

## Horticulture Department Offers Botanical Design Classes

*Seasonal workshops focus on creative and festive decorations for the home*

**WHEATON, IL, September 21, 2010** — Registration is under way for Cantigny's popular fall and early winter botanical design workshops, conducted by the park's horticulture department. Scheduled sessions at Cantigny's greenhouse include Thanksgiving and Christmas centerpiece making, an all-day "Holly-Daze" workshop and a fun snow globe craft for children.

Openings still remain for the following classes:

- **Hard-Shelled Gourd Craft**  
*Choose from two sessions, each starting at 9 am:*  
Wednesday, October 20 or Saturday, October 23  
\$85 per session, lunch included; free parking  
Learn to fashion gourds for functional uses as well as pieces of art.
- **Holly-Daze Workshop**  
Saturday, November 20, 9:30 am  
\$100, lunch included; free parking  
An all-day Christmas floral workshop filled with tips, demos, expert talks and several hands-on projects to take home, including a fresh evergreen wreath.
- **Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop**  
Monday, November 22, 6:30 pm  
\$45; free parking  
Create a unique arrangement that combines fresh and dried materials such as galax leaves, safflower, pepper berries, sprigs of jade plant and feathers.
- **Winter Container Workshop**  
Friday, November 26, 9:30 am  
\$40; free parking  
Bring a favorite container (with soil and plants intact) and let Cantigny provide expert instruction and a variety of branches, pods, cones and sparkle.
- **Snow Globes Craft for Kids**  
Saturday, November 27, 10 am & 1 pm (*choose one*)  
\$15; free parking  
Make up to three snow globes with all materials provided. For ages 5-8 with accompanying adult.
- **Holly-Berry Centerpiece Workshop**  
Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 pm  
\$50; free parking  
Create a beautiful fresh arrangement to add a bit of sparkle to your holiday table.

More details about each workshop are online at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org).

Advance registration is required for each class. Forms may be downloaded at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org) or call 630 260 8162. Classes meet at the Cantigny greenhouse; participants should use the Shaffner Road entrance to the park.

For all classes (except snow globes), participants should bring a hand pruner and wire cutter if available. All other materials will be provided.

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### **About Cantigny**

Cantigny, part of the Chicago-based McCormick Foundation, is the 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate of Robert R. McCormick, longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. Cantigny Park is home to the McCormick Museum, First Division Museum, formal gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails and a Visitors Center with banquet and dining facilities. More information, including hours, directions and upcoming events is online at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org). Cantigny Golf, adjacent to the park, features a 27-hole championship golf course, full-service clubhouse, Cantigny Golf Academy and the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links. For more information, visit [CantignyGolf.com](http://CantignyGolf.com).

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