

CANTIGNY SUPPORTS COLOR BLINDNESS AWARENESS MONTH

Two colorblind park visitors will win a pair of EnChroma glasses!

Wheaton, Ill., September 1, 2022—[Cantigny Park](#) is joining [EnChroma](#), creators of color vision eyewear, to promote International Color Blindness Awareness Month. Colorblind guests who try the glasses during September can enter a prize drawing to win one of two pairs donated by EnChroma.

Cantigny participates in the EnChroma Color Accessibility Program, enabling visitors to borrow EnChroma glasses at the information kiosk inside the Cantigny Park Visitors Center. The special glasses enable colorblind people to experience an expanded range of colors as well as enhanced vibrancy, clarity, and differentiation.

“Cantigny is a colorful place, especially now with the Mexican alebrije sculptures on display throughout the park,” said Magan Ascher, director of visitor services. “Colorblind visitors deserve to experience the art and surrounding gardens in the brilliant colors that most of us take for granted.”



“Patapez” at Cantigny Park

Color blind view conversion by:  [enchroma.](#)

[Click here](#) for additional side-by-side images depicting how colorblind people view Cantigny and the rest of the world.

According to EnChroma, red-green color blindness affects 350 million people worldwide. The genetically inherited trait is carried recessively on the X-chromosome, affecting about one in 12 men (8%) and one in 200 women (.5%). EnChroma offers a simple [test for color blindness](#) on its website.

“During International Color Blindness Awareness Month, EnChroma strives to educate employers, accessibility, safety and human resources directors, and teachers, about color vision deficiency by partnering with other organizations and brands that are committed to accessibility,” said Erik Ritchie, CEO of EnChroma. “We applaud the support of Cantigny Park.”

There is no charge to borrow the EnChroma glasses at Cantigny (first come, first served) but a \$75 deposit is required. To reserve a pair, available in multiple sizes, visitors may call 630.260.8263 or email seecolor@cantigny.org at least 48 hours in advance. Cantigny may limit duration of use during times of high demand at the park.

The two giveaway pairs of EnChroma glasses are adult sized. Those who try the glasses during Color Blindness Awareness Month are automatically entered in the drawing. Those needing prescription lenses are not eligible. Contact lens users and those who wear glasses just for reading or driving are eligible. Winners will be announced in early October.

Cantigny Park is open daily from 7 am to sunset. For more information and a calendar of upcoming events, 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 retail shop, 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.

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