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CANTIGNY WELCOMES ILLINOIS HISTORY AUTHOR

Frank Cicero, Jr. to discuss "Creating the Land of Lincoln" at McCormick House

Wheaton, Ill., October 18, 2018 — The Robert R. McCormick House at Cantigny Park will host Frank Cicero, Jr., author of *Creating the Land of Lincoln*, on Saturday, November 3, at 3 pm.

Published in March and coinciding with the state's bicentennial, *Creating the Land of Lincoln: The History and Constitutions of Illinois, 1778-1870* recounts how three constitutions shaped the Prairie State we know today.

In his book, Cicero sheds light on the vital debates of delegates who, freed from electoral necessity, revealed the opinions, prejudices, sentiments and dreams of Illinoisans at critical junctures in state history. He analyzes decisions large and small that fostered momentous social and political changes in Illinois.

Cicero is uniquely qualified to tell this story. He is a senior partner at Chicago law firm Kirkland & Ellis LLP and served as an elected delegate for the Sixth Illinois Constitutional Convention in 1969-70. He drafted the Illinois Constitution of 1970.

Cicero's presentation, followed by a book signing, will take place in McCormick House's historic Gold Theater. Books will be available for sale. The event is free to attend but seating is limited. To reserve your place, register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Cantigny Park hours are 7 am to sunset in October, and 9 am to sunset in November and December. Parking is \$5 and free on the first Wednesday of the month.

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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is the 500-acre Wheaton estate of Col. Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955). It is home to the McCormick House, First Division Museum, display gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails, and a Visitor Center with banquet and dining facilities. More information, including hours, directions, and upcoming events, can be found online at www.cantigny.org. Cantigny Golf, adjacent to the park, features a 27-hole championship golf course, clubhouse with banquet and dining rooms, Cantigny Golf Academy, and the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links. For more information, please visit www.cantignygolf.com.