

Toy Soldier Show Marches into Cantigny

WHEATON, IL, October 21, 2013 — All are invited to Cantigny Park's 14th Annual Toy Soldier Show on Sunday, November 3, from 9 am to 4 pm.

The popular annual event is fun for all ages and a good introduction to a fascinating pastime mixing military history, collecting and art. About 20 vendors are expected to exhibit their collections and offer figurines for sale. Some will be showing their own hand-crafted merchandise.

Antique toy soldiers can be valuable collectors' items, coveted for their historic accuracy, precision artistry and sometimes scarcity. At the other end of the spectrum are the classic plastic-molded soldiers and artillery with actual play value.

All sides of the hobby will be represented at Cantigny, making this a good event for families and also an early holiday shopping opportunity.

Toy soldier enthusiasts may also wish to visit the First Division Museum at Cantigny, open from 10 am to 4 pm (free admission).

Bertie's Café in the Visitors Center will be open for snacks, sandwiches and drinks throughout the day, and Le Jardin serves lunch from 11 am to 2 pm.

Cantigny Park is open daily from 9 am to sunset in November and December. More information, including a complete schedule of upcoming events, 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. For details about Cantigny Golf, including the Cantigny Golf Academy and 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links, please visit CantignyGolf.com.

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