



Press Release

Cantigny Park Offers “Toast of the Prairie” on August 26

WHEATON, IL, August 18, 2010 — Cantigny Park, part of the McCormick Foundation, welcomes beer connoisseurs on Thursday, August 26, for “Toast of the Prairie.” The annual tasting event, beginning at 6:30 pm, will feature the products of Emmett’s Brewing Co.

The gathering site at Cantigny will be Reflection Point, a peaceful spot overlooking a three-acre prairie full of the native grasses and forbs that blanketed Illinois hundreds of years ago. A guide from Cantigny’s horticulture department will offer brief remarks about the prairie and its planting in 2007. Staff from Emmett’s will then discuss the art of beermaking and begin pouring samples of its hand-crafted brews.

Four beer varieties will be sampled and explained: *Munich Light Lager*, *1 A.M. Ale*, *McCarthy Red Ale* and *Victory Pale Ale*. Following an informative and interactive session, guests may enjoy a full-size glass of their favorite Emmett’s brew. Complementing light snacks will be served during and after the sampling.

Emmett’s was established in 1999 and operates brewpubs in Downers Grove, Palatine and West Dundee, Illinois. The company specializes in traditional beer styles made with fresh imported ingredients. It has been recognized locally, nationally and internationally with prestigious awards for its fine handcrafted beers. More information is online at emmettsalehouse.com.

Advance registration for “Toast of the Prairie” is requested at Cantigny.org or 630 260 8162. The event is limited to 40 guests. Cost is \$25 per person and includes parking.

Visit Cantigny.org for details about this event and many other happenings at Cantigny. The park is open from 7 am to sunset every day through October.

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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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