

CANTIGNY SPRING FEST COMING MAY 18!

Festival offers garden-inspired activities, shopping, and live music

Wheaton, IL, May 1, 2024 — Cantigny plans a spring celebration with a full day of activities for all ages on **Saturday, May 18**. Tickets for [Spring Fest](#) are on sale now at [Cantigny.org](#).

Event hours are 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is \$12, and free for ages 15 and under. Parking is \$5 per car.

Spring Fest attractions include:

McCormick House Marketplace. The newly renovated historic home will host local artisans offering jewelry, pottery, artworks and more. Treat yourself to a craft coffee and pastry bar on the South Porch, overlooking the McCormick Allée.



Greenhouse Tours. A special “backstage VIP pass” (\$50) entitles the holder to a guided tour of the Cantigny greenhouse, drink ticket, and 25 Cantigny tulip bulbs to take home. The pass covers festival admission, too.

Live Music in South Grove Beer Garden. Enjoy the [Gleeson Irish Trio](#) in Cantigny’s new-for-2024 beer garden in the South Grove. Have a cold brew (try the Cantigny Kolsch from 93 Octane Brewery!) or visit the Mimosa and Bloody Mary bar. A delicious French-themed menu will be available along with traditional lunch favorites. Cantigny’s new Café inside the Visitors Center offers even more choices, including gourmet coffees, salads, and ice cream.

Terrarium Bar. Craft your own botanical masterpiece at a station hosted by [Leelee’s Garden](#). This is a specialty experience requiring advance registration. The price of \$40 includes festival admission. Terrarium Bar hours are 10 am to 2 pm.

Bulb Sale. Our popular annual event is now part of Spring Fest! Take home 25 Cantigny tulip bulbs for \$10, while supplies last.

Family Fun Walk and Gnome Scavenger Hunt. Take a stroll through the gardens and see what you may find! Lawn games, a fun inflatable, plant crafts and live animals from [The Grove](#) will also keep the kids happy.

Cantigny is open every day except Tuesday and offers free admission on Wednesdays for those registering in advance. Hours, parking fees, and a full calendar of upcoming events are posted at [Cantigny.org](#).

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About Cantigny

Cantigny, in Wheaton, Illinois, is the 500-acre estate of Colonel Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), long-time editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*, and founder of the Chicago-based [Robert R. McCormick Foundation](#). It is home to gardens, walking trails, a museum dedicated to the 1st Infantry Division of the U.S. Army, a highly ranked 27-hole public golf course, and a golf academy for all ages. More information is online at [Cantigny.org](#), including hours, admission fees and a calendar of upcoming events.

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