



## Cantigny Announces Photo Contest Winners

**WHEATON, IL, December 13, 2010** — Cantigny Park visitors voted and the results are in! The grand prize winners of the 2009 *Cantigny in Focus* amateur photo contest are:

- *First Place*: Mary Lemak (Batavia) for her artfully composed detail of the Robert R. McCormick Museum, peeking through a blooming magnolia.
- *Second Place*: Lauren Fox (Glen Ellyn) for her striking capture of a feeding ruby-throated hummingbird.
- *Third Place*: Allan Delosreyes (Romeoville) for his dramatic image of the McCormick Museum and south reflecting pool.

The winning shots were among 20 finalists chosen by Cantigny judges and displayed at the park throughout 2010. Visitors were invited to vote for their favorites. The top three receive a Cantigny gift card (\$100, \$75 or \$50), and all finalists were awarded a Cantigny annual parking pass.

“Our visitors love taking pictures, and they do an impressive job of capturing the beauty and diversity of Cantigny,” said Matt LaFond, Cantigny Park executive director. “The contest is our way of sharing their fine work with a wider audience.”

*Cantigny in Focus* is an annual event for amateur photographers that began in 2006. Submitted images must be from the grounds of Cantigny in Wheaton, the 500-acre former estate of Robert R. McCormick and part of the McCormick Foundation.

The 2009 contest attracted 125 entries and nearly 1,000 images.

On February 4, 2011, the top 20 images from the 2010 edition of *Cantigny in Focus* will go on display at the park. The three prize winners will again be determined by the public, with voting conducted throughout 2011.

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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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