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## **September/October Events and 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.*

### **September**

#### **Sunday, September 1**

##### **Concert: Five Guys Named Moe**

##### **Bandshell, 3 pm**

If classic rock is your thing, you'll love the energy, heart and soul of this popular and talented band. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

#### **Monday, September 2**

##### **Concert: The Chicago Outskirts**

##### **Bandshell, 3 pm**

Celebrate Labor Day with this 17-piece jazz ensemble comprised entirely of women from the Chicago area. Expect plenty of foot-tapping big band sounds at this jazzy salute to the unofficial end of summer. Lawn seating; chairs and blankets welcome. Free with paid parking (\$5).

#### **Tuesday, September 3**

##### **Garden Tour: Prairie**

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

Join Todd Henderson and Craig Kruckenberg from Cantigny Horticulture for an up-close look at Cantigny's 2-acre prairie featuring native grasses and forbs, such as asters, Echinacea and Rudbeckia. The prairie is a haven for wildlife, including birds and butterflies. Free with paid parking (\$5).

#### **Wednesday, September 4**

##### **Garden Tips & Tastes**

##### **Idea Garden, 12 pm**

Bring a lunch and join Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture for some practical advice, a new recipe and plenty of plant chatter. Advance registration requested at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

#### **Wednesday, September 4**

##### **Yoga Class**

##### **Education Center, 11 am to 12 pm**

This is the first of 8 Wednesday sessions, concluding October 23. Class is geared to beginning and intermediate students. Maureen Fogerty, a certified yoga instructor, will lead the class. Cost \$80; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

#### **Wednesday, September 4**

##### **Date with History Lecture: Jackie Spinner**

##### **First Division Museum, 7:30 pm**

Join us for an evening with Jackie Spinner as she discusses her role as a combat journalist with the First Infantry Division in Iraq. Spinner will also touch upon why journalists travel to war zones and what it is like being a female journalist covering a war. Program and parking are free. For more information, including program details, visit [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org) or call 630.260.8187.

**Thursday, September 5**  
**Monarch Butterfly Tagging**  
**Idea Garden, 1 pm**

Learn about a beautiful and fascinating insect! This tagging event assists the Monarch Watch organization in tracking these butterflies as they return back to the mountains of Mexico. This event is highly recommended for families! Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Saturday, September 7**  
**Revolutionary War Symposium**  
**First Division Museum, 9 am to 5 pm**

This first-time event at Cantigny is in partnership with the National Archives at Chicago. Visiting scholars from the University of Virginia, Xavier University and St. John's University will give presentations about Revolutionary War issues and personalities that history buffs are sure to find fascinating. The full-day program is free to attend but advance registration is required. To register or for more information, call 773.948.9001 or email [chicago.archives@nara.gov](mailto:chicago.archives@nara.gov).

**Saturday, September 7 & Sunday, September 8**  
**Revolutionary War Reenactment**  
**Parade Field, 10 am to 4 pm**

History will come alive as hundreds of talented living history actors from the Northwest Territory Alliance converge on the park. Witness mock battles and experience life in the 18<sup>th</sup> century by strolling through a large encampment of soldiers and civilians. "Rev War Weekend" is one of Cantigny's most popular annual events—it's fun, educational and free! Parking is \$5 per vehicle.

**Monday, September 9**  
**Doodlebugs Art Class**  
**Education Center, 1 to 2 pm (3 sessions)**

Drop off your child (ages 5 & 6) for an hour of artistic exploration! This month's theme: Recycled Art. Class meets on three consecutive Mondays: September 9, 16 and 23. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, September 11**  
**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 Recycling Rocks! Cost: \$6; parking is free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Thursday, September 12**  
**Sprouts Parent-Child Program**  
**Education Center, 10 to 11 am (3 sessions)**

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 Earth Rocks! Class meets on three consecutive Thursdays: September 12, 19 and 26. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Thursday, September 12**  
**Family Campfire Night**  
**Education Center, 5:30 to 7 pm**

Come enjoy a fireside storytelling performance by Dennis Swiftdeer Paige, followed by s'mores! Cost \$25 per family; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Friday, September 13**  
**Sprouts Parent-Child Program**  
**Education Center, 10 to 11 am (3 sessions)**

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 Earth Rocks! Class meets on three consecutive Fridays: September 13, 20 and 27. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Saturday, September 14**

**Bird Walk**

**Visitors Center, 7:30 am**

Join the DuPage Birding Club on a casual search for migrating species and regular Cantigny Park residents. All skill levels welcome and a limited number of binoculars will be available for borrowing. The walk and parking are free.

