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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AT CANTIGNY

Event highlights include captivating living history performances and lectures

Wheaton, Ill., February 13, 2020— Cantigny Park plan to honor Women's History Month in March with the following free events:

- **Eleanor Roosevelt**
Sunday, March 1 • 4 pm
McCormick House Freedom Hall
Living history actor and scholar Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., explores the life of Eleanor Roosevelt, American First Lady, statesman and humanitarian. Ideal for families and children ages 10 and up. Free program but advance registration is required. To reserve your place, call 630.260.8162 or visit Cantigny.org. Parking is \$5.
- ***Date with History***
The Hello Girls: America's First Women Soldiers
Thursday, March 5 • 7 pm
Visitors Center
The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park presents Elizabeth Cobbs, author of "The Hello Girls: America's First Women Soldiers." Her book tells the fascinating story of American women who served in World War I as telephone switchboard operators in France, deployed by the U.S. Army Signal Corps in 1918. Cobbs reveals the challenges these "Hello Girls" faced in a war zone where male soldiers wooed, mocked and ultimately celebrated them. Copies of her book will be available in the Cantigny Shop. Program and parking are free. Details online at fdmuseum.org.
- **Second Saturday Family Program: 19th Amendment**
Saturday, March 14 • 12 to 3 pm
McCormick House Gold Theatre
The museum opens its 2020 Second Saturday series for families with a celebration of the 19th Amendment, ratified 100 years ago and giving women the right to vote. Learn all about it and make a suffragette sash! No registration necessary. Free program; parking \$5.
- ***McCormick House Lecture Series***
First for the Vote: How Chicago Women Won Suffrage for the Nation
Monday, March 16 • 6:30 pm
Visitors Center
Chicago women made Illinois the first state east of the Mississippi to grant limited voting rights to women in 1913. The women, including Ruth Hanna McCormick, greatly influenced the tactics and achievements of suffragists in other states and

helped Illinois become the first state to ratify the 19th Amendment in 1920. This program tells their story with vintage photographs and quotes from the women themselves. Program and parking are free, but registration is required. Call 630.260.8162 or visit Cantigny.org.

- **Civic Awareness Series**

Rebecca Sive

Thursday, March 19

Visitors Center • 7 pm

Rebecca Sive, author of “Vote Her In: Your Guide to Electing Our First Woman President,” will speak. This event continues a series sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Wheaton. Program and parking are free but advance registration is required due to limited seating. Register at Cantigny.org.

- **Clara Barton**

Saturday, March 28 • 4 pm

McCormick House Freedom Hall

Living history actor and scholar Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., explores the life of Clara Barton, the pioneering Civil War nurse and founder of the American Red Cross. The free program is ideal for families and children ages 10 and up. Advance registration required due to limited seating; call 630.260.8162 or visit Cantigny.org. Parking \$5.

Cantigny Park is open weekends in February—from 9 am to sunset—on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Seven-day operations resume in March. Museums are closed on Mondays. Regular parking is \$5. Parking is free on the first Wednesday of the month. For more information, please visit Cantigny.org.

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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.