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## **MAY-JUNE EVENTS & CLASSES AT CANTIGNY PARK**

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

### **MAY**

#### **Tuesday, May 2**

##### **Garden Tour: Spring Annuals & Bulbs**

##### **Visitors Center, 11 am**

Join Craig Kruckenberg and Jackie Kosbab from Cantigny Horticulture on a guided stroll through the colorful early-May gardens. Free with paid parking (\$5).

#### **Wednesday, May 3**

##### **Date with History: Author James Bilder**

##### **Visitors Center, 7:30 pm**

Author James Bilder discusses "Artillery Scout: The Story of a Forward Observer with the U.S. Field Artillery in World War I." Program and parking free. For more information, visit [fdmuseum.org](http://fdmuseum.org) or call 630.260.8187.

#### **Wednesday, May 3**

##### **Inchworms Parent-Child Program**

##### **Visitors Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am**

Introduce your little one (ages 18-36 months) to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. Theme: "In the Pond." Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

#### **Wednesday, May 3**

##### **Sprouts Parent-Child Program**

##### **Visitors Center, 10:45 to 11:45 am** (first of 3 sessions)

Children ages 3 to 5 years (with adult) are invited explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, outdoor walks and crafts. Class meets three consecutive Wednesdays: May 3, 10 and 17. Theme: "Water Wonders." Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

### **FEATURED EVENT!**

#### **Sunday, May 7**

##### **Open House**

##### **Cantigny Greenhouse, 10 am to 3 pm**

Bring the family and your green thumb to this popular annual event! Enjoy tours, exhibits and get answers to your gardening and plant questions from the Cantigny Horticulture staff. Admission is free with paid parking (\$10). Use Cantigny's main entrance on Winfield Road, then walk to the greenhouse or use the complimentary tram service.

**Sunday, May 7**

**Nancy Neill Jewelry Trunk Show**

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

Meet Fox Valley jewelry designer Nancy Neill, creator of truly one-of-a-kind handcrafted jewelry made with found objects, beads, natural stones, charms, chains and other items. Some designs have a Cantigny theme! Free event; parking \$10.

**Sunday, May 7**

**ClaySpace Pottery Show**

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

Artists will exhibit and offer for sale a variety of handmade and one-of-a-kind ceramic pieces such as platters, bowls, wall sculptures, vases, soap dishes and jewelry. ClaySpace is a nonprofit clay arts studio located in Warrenville and home to a community of resident artists. Free with paid parking (\$10).

**Wednesday, May 10**

**Inchworms Parent-Child Program**

**Visitors Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am**

Introduce your little one (ages 18-36 months) to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. Theme: "In the Lake." Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Thursday, May 11**

**"Boogie Bugs" Kid Rock Event**

**Visitors Center, 10 to 10:45 am**

Parents and their little ones (ages 1-5) are invited to a bug-themed session of songs, instruments and imaginative play. March like an ant, hop like a grasshopper and fly like a butterfly! For more about Kid Rock programs, visit [rockitkids.com](http://rockitkids.com). Cost: \$10 per child; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Friday, May 12**

**National Public Gardens Day**

**Visitors Center, 9 am to 2 pm**

A staff-guided tour will focus on Cantigny's colorful spring plantings and specialty gardens. Visit [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) for tours and start times. Speakers in the Visitors Center Theater are Jeff Reiter at 9 am ("Birds of Cantigny"), followed at 11 am by special guest Shawna Coronado who will offer eco-friendly, money-saving tips for organic gardening. All events complimentary, and a coupon for free parking is available for download at [cantigny.org](http://cantigny.org).

**Saturday, May 13**

**Second Saturday: Journalism**

**Visitors Center, 12 to 3 pm**

The McCormick Museum invites families for this monthly drop-in program with interactive themes. May's focus is Journalism, honoring Robert McCormick's strong ties to publishing, radio and television. Visitors can try their hand at cartoon making and use the museum's "selfie station" to create a fun photo with vintage reporter props. Free with paid parking (\$10).

