

Cantigny Green Fair Includes “FashionEcoNista” Show

WHEATON, IL, September 3, 2009 — Cantigny Park, part of the McCormick Foundation, and SCARCE will host Cantigny’s first-ever Green Fair on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 am to 4 pm.

Among the many fun and educational components of the fair will be a fashion show unlike any other! The “FashionEcoNista Show” will feature earth-positive clothing and accessories from:

- **It's Our Earth** – vintage, organic, repurposed clothing
- **organiK Revolution** – designer organic fashions
- **Eco Promotional Products** – organic, bamboo clothing
- **Indulge Boutique** – local handmade and eco-friendly accessories
- **REI** – eco-friendly outdoor apparel
- **iPledge Eco** – organic t-shirts screen printed with water-based inks
- **Comfy Bummy Diapers** – high-quality cloth diapers
- **10,000 Villages** – fair-trade accessories and t-shirts
- **Whole Foods** – organic fashions and recycled bags

The show’s emcee will be Kristin Hassan, one of Chicago’s hottest young designers and founder of the organiK Revolution label. In 2008, she was hand-picked as one of six designers in Mayor Daley’s first-ever Chicago Fashion Incubator @ Macy’s on State Street. Hassan describes her style as feminine and fun with a rock-n-roll edge. Earlier this year, she competed on BravoTV’s hit reality series *The Fashion Show*.

The FashionEcoNista Show will begin at 12:45 and conclude about 2 pm.

The Green Fair line-up also includes expert speakers, eco-activities for kids, a recycled art contest, Farmers Market, cooking demos, recycling extravaganza, green raffle prizes and live music by The Giving Tree Band.

Another highlight will be local artist Joseph Gagnepain who will turn scrap metal “trash” into art during several live demonstrations!

All Green Fair attractions are free, and more than 75 vendors are participating. More information about the fair is available at Cantigny.org and s-c-a-r-c-e.org.

Cantigny Park is open every day through October from 7 am to sunset. Parking fees are \$5 per vehicle or \$2 off-peak (before 10 am and after 5 pm).

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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

grantmaking programs, Cantigny Park and Golf, museums and civic outreach program 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 more than \$1 billion in assets. For more information, please visit [McCormick Foundation.org](http://McCormickFoundation.org).

About SCARCE

SCARCE Mission is inspiring people, through education, to preserve and care for the Earth's natural resources, while working to build sustainable communities. The SCARCE team educates an average of 10 school and 10 community groups every week, reaching around 300 people in schools, businesses and community organizations with their award-winning programs. SCARCE provides education on all environmental topics including recycling, composting, energy efficiency, water conservation and management, air quality, waste stream auditing and green audit consulting services. County-wide educational programs are made possible with funding from DuPage County. SCARCE operates six "rescue" or landfill diversion programs -- Book Rescue, Tools For Schools, Super Crayon Project, Gym Shoe Rescue, Cell Phone Rescue and Inkjet Cartridge Rescue. The Book Rescue and the Tools For Schools Programs divert books and school supplies from landfills and provides them to schools, organizations and children in need. This year, SCARCE also helped to plan and implement eight Recycling Extravaganza Events throughout DuPage County.

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