



Media Contact:

Jeff Reiter
Cantigny Park
630.260.8218

jreiter@mccormickfoundation.org

CANTIGNY CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Wheaton, Ill., January 17, 2018 — February is Black History Month and Cantigny Park will mark the occasion with two free-to-attend presentations at the Robert R. McCormick House:

- **Saturday, February 17, 3 pm**
Living History: Pamela Welcome as Sojourner Truth
Living-history actor Pamela Welcome portrays Sojourner Truth, the African-American abolitionist and women's rights activist. Truth was born into slavery but escaped with her infant daughter to freedom in 1826. Two years later she went to court to recover her son, becoming the first black woman to win such a case against a white man. In 2014, Truth was included in *Smithsonian* magazine's list of the "100 Most Significant Americans of All Time."
- **Saturday, February 24, 3 pm**
Lecture and Book Signing: Author Sherman L. Jenkins
Jenkins will discuss *Ted Strong Jr.: The Untold Story of an Original Harlem Globetrotter and Negro Leagues All-Star*. Published in 2016, the book profiles one of the first two-sport professional athletes in the United States. Ted Strong competed in the 1930s and 1940s, excelling in both basketball and baseball. Jenkins sorts facts from myth about this determined and talented athlete.

Both presentations are free to attend and will take place in McCormick House's Freedom Hall. Advance registration is required due to limited seating capacity. Those wishing to attend should call 630.260.8162 or register online at Cantigny.org.

Cantigny Park is open Friday through Sunday in February, from 9 am to 4:30 pm. The park resumes seven-day operations on March 1. Parking is \$5.

###

About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundation, is the 500-acre Wheaton estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), long-time editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. 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. 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.