

Cantigny “Green Fair” Features Recycled Art Contest

Students invited to compete for cash prizes; Fair to include live demonstration by renowned local artist Joseph Gagnepain

WHEATON, IL, August 28, 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 Recycled Art Contest open to high school and college students. Entrants must use recycled materials or items that can be recycled. Cash prizes will be awarded: \$250 for first place; \$150 for second; and \$100 for third. Honorable Mention Awards will recognize Originality, Creativity and Best Use of Recycled Content. All students will receive a Certificate of Recognition.

Entry forms and contest guidelines are available online at Cantigny.org or by calling 630 260 8266. All entries must be delivered to Cantigny by Sept. 21. Judging will take place at the Green Fair from 9:30 to 10:15 am with an awards presentation immediately following.

Also at the fair, Batavia-based artist Joseph Gagnepain (artbyjoseph.com) will craft objects from scrap metal, giving visitors a unique first-hand experience of seeing items most people regard as “trash” turned into art. One of the environment-themed pieces he creates will be raffled as a prize at the fair.

The Cantigny Green Fair line-up also includes expert speakers, eco-activities for kids, a local and organic Farmers Market, cooking demos, recycling extravaganza, green raffle prizes and live music by The Giving Tree Band. Another highlight will be the “FashionEcoNista” show with celebrity emcee Kristin Hassan.

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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