

## **Cantigny Green Fair Features “Recycling Extravaganza”**

**WHEATON, IL, September 9, 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.

One of the main attractions is sure to be the Recycling Extravaganza, a true community-wide event aimed at keeping useful items and materials out of our landfills. The public is invited to drop off TVs, computers, cell phones, scrap metal, hearing aids, keys, ink-jet printer cartridges, Brita water filters, plastic bottle caps, bicycles and vinyl records. Old or damaged American flags will also be collected for proper retirement. All other discarded items will be reused, recycled or upcycled. Hazardous waste such as paint and motor oil will not be accepted.

The Green Fair is much more than a recycling opportunity. Cantigny visitors will also enjoy a “FashionEcoNista Show” emceed by Kristin Hassan, eco-activities for kids, a recycled art contest, Farmers Market, organic wine tasting, cooking demos by Whole Foods, green raffle prizes and live music by The Giving Tree Band.

Other highlights include the Energy Bike (a favorite with kids) and the Ewert Energy Electric Car Display. In addition, local artist Joseph Gagnepain will be turning scrap metal “trash” into art during several live demonstrations!

The Green Fair attractions are free, and more than 75 vendors are participating. More information about the fair is online at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) and [s-c-a-r-c-e.org](http://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 4 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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