

Cantigny's McCormick Museum Offers Two Lectures in June

WHEATON, IL, May 3, 2010 — The Robert R. McCormick Museum at Cantigny Park will host two lectures in June that tie in with the Cantigny estate's agricultural heritage. The talks are free and open to the public:

- Thursday, June 17
Yes, Virginia, Sears DID Sell Barns!
Presented by Rebecca Hunter, Architectural Historian

This lively program will explore the history of mail-order agricultural buildings. Five major mail-order housing suppliers sold barns and farm buildings from 1909-1936. Cantigny, a working farm during that time, may have been a customer.

- Thursday, June 24
The New Wave of GMOs: What to Expect
Presented by David Lightfoot, Professor, Southern Illinois University

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about modern farming—in particular, Genetically Modified Organisms, or GMOs. In the next few years, dozens of new food and feed crops will be introduced to America's farms. Lightfoot will discuss the opportunities and dangers, and what it all means for the food on our dinner tables.

Robert R. McCormick ran his Cantigny property as the Tribune Experimental Farms. He raised a wide variety of crops and tested them to determine their suitability for local growing conditions. His newspaper, the *Chicago Tribune*, featured weekly updates in a column called "Day by Day on the Farm."

Each lecture will begin at 7 pm in the McCormick Museum's historic Gold Theatre, with complimentary museum tours to follow. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Admission and parking are free. Reservations are suggested—call 630 260 8162.

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About the Robert R. McCormick Museum

The McCormick Museum at Cantigny Park in Wheaton is a historic house museum interpreting the life and legacy of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. Hours are 10 am to 4 pm, Tuesday-Sunday, with visits by free guided tour. In the summer, starting on Memorial Day, the museum is open until 5 pm.

About Cantigny

Cantigny, part of the Chicago-based McCormick Foundation, is the 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate of Robert R. McCormick. 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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