



## Expanded LEGO Train Show at Cantigny December 11 & 12

**WHEATON, IL, November 23, 2010** — For the first time, Cantigny Park's annual LEGO Train Show will consume the entire Cantigny Visitors Center. The expanded event is set for Saturday, December 11, and Sunday, December 12. Show hours each day are 9 am to 4 pm.

"For the comfort of our visitors and also the exhibitors, we're essentially doubling the size of the show," said Laura Evans, Cantigny director of visitor services. "This is our 9<sup>th</sup> year hosting the event and we're thrilled to have more space and also some new attractions."

The Visitors Center restaurant and banquet room, Le Jardin, will now host the primary LEGO diorama that includes creative and fun new elements each year. Secondary displays and a free craft activity will occupy the Visitors Center's main gallery area and meeting room.

Brickmania, a purveyor of custom model building kits, will be making its first appearance at Cantigny. Likewise for The Great Chicago Kiddie Express, a trackless train that will chug around outside the Visitors Center each day from 11 am to 3 pm. Ride tickets will be \$1 each or free for kids under 2.

The show is produced by the [Northern Illinois LEGO Train Club](#) and is the group's largest annual event. The 2009 Cantigny exhibit attracted 6,000 visitors over two days.

Event admission is free with paid parking of \$5 per vehicle (or \$2 before 10 am). Cantigny will waive the parking fee for anyone bringing a new and unwrapped toy for the Marine Toys for Tots drop boxes inside the Visitors Center.

While at Cantigny guests are invited to stop by the Robert R. McCormick Museum where seven thematic Christmas trees are on display, each decorated by a different nonprofit organization from DuPage County. Visitors can vote for their favorite. Admission to the museum is free.

More information, including park hours and driving directions, is available online at [Cantigny.org](#).

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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](http://CantignyGolf.com).

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