maraniss. What a night and it's all free, including parking!

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Wednesday, August 19**

**Date with History: David Maraniss**

**Visitors Center, 7:30 pm**

Pulitzer Prize winning author David Maraniss will discuss "They Marched Into Sunlight," his epic story of Vietnam and the sixties told through the events of a few gripping, passionate days of war and peace in October 1967. Program and parking free. For more information, visit [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org) or call 630.260.8187.

**Friday, August 21**

**Family Night Out: Field Games**

**Visitors Center, 5:30 to 7:30 pm**

The park's monthly Family Night Out series continues with fun for all ages. Bring a picnic and enjoy some great lawn games provided by Cantigny, including water balloons, sack races and egg relays. Movie in the Park at 8:30 too! Free with parking (\$2).

**Friday, August 21**

**Movie in the Park: "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix"**

**Parade Field, 8:30 pm**

Celebrate summer with a family movie night under the stars! Seating is on the grass by the red bandshell. Blankets, chairs and snacks welcome. Free with parking (\$2).

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Saturday, August 22**

**Red Oaks Vintage Base Ball Festival**

**Parade Field, 10 am**

Pull up a hay bale and enjoy the largest gathering of 1858 rules vintage base ball clubs in Illinois. The home club Cantigny Red Oaks will host the DuPage Plowboys, Creston Regulators, Aurora Town Club, Belleville Stags, Milwaukee Juneaus, Munster Centennials, Rockford Forest Citys and Somonauk Blue Stockings. In addition, see Todd Eschmann of Old Dutch Bats demonstrate the art of bat making. Free with parking (\$5).

**Sunday, August 23**

**Free Concert: The Special Consensus**

**Cantigny Bandshell, 3 pm**

A bluegrass original returns to Cantigny! This four-member acoustic band, formed in 1975, has performed on many national stages including the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. Special C's "Scratch Gravel Road" was nominated for Best Bluegrass Album at the 2012 Grammy Awards. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Saturday, August 29**

**American Indian Veterans Celebration**

**First Division Museum, 11 am**

Spectators are welcome during a full-day salute to our native veterans. Music, art, dance, guest speakers and award presentations will all be a part of this national gathering. For additional details visit [trickstergallery.com](http://trickstergallery.com).

**Sunday, August 30**

**Free Concert: R Gang**

**Cantigny Bandshell, 3 pm**

R-Gang specializes in R&B music from the Motown era through the 90's. The band's musical expertise and showmanship combine for exciting entertainment the whole family will enjoy. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5). Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

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**About Cantigny Park**

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is the 500-acre Wheaton estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955). Celebrating 60 years in 2015, the park 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).