



***Cantigny in Focus* Photo Contest Enters Final Weeks**

WHEATON, IL, November 11, 2010 — Amateur photographers of all ages are invited to share their best images by entering the *Cantigny in Focus* annual photo contest. The entry deadline is Friday, December 3.

Submitted images (limit 10) must be from the grounds of Cantigny in Wheaton, the 500-acre former estate of Robert R. McCormick. Photos from any year are welcome, including images from the early days of the park. Cantigny opened to the public in 1958.

"This is the fourth year for *Cantigny in Focus* and the quality and quantity of entries just continues to grow," said Laura Evans, director of visitor services. "In fact, this year we'll be selecting 40 winners instead of just 20."

Free photography walks were offered at Cantigny for the first time during 2010 and were very well attended.

"People really enjoy the diversity of the estate and all the photographic opportunities it offers," added Evans. "You don't necessarily need an expensive camera to capture a great photo here."

Cantigny-appointed judges will choose the 40 best images from all entries received. The selected photographs will be enlarged, professionally framed and placed on display in the Cantigny Visitors Center Gallery starting February 4, 2011.

Visitors to the park will be able to vote for their favorite images, with ballots collected throughout 2011. Based on the popular vote, first, second and third place winners will be named, with each receiving a prize.

The framed photos on display will be given to the top 40 entrants at the end of 2011, and those photographers also will receive a free annual parking pass for Cantigny Park.

Full details about *Cantigny in Focus*, including rules and official entry form, are available at Cantigny.org. Questions may be directed to Brian Gray at 630 260 8167 or via e-mail at bgray@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.

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