

## ***Cantigny in Focus* Photo Contest Enters Final Weeks**

**WHEATON, IL, Nov. 19, 2008** — Amateur photographers of all ages are invited to share their best images by entering the *Cantigny in Focus* photo contest. But time is running out—the entry deadline is Friday, Dec. 5.

Submitted images must be from the grounds of Cantigny Park and Golf in Wheaton, the 500-acre former estate of Robert R. McCormick.

“Photographers seem to love Cantigny,” said Laura Evans, director of visitor services. “The grounds have so much natural beauty and the special events we conduct here tend to be very photogenic as well. Every season offers great opportunities.”

The top 20 contest entries will be displayed throughout 2009 in the Cantigny Visitors Center Gallery. The general public will then be able to vote for their favorite images. Based on those results, first, second and third place winners will be named, with each receiving a Cantigny gift certificate valued at \$200, \$150 or \$100. All top 20 finishers will receive a free annual parking pass.

Cantigny’s only previous photo contest took place in 2007, attracting nearly 100 high-quality entries.

Full details about the current contest, including rules and official entry form, are available at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org). Questions may be directed to Brian Gray at 630 260 8167 or [bvgray@Cantigny.org](mailto:bvgray@Cantigny.org).

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### **About the McCormick Foundation**

The McCormick Foundation is a nonprofit organization committed to strengthening our free, democratic society by investing in children, communities and country. Through its five grantmaking programs, Cantigny Park and Golf, and three world-class museums, the Foundation helps build a more active and engaged citizenry. It was established as a charitable trust in 1955, upon the death of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, the longtime editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune. The McCormick Foundation is one of the nation’s largest charities, with \$1.2 billion in assets. For more information, please visit [www.McCormickFoundation.org](http://www.McCormickFoundation.org).

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