

## **Poinsettia Display and Sale at Cantigny Greenhouse on December 3**

**WHEATON, IL, Nov. 21, 2013** — The Cantigny Park Horticulture Department will host its annual *Shades of Crimson Poinsettia Display* on Tuesday, Dec. 3. Hours are 10 am to 2 pm for this free holiday event at the park's greenhouse.

Visitors will see 14 varieties of poinsettias in full bloom and about 3,000 plants in all. Horticulture staff members will be on hand to discuss the plants and answer questions.

"This is Cantigny's most colorful tradition," said Joy Kaminsky, Cantigny Park director of horticulture. "Visitors love the spectacle of so many fresh poinsettias in one place. Our growers enjoy sharing their knowledge about the plants, too."

The poinsettias are purchased by Cantigny as three-inch-long cuttings, then carefully nurtured and groomed for over six months. Water, fertilizer, light and temperature are each regulated to achieve the spectacular results that visitors will see at the greenhouse.

A page with information about poinsettias, including how to care for them and history about the plant, is posted on the [Cantigny Park website](#).

Nearly half of the Cantigny poinsettias are destined for the Rotary Club of Central DuPage, which uses them for fundraising. Another 400 plants are for holiday decorating in the museums, restaurants and other buildings throughout the 500-acre Cantigny estate.

Poinsettias will be offered for sale at *Shades of Crimson*. Prices are \$5.50 for a small plant, \$15.25 for medium and \$34.95 for large.

After the event, sales to the public will continue at the Cantigny Shop in the Visitors Center and the Cantigny Golf Shop. Any unsold plants are donated to local nursing homes and care centers.

*Shades of Crimson* will include self-guided tours of the greenhouse and light refreshments. Garden clubs and senior groups are welcome. There is no fee to attend but advance registration is requested for groups of 10 or more. Forms may be downloaded at [Cantigny.org](#) or visitors may call 630.260.8162.

Parking (no fee) is in the main lot by the Cantigny Visitors Center. From there, walk to the greenhouse or ride the free shuttle.

Cantigny Park is open daily in November and December from 9 am to sunset. More information 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 (Illinois) estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), longtime

editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is home to 30 acres of spectacular gardens, the Robert R. McCormick Museum, the First Division Museum and a 27-hole championship golf course. All are open to the public. Cantigny also is a favorite destination for special events, weddings, concerts, lectures, workshops and other recreation and learning opportunities for all ages. Full-service banquet and dining facilities are on site. More information, including hours, directions and a calendar of upcoming events is online at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org). For details about Cantigny Golf, including the Cantigny Golf Academy and 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links, please visit [CantignyGolf.com](http://CantignyGolf.com).

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