



Cantigny Greenhouse Open to Public on May 2

WHEATON, IL, April 12, 2010 — The Horticulture Department at Cantigny Park will host “Cantigny’s GreenhouseEffect” on Sunday, May 2, from 10 am to 3 pm. The open house event with an eco-friendly theme will take Cantigny visitors behind-the-scenes where more than 1,000 varieties of flowers are propagated annually.

“This is the one time each year that we open the greenhouse to the public,” said Bob Waterman, Cantigny director of horticulture. “It’s always a fun and popular event—for serious home gardeners and also families who want to experience a different side of Cantigny. We’ll have something for every age group and interest level.”

The 18,000-sq-foot greenhouse supplies the plants displayed throughout the Cantigny gardens and golf course. Self-guided tours will be available and much more, including expert gardening advice, demonstrations, workshops, kids’ activities, plant sales and raffle prizes every half hour.

Container planting workshops by Cantigny Grower Jill Weiss are planned for 9:30 am and 1 pm. Guests can bring their own container and take home a patio-ready showpiece. Cost is \$45, which includes instruction, soil and one flat of plants; register online at Cantigny.org or call 630 260 8162. Each class is limited to 20 people.

Admission to GreenhouseEffect is free, and so is parking. Visitors should enter Cantigny through the east gate on Shaffner Road.

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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. 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.

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