**Wednesday, May 17**

**Inchworms Parent-Child Program**

**Visitors Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am**

Introduce your little one (ages 18-36 months) to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. Theme: "In the Ocean." Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

## **FEATURED EVENT!**

**Friday, May 19**

**Family Night: Game Show Fun!**

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

The park's monthly Family Night features a game show theme that all ages will enjoy. Compete with other families or friends in high-energy Versus or 5-minute rounds of Trivia Blitz, a game like Jeopardy. Free with parking (\$5).

**Sunday, May 21**

**Vintage Base Ball Game**

**Parade Field, 1 to 4 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 challenge the Aurora Town Club. Free with paid parking (\$10).

**Sunday, May 21**

**Garden Photo Tips**

**Visitors Center, 2 pm**

Receive advice, share your knowledge and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow shutterbugs in beautiful surroundings. Group size limited to 10—register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$10).

**Tuesday, May 23**

**Doodlebugs Art Class**

**Visitors Center, 1 to 2 pm** (first of 3 sessions)

Drop off your child (ages 4-6) for an hour of creative exploration! Class meets for three consecutive days, May 23-25. Theme: "Little Chefs." Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Sunday, May 28**

**Free Concert: Anthem**

**Bandshell, 3 pm**

The park's Sunday afternoon summer concert series begins with Anthem, a popular classic rock band that began in 2014 as "And Beyond." Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$10).

## **FEATURED EVENT!**

**Monday, May 29**

**Free Concert: Steve Cooper Orchestra**

**Bandshell, 3 pm**

Swing music rules as a Cantigny big band favorite returns to the park for this special Memorial Day performance. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$10).

## **JUNE**

### **FEATURED EVENT!**

**Friday, June 2**

**"Toast of the Army" 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Le Jardin at Cantigny Park, 7 to 11 pm**

Celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division of the U.S. Army with a festive evening of drinks, hors d'oeuvres and dancing. The First Division Museum's curators will share artifacts and historic vehicles, and historic film footage will showcase the Big Red One's proud history. Music by the Alan Gresik Swing Shift Orchestra. Cost of \$55 includes food, drink ticket and parking; two for \$100. Cash bar. Parking free. Guests must be 21. Registration is required: 630.260.8187. Visit [fdmuseum.org](http://fdmuseum.org) for details.

**Friday, June 2**

**Movie in the Park: "Zootopia"**

**Bandshell, 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 paid parking (\$5).

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Saturday, June 3**

**Grow It Forward!**

**Visitors Center Theater, 9 am**

Enjoy an informative lecture on vegetable gardening by "Garden Coach" Mark Lyons of Green Thumb at Your Service. Then take home two tomato plants and two pepper plants and put his advice to work! In return, you commit to sharing your plants, knowledge or the produce you harvest with someone in need. Advance registration is required to receive plants: [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Sunday, June 4**

**Free Concert: Piano Man**

**Bandshell, 3 pm**

Piano Man plays the popular hits of Elton John and Billy Joel in a show that pays each superstar artist a worthy and authentic tribute. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$10).

**Tuesday, June 6**

**Wee Heart Summer Music Sing-a-Long**

**Visitors Center, 9:30 am, 10:30 am or 11:30 am** (choose one; class is 45 minutes)

Music supports your child's development in every area and brings joy to the whole family! Enjoy interactive, parent-child songs, dances, chants and instrumental jam sessions. For ages birth to 6. Class also meets June 13, 20 and 27. Cost: \$59 for first child; siblings \$46 or free if 9 months and under. Parking included in cost. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, June 6**

**Garden Tour: Perennials**

**Visitors Center, 11 am**

Join Craig Myroup from Cantigny Horticulture on a leisurely walk focusing on perennials that bloom in early summer. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Tuesday, June 6**

**Date with History: Author Gregory Fontenot**

**Visitors Center, 7:30 pm**

Colonel Retired Gregory Fontenot will discuss his narrative history of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division from 1970 through the Operation Desert Storm celebration held July 4, 1991—a transformational period for the Big Red One. Program and parking free. For more information, visit [fdmuseum.org](http://fdmuseum.org) or call 630.260.8187.

