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CIVIC AWARENESS SERIES: SPRING PROGRAMS

Free events at Cantigny in partnership with League of Women Voters of Wheaton

Wheaton, III., March 5, 2019 — Three upcoming programs at Cantigny Park will focus on themes of civic awareness and encourage local participation in the democratic process. The series, initiated in 2017, is presented in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Wheaton and recommended for young adults and adults.

- Thursday, March 21, 6:30-8:30 pm
 Illinois Politics Today with Rick Pearson
 Visitors Center Theater
 - Rick Pearson, *Chicago Tribune* chief political reporter and host of WGN Radio's "Sunday Spin," will discuss the current state of Illinois politics.
- Thursday, April 18, 6:30-8:30 pm
 An Evening with DuPage County Board Members
 McCormick House

Tim Elliot, Jim Zay and Mary FitzGerald Ozog will discuss issues facing DuPage such as government consolidation, affordable housing, transportation and the County's strategic plan.

 Thursday, May 16, 6:30-8:30 pm Civil Conversations McCormick House

John Gable will discuss media bias and how it affects us as consumers of news. He is CEO of AllSides.com, a website that examines and rates news source bias. Gable also is a partner in Living Room Conversations, an organization designed to increase understanding, reveal common ground and discuss possible solutions to controversial issues.

Programs are free (including parking) but <u>advance registration is required</u> due to limited seating. Register at <u>www.cantigny.org</u>, send an email to <u>register@cantigny.org</u> or call 630.260.8162. Complimentary tram service is available between Cantigny's main parking lot and McCormick House.

Cantigny is open every day from 9 am to sunset. To see a complete calendar of upcoming events, please visit Cantigny.org.

About the League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and active participation in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy and does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. The League of Women Voters of Wheaton serves the people of Wheaton, Winfield, West Chicago, Warrenville and Carol Stream. Learn more at wheatonlevell.org.

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 <u>Cantigny.org</u>.