**Saturday, September 14**

**Vintage Base Ball Match**

**Parade Field, 12 pm**

See how our national pastime was played under 1858 rules when the DuPage Plowboys take on the Milwaukee Grays in a spirited match of skill and sportsmanship. Free with parking (\$5).

**Saturday, September 14**

**Stargazing**

**Parade Field, 7 to 10:30 pm**

Join Cantigny Park and the Naperville Astronomical Association for a family-friendly night with the stars! View planets and stars through telescopes and learn how to identify star constellations with the naked-eye. Chairs and blankets recommended. Kids can design their own star ring inside the Visitors Center, and two expert presentations will take place in the theater. Free with paid parking (\$2).

**Sunday, September 15**

**Cantigny Car Show**

**South parking lot, 9 am to 3 pm**

This will be Cantigny's 8<sup>th</sup> annual event and one of the most popular car shows in the region. Over 90 awards will be presented to the 400 vehicles on display. DJ music by Carousel Sound and food/drink concessions available. Event is free. Parking is \$5 (or \$2 before 10 am).

**Sunday, September 15**

**Garden Photo Tips**

**Visitors Center, 2 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).

**Tuesday, September 17**

**Patriotic Celebration: Constitution Day**

Pick up your own pocket copy of the United States Constitution and sign a copy of the historic document with a real quill pen. Free parking all day.

**Tuesday, September 17**

**Music Together®**

**Education Center, 9:30 am or 10:30 am (9 sessions)**

This is the first of 9 classes meeting on Tuesdays through November 12. Choose 9:30 or 10:30 am start. Each class is 45 minutes. Music Together® classes are designed to build on your child's natural enthusiasm for music and movement. Children (birth to kindergarten) and their parents or caregivers meet to experience new songs, chants, free dances and instrumental jam sessions. More details at Cantigny.org. Cost: \$174 for first child; \$124 for siblings over 9 months old. Siblings under 9 months free. Parking is free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, September 18**

**Garden Tips & Tastes**

**Idea Garden, 12 pm**

Bring a lunch and join Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture for some practical advice, a new recipe and plenty of plant chatter. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Thursday, September 19**  
**“Quirky Cool Ring” Class**

**Education Center, 6 to 8 pm**

Participants in this class (ages 18 and up) will create one or two absolutely unique cocktail rings out of sterling silver wire and a focal bead of choice. All materials and tools are supplied and artist Lisa Dienst-Thomas will provide expert instruction. No jewelry making experience is necessary. Cost: \$38; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Friday, September 20**

**National POW/MIA Recognition Day**

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

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is held across the country on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, schools and veterans' facilities. This observance is one of six days throughout the year that Congress has mandated the flying of the National League of Families' POW/MIA flag. Throughout the day, the museum will display a Missing Man Table in the lobby. The table and items on it symbolize the sacrifices made by prisoners of war and those missing in action.

**Tuesday, September 24**

**Page Turners of Cantigny**

**Education Center, 11 am**

Cantigny Park's new book club meets monthly through September, with separate sign-up for each meeting. Discussion this time will focus on “The Devil in the White City,” by Erik Larson. The cost to attend is \$5; parking is free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, September 25**

**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 Let's Reuse It! Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Thursday, September 26**

**Crafty Ladies**

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

Get your creative juices flowing, socialize with fellow crafters and make a wrapped wine bottle and wine cork trivet! All supplies provided and all levels of crafters welcome! Cost \$15; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Saturday, September 28**

**Veterans Benefit Fair**

**Parade Field, 10 am to 9 pm**

This full-day free event, co-sponsored by the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park and Welcome Home All Veterans, aims to thank, celebrate and assist all veterans. The focus will be on the ever-changing benefits and services that they have earned and so richly deserve. Besides an opportunity to gather information and get answers to questions, the day will feature a job fair, entertainment, guest speakers, great food and camaraderie. For more information, please visit [www.welcomehomeallveterans.org](http://www.welcomehomeallveterans.org) or call 630.260.8227.