**Wednesday, June 7**

**Inchworms Parent-Child Program**

**Visitors Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am**

Introduce your little one (ages 18-36 months) to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. Theme: "Hummingbird is the Word." Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, June 7**

**Sprouts Parent-Child Program**

**Visitors Center, 10:45 to 11:45 am** (first of 3 sessions)

Children ages 3 to 5 years (with adult) are invited explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, outdoor walks and crafts. Class meets three consecutive Wednesdays: June 7, 14 and 21. Theme: "Bird is the Word." Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Thursday, June 8**

**First Division Centennial Celebration**

**Parade Field, 1 to 4:30 pm**

Bring the family for military-theme activities celebrating the fascinating and proud 100-year history of the U.S. Army's 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, the famous Big Red One! The unit was assembled for the first time on June 8, 1917, and led America's military participation in World War I and later conflicts. Visit [fdmuseum.org](http://fdmuseum.org) for details. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Friday, June 9**

**Movie in the Park: "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them"**

**Bandshell, 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 paid parking (\$5).

**Saturday, June 10**

**Second Saturday: From Farm to Park**

**Visitors Center, 12 to 3 pm**

The McCormick Museum welcomes families for this monthly drop-in program with interactive themes. Environment is the theme for June, a nod to Robert McCormick's interest in farming when he lived at Cantigny. Activities will include making butter and carding wool. Free with paid parking (\$10).

**Sunday, June 11**

**Free Family Concert: Animal Farm**

**Bandshell, 12 pm**

Children will love the interactive, family-friendly performance by this group of musician educators with a positive message. Animal Farm's original songs, comedy sketches and storytelling stress community, self-expression and growing up. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$10).

**Sunday, June 11**

**Vintage Base Ball Game**

**Parade Field, 12 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, Lemont Quarrymen and Oregon Ganymedes compete in a spirited round-robin contest. Free with paid parking (\$10).

**Sunday, June 11**

**Free Concert: Rico**

**Bandshell, 3 pm**

Influenced by the sound and spirit of Santana, Rico presents a rich blend of musical cultures using bass, congas, percussion, timbales, keyboards and guitars. This is a fiery and soulful show not to be missed. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$10).

**Wednesday, June 14**  
**Inchworms Parent-Child Program**  
**Visitors Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am**

Introduce your little one (ages 18-36 months) to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. Theme: "Who are you, Mr. Owl?" Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Wednesday, June 14**  
**The Spirited Botanist**  
**Keyhole Garden, 6:30 pm**

Enjoy the lush summer gardens and a botanical cocktail featuring a fruit, vegetable, herb or edible flower as the main ingredient. Host Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture will demonstrate the Rhubarb Fizz Cocktail in both alcoholic and non-alcoholic varieties. Advance registration required. \$25 cost includes demo, one cocktail, appetizers and parking.

**Thursday, June 15**  
**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 to 10—register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Friday, June 16**  
**Storytime in the Garden**  
**Visitors Center, 10:30 to 11:30 am**

Join the Winfield Public 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 at 630.653.7599. Free program; \$5 parking fee waived if you register with the library.

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Friday, June 16**  
**Family Night: Music and Cars!**  
**Visitors Center, 5 to 8:30 pm**

The park's first Family Night of the summer features a Cruise Night theme (classic wheels get in free) and live music by Joe Kalish (5 pm) and Final Say (7 pm). A variety of food trucks will be on site with delicious options. Stay for Movie in the Park ("Rogue One: A Star Wars Story") at 8:30 pm. All free with paid parking (\$5).

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Friday, June 16**  
**Free Concert: Final Say**  
**Parade Field, 7 pm**

Final Say plays an extensive repertoire of songs, delivering them with energy and passion. The band's Cantigny debut will headline the park's first Family Night of the summer. Food trucks will be on site. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Friday, June 16**  
**Movie in the Park: "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story"**  
**Bandshell, 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 paid parking (\$5).

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Saturday, June 17, 10 am to 4 pm**

**Sunday, June 18, 10 am to 4 pm**

**“Art in Bloom” Fine Art Festival**

Come to Cantigny for one of the park’s biggest events of the year and a Father’s Day Weekend tradition. Art in Bloom is a juried art show and exhibition featuring nearly 100 artists, demonstrations, a craft for kids, live music (Guitarra Azul and Classical Blast), delicious food options and more! Free with paid parking (\$10).

