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CANTIGNY PARK ANNOUNCES PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Top three images determined by public voting throughout 2018

Wheaton, Ill., December 13, 2018 — Cantigny Park visitors voted, and the results are in! The top three prize winners of the 2017 *Cantigny in Focus* amateur photo contest are:

- *First Place: Ron Misjak Sr.*, St. Charles, for his close-up of a milkweed plant covered with bright red milkweed bugs.
- *Second Place: Scott Seifrid*, St. Charles, for his razor-sharp capture of a ruby-throated hummingbird feeding on purple salvia.
- *Third Place: Peggy A. Evinger*, Wheaton, for her colorful image of Cantigny's "Spirit of Commitment" sculpture against a backdrop of yellow maple leaves.

The winning shots were among 20 finalists chosen a year ago by a judging panel and displayed at the park throughout 2018. Visitors were encouraged to vote for their favorites. The top three receive a Cantigny gift card (\$100, \$75 or \$50). All 40 finalists received a Cantigny Park annual membership.

Cantigny in Focus, an annual event for amateur photographers, began in 2006. Submitted images must be from the grounds of Cantigny Park or Cantigny Golf in Wheaton, the 500-acre former estate of Robert R. McCormick.

Entries from the 2018 edition of *Cantigny in Focus* will go on display at the park in February. The top three prize winners will again be determined by the public, with voting conducted throughout 2019.

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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is the former Wheaton estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955). It is home to the McCormick House, First Division Museum, display 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.