**Sunday, September 29**

**Fall Wreath Botanical Print Class**

**Education Center, 12 to 3 pm**

Participants in this class (ages 18 and up) will create a beautiful botanical print wreath featuring fall colors. Paint-coated leaves are hand rubbed onto Stonehenge printmaking paper in a circular shape. With expert instruction from artist JoAnne Laudolff, students will take home a finished one-of-a-kind print suitable for framing. No art experience is necessary. Cost: \$50; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

## October

**Tuesday, October 1**

### **Fall Color Hayride Tour**

**Visitors Center, 10 am**

Todd Henderson and Chris Roberts from Cantigny Horticulture will lead a fall color tour via haywagon. The program is free with paid parking (\$5) but registration is required due to limited space. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, October 1**

### **Yoga for the Young at Heart**

**Education Center, 2 to 3 pm (6 sessions)**

This 6-session class, concluding on November 5, is specifically designed for ages 65 and up. Maureen Fogerty, certified yoga instructor, will provide a gentle orientation to what can be a very beneficial activity for seniors. Cost: \$60; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, October 2**

### **Date with History Lecture: Women of West Point**

**First Division Museum, 7:30 pm**

Author Donna McAleer, a 1987 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, will discuss her book, "Porcelain On Steel: Women of West Point's Long Gray Line." Program and parking are free. For more information, including program details, visit [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org) or call 630.260.8187.

**Thursday, October 3**

### **Family Campfire Night**

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

Come spend the evening sitting fireside with your family. Plenty of fun activities including a craft, s'more making, campfire songs and a hike! Cost \$15 per family; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Saturday, October 5**

### **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil War Symposium**

**First Division Museum, 9 am to 5 pm**

Enjoy and learn from expert presentations by leading Civil War scholars. This year's theme is "1863: The Tide of War Turns." The full-day program is free to attend but advance registration is required. To register or for more information, call 773.948.9001 or email [chicago.archives@nara.gov](mailto:chicago.archives@nara.gov).

**Saturday, October 5 & Sunday, October 6**

### **Civil War Reenactment**

**First Division Museum/Parade Field, 10 am to 4 pm**

Living History actors portraying soldiers and civilians will interact with visitors, including Abraham Lincoln, Mary Todd Lincoln and Harriet Tubman. See a Civil War cannon fire and watch a surgeon at work. The Battlefield Balladeers will perform songs from the Civil War era and educational activities will be available for all ages. Kids will enjoy a Civil War scavenger hunt. Event is free; parking is \$5 per vehicle.

**Monday, October 7**

### **Doodlebugs Art Class**

**Education Center, 1 to 2 pm (3 sessions)**

Drop off your child (ages 5 & 6) for an hour of artistic exploration! This month's theme: 3D Art. Class meets on three consecutive Mondays: October 7, 14 and 21. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Tuesday, October 8**  
**Fall Color Hayride Tour**  
**Visitors Center, 10 am**

Todd Henderson and Chris Roberts from Cantigny Horticulture will lead a fall color tour via haywagon. The program is free with paid parking (\$5) but registration is required due to limited space. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, October 9**  
**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 Let's Make a Leaf Man! Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Wednesday, October 9**  
**Ask the Grower**  
**Idea Garden, 12 pm**

Spend your lunch hour with Jill Weiss, Cantigny Grower, who will speak about indoor bulb forcing. Advance registration requested at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Thursday, October 10**  
**Sprouts Parent-Child Program**  
**Education Center, 10 to 11 am (3 sessions)**

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 Autumn Nature Tales. Class meets on three consecutive Thursdays: October 10, 17 and 24. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Friday, October 11**  
**Sprouts Parent-Child Program**  
**Education Center, 10 to 11 am (3 sessions)**

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 Autumn Nature Tales. Class meets on three consecutive Fridays: October 11, 18 and 25. Cost: \$18; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Saturday, October 12**  
**Bird Walk**  
**Visitors Center, 7:30 am**

Join the DuPage Birding Club on a casual search for migrating species and regular Cantigny Park residents. All skill levels welcome and a limited number of binoculars will be available for borrowing. The walk and parking are free.