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Tuesday, June 20**

**Free Concert: ZAZZ**

**McCormick House East Lawn, 7 pm**

Enjoy the official arrival of summer with music of ZAZZ, an alternative jazz quintet, performing Swinging Sounds of Summer to welcome the Solstice. This open-air jazz performance at McCormick House is surely the perfect end to a June evening in the gardens. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Wednesday, June 21**

**Inchworms Parent-Child Program**

**Visitors Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am**

Introduce your little one (ages 18-36 months) to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. Theme: “Rockin’ Robin.” Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, June 21**

**Wild Wednesday**

**Visitors Center backyard, 1 to 3 pm**

Kids from 3 to 10 will enjoy hands-on nature exploration through games and crafts every Wednesday through August 9. This week’s theme is Birds. No sign-up necessary, just drop in. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Wednesday, June 21**

**Evening Garden Tour**

**Visitors Center, 6:30 pm**

A June evening is the perfect time to admire and explore the park’s renowned gardens. Enjoy one of the longest days of the year on this guided stroll with Craig Kruckenberg and Jackie Kosbab from Cantigny Horticulture. Advance registration is requested. Tour begins from the Visitors Center at 6:30 p.m. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Thursday, June 22**

**Storytime in the Garden**

**Visitors Center, 10:30 to 11:30 am**

Join the West Chicago Library staff to explore some favorite stories and other activities in Cantigny’s beautiful gardens. Contact Patrina Garza at the library for further details and reservations (starting June 1) at pgarza@westchicago.lib.il.us. Free program; \$5 parking fee waived if you preregister with the library.

**Friday, June 23**

**Military Science: Rockets**

**Visitors Center, 1 pm**

Middle school students will learn about military rockets, experiment with basic principles of rocketry and launch different types of model rockets. Enjoy a rare opportunity to pick up a WWII “Super Bazooka,” a Vietnam era LAW and other modern rocket launchers. All

participants will take home an Estes rocket. Cost \$15 per student; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Friday, June 23**

**Movie in the Park: “Sing”**

**Bandshell, 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 paid parking (\$5).

**Sunday, June 25**

**Free Concert: The Fortunate Sons**

**Bandshell, 3 pm**

This Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute band brings the ultimate CCR experience to the stage. Each member of The Fortunate Sons was chosen to portray the playing style and appearance of CCR in its prime. Vintage instruments and costumes complete the look! Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$10).

**FEATURED EVENT!**

**Monday, June 26**

**Girls Make History Camp (5 days)**

**Parkwide, 9 am to 12 pm**

This day camp for girls ages 7 to 11 will investigate the often overlooked but important contributions of women throughout American history. Meet famous women from the past and learn how they shaped our country. Head out to the prairie to settle the west, join the women’s suffrage movement, plant victory gardens to help the war effort, and see if you have what it takes to make it through basic training. Camp concludes June 30. Cost \$95; parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, June 28**

**Wild Wednesday**

**Visitors Center backyard, 1 to 3 pm**

Kids from 3 to 10 will enjoy hands-on nature exploration through games and crafts every Wednesday through August 9. This week’s theme is Bugs. No sign-up necessary, just drop in. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Thursday, June 29**

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

**Bandshell, 6 pm**

Enjoy a blend of inspiration and entertainment that includes jazz standards, patriotic favorites and more. This component of the United States Air Force Band will appeal to the entire family, with a repertoire spanning five centuries, highlighting the rich diversity of American musical styles. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with parking (\$5).

**Friday, June 30**

**Movie in the Park: “Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan”**

**Bandshell, 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 paid 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). It is home to the McCormick House, First Division Museum, formal gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails and a Visitors 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).

***Parking:*** *Cantigny is pleased to offer free parking on the first Wednesday of every month. The park's regular daily parking rate is \$5 per car. On Saturdays and Sundays, May through September, parking is \$10 per car. The \$10 rate also applies on Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day. Parking is free for Cantigny Park members and Honor Club members. Parking also is free for those attending ticketed events or other fee-based programs.*