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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AT CANTIGNY

Event highlights include captivating living history performances and lectures

Wheaton, Ill., February 27, 2019 — Cantigny Park will honor Women's History Month in March with the following events:

- **Date with History: Author Kelly Kennedy**
Thursday, March 7 • 7 pm
Visitors Center
The First Division Museum presents Kelly Kennedy, co-author of "Fight Like a Girl: The Truth Behind How Female Marines are Trained," published in 2018. Kennedy served in the U.S. Army from 1987 to 1993, including tours in the Middle East during Desert Storm. Program and parking are free. More details are online at fdmuseum.org.
- **Second Saturday: 19th Amendment**
Saturday, March 9 • 12 to 3 pm
McCormick House Gold Theatre
The museum opens its 2019 Second Saturday series for families with a celebration of the 19th Amendment, which in 1919 granted women the right to vote. Visitors can make suffragette sashes and pins. No registration necessary. Free program; parking \$5.
- **Mary Florence Potts**
Saturday, March 9 • 3 pm
McCormick House Freedom Hall
Living history actor Ellie Carlson portrays inventor Mary Florence Potts, who perfected the cold-handled sad iron, "A Boon to Women!" Fresh from her appearance at the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago, Mrs. Potts will discuss domestic life in the 19th century, the science and technology behind her invention, and what it means for a woman to hold a U.S. Patent and manage her own affairs. The program is ideal for families with children ages 10 and up. It is free to attend but advance registration is required: 630.260.8162 or register@cantigny.org. Parking is \$5.
- **Queen Elizabeth II**
Wednesday, March 20 • 7 pm
McCormick House Freedom Hall
Living history actor Leslie Goddard explores the life of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II. Get to know the woman behind the images, her sense of humor and savvy intelligence. The program is ideal for families with children ages 10 and up. It is free to attend but advance registration is required: 630.260.8162 or register@cantigny.org. Parking is \$5.

- McCormick House Lecture Series: Girl Reporter**
Monday, March 25 - 3 pm
McCormick House Freedom Hall
 Laurie Russell, museum program and education assistant, examines the rich history of female journalists at the *Chicago Tribune*, the newspaper where Cantigny benefactor Robert R. McCormick served as editor and publisher for nearly 50 years. The program is geared to adults. It is free to attend but advance registration is required: 630.260.8162 or register@cantigny.org. Parking is \$5.
- America's First Ladies**
Saturday, March 30 - 4 pm
McCormick House Freedom Hall
 Living history actor Leslie Goddard discusses our country's "best" and "worst" first ladies according to historians, and what the future might hold for the role. The program is ideal for families with children ages 10 and up. It is free to attend but advance registration is required: 630.260.8162 or register@cantigny.org. Parking is \$5.

Cantigny Park is open 7 days a week beginning Friday, March 1. Regular parking is \$5. Parking is free on the first Wednesday of the month and always complimentary for Cantigny Park members.

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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, 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.