**Saturday, October 12**  
**Cantigny Fall Festival**  
**Parade Field, 10 am to 4 pm**

Celebrate Autumn with harvest-time fun at Cantigny Park! Fun for all ages, including pony rides, stiltwalker/juggler, petting zoo, Candy Dive, inflatables, Arts & Crafts Show and seasonal treats! Event is free with paid parking (\$5). A nominal fee applies to some activities.

**Sunday, October 13**  
**Harvest Moon Printing Class**  
**Education Center, 12 to 2:30 pm**

Participants in this class (ages 18 and up) will apply light colored and metallic paints to black printmaking paper to create a one-of-a-kind night scene suitable for framing. Expert instruction by artist JoAnne Laudolff. All supplies are included and no art experience is necessary. Cost: \$45; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Sunday, October 20**

**Garden Photo Tips**

**Visitors Center, 2 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](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

**Wednesday, October 23**

**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 It's Autumn! Cost: \$6; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Thursday, October 24**

**Date with History Lecture: Author Peter Mansoor**

**First Division Museum, 7:30 pm**

Author Peter Mansoor will discuss his new book, "Surge: My Journey with General David Patraeus." Program and parking are free. For more information, including program details, visit [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org) or call 630.260.8187.

**Friday, October 25**

**Murder in the Mansion**

**Robert R. McCormick Museum, 6:30 pm**

If you enjoy a cocktail, delicious food and solving a good mystery, this evening is for you! The story is "Bye Bye, Bucca," the continuing saga of the Bucca Family during the Roaring 20s in Chicago. More details about this dinner/interactive theater event professionally produced by Get Away With Murder, Inc., are online at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org). Pricing will be posted in August. Register by October 11 at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630.260.8162.

**Saturday, October 26**

**Catapult Contest**

**Parade Field, 10 am**

The First Division Museum invites teams to build a working catapult, a device once used in medieval warfare. There are three categories of competition: distance, shot group and accuracy. Teams may also attempt to build a catapult which can do all three. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place in each category. Full details, contest rules and entry forms are online at [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org).

**Saturday, October 26**

**Mosaic 3D Pumpkin Project**

**Education Center, 9 am to 12 pm**

Participants in this class (ages 18 and up) will create a unique indoor or outdoor decoration that's great for Halloween or Thanksgiving. This project takes mosaic crafting to a higher level, allowing the inclusion of other materials besides china and glass shards. Students are encouraged to bring their own "fun" additions. A wide variety of fall shards to fit the season will be provided, too. The pumpkin is approximately 8 inches in diameter. Expert instruction by mosaic artist Lisa Tolbert. Cost: \$65; parking free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162.

**Saturday, October 26**

**Theatre Trek: "Jenny and the Old House"**

**Visitors Center, 11 am and 1 pm**

Stroll along with the actors from the Citadel Theatre as they move about the Cantigny Gardens in this performance of "Jenny and the Old House." Choose the morning or afternoon performance of this family-friendly production. Tickets are \$10 and parking is free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162. Tickets are also available at the park.

**Sunday, October 27**

**Theatre Trek: "Jenny and the Old House"**

**Visitors Center, 11 am and 1 pm**

Stroll along with the actors from the Citadel Theatre as they move about the Cantigny Gardens in this performance of "Jenny and the Old House." Choose the morning or afternoon performance of this family-friendly production. Tickets are \$10 and parking is free. Register at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or 630.260.8162. Tickets are also available at the park.

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**About Cantigny Park**

Cantigny Park, part of the nonprofit Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is the 500-acre Wheaton estate of Robert R. McCormick. It 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).

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