



March 8, 2011

Cantigny Gardens

Upcoming Events, Tours and Workshops

The following activities are scheduled at Cantigny Park, 1s151 Winfield Road in Wheaton. Please visit Cantigny.org for more details or call (630) 668-5161.

Tuesday, April 5

Garden Tour: Flowering Trees, Shrubs & Wildflowers

11 am

Todd Henderson, Cantigny Forester, will lead a casual exploration of the park's early-spring blooms. Meet at the Visitor Center. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Sunday, April 17

Garden Photo Tips

2 pm

Receive advice, share your own knowledge, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow shutterbugs in beautiful surroundings. Meet at the Visitor Center. Group size is limited—please register in advance at Cantigny.org or (630) 260-8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Sunday, May 1

Cantigny's GreenhouseEffect

10 am to 3 pm

Bring the family and get your green thumb ready at this once-a-year open house event. Demonstrations, tours, exhibits, kids' activities and more! And of course members of the Cantigny Horticulture staff will answer your gardening and plant questions. Admission and parking are free; some activities may require a small fee. Guests may enter Cantigny Park from Shaffner Road, on the east side of the estate.

Tuesday, May 3

Garden Tour: Spring Annuals & Bulbs

11 am

Jane Rogers from Cantigny Horticulture will lead you through the stunning color and variety of the early-May gardens. Meet at the Visitor Center. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Wednesday, May 4

Tips & Tastes in the Idea Garden

12 pm

Bring a lunch and join Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture for some practical advice, a new recipe and plenty of lively plant chatter. Sessions meet on the first and third Wednesday each month. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or (630) 260-8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Tuesday, May 10

Pedals & Petals Garden Bike Tour

1 pm

Bob Carr and Chris Roberts from Cantigny Horticulture will lead a leisurely ride featuring stops at different areas of the gardens. Adults and children (age 8 and up) are encouraged to attend, but group size for this event is limited. Please register in advance at Cantigny.org or (630) 260-8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Wednesday, May 11

Blossom Bits: A Floral Design Workshop

12 pm

Cantigny Floral Designer Beth Libby will share helpful tips and demonstrate how to create a professional looking floral arrangement. The focus at this session will be floral favors for kids' birthday parties. Meet in the Idea Garden. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or (630) 260-8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Sunday, May 15

Summer Container Workshop

10:30 am

Liz Omura, Idea Garden Curator, will help you create something special for your patio! Bring a container of your choosing and Cantigny will supply the soil medium and a flat of plants. You'll receive hands-on instruction and tips on how to keep your container looking good all summer. Class meets at the Cantigny Greenhouse (use the Shaffner Road entrance) and is limited to 15 students. Register at Cantigny.org or (630) 260-8162. Cost is \$45 and parking is free.

Sunday, May 15

Garden Photo Tips

2 pm

Receive advice, share your own knowledge, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow shutterbugs in beautiful surroundings. Meet at the Visitors Center. Group size is limited—please register in advance at Cantigny.org or (630) 260-8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Monday, May 16

Annual Spring Bulb Sale

8 am

Purchase an assortment of top-quality bulbs in packages of 25 for just \$5! First come, first served at the First Division Museum parking lot. Event and parking are free.

Wednesday, May 18

Tips & Tastes in the Idea Garden

12 pm

Bring a lunch and join Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture for some practical advice, a new recipe and plenty of lively plant chatter. Sessions meet on the first and third Wednesday each month. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or (630) 260-8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Thursday, May 19

Summer Container Workshop

6:30 pm

Jill Weiss, Cantigny Grower, will help you create something special for your patio! Bring a container of your choosing and Cantigny will supply the soil medium and a flat of plants. You'll receive hands-on instruction and tips on how to keep your container looking good all summer. Class meets at the Cantigny Greenhouse (use the Shaffner Road entrance) and is limited to 15 students. Register at Cantigny.org or (630) 260-8162. Cost is \$45 and parking is free.

Wednesday, May 25

Ask the Grower

12 pm

Bring a lunch and join Cantigny Grower Jill Weiss for this informative Q&A session at the Idea Garden. The topic will be "Gearing up for a Successful Garden Season." Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or (630) 260-8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Wednesday, June 1

Tips & Tastes in the Idea Garden

12 pm

Bring a lunch and join Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture for some practical advice, a new recipe and plenty of lively plant chatter. Sessions meet on the first and third Wednesday each month. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or (630) 260-8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Sunday, June 4

Neighbor to Neighbor: Grow It Forward!

11 am

Come to the Cantigny Visitor Center for a free lecture on vegetable gardening by Paul Stoffels, a University of Illinois Master Gardener. Afterwards, take home two tomato plants and two pepper plants—along with the commitment to share the produce with someone in need. Guests who send in picture of themselves giving their plants or vegetables to a needy neighbor will receive a free one-day pass to Cantigny Park! Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or (630) 260-8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Tuesday, June 7

Garden Tour: Perennials

11 am

Join Craig Myroup from Cantigny Horticulture on easy-paced walk focusing on perennials that bloom in early summer. Meet at the Visitor Center. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Wednesday, June 8

Blossom Bits: A Floral Design Workshop

12 pm

Cantigny Floral Designer Beth Libby will share helpful tips and demonstrate how to create a professional looking floral arrangement. At this session you'll learn how to create a floral birthday cake! Meet in the Idea Garden. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or (630) 260-8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Tuesday, June 14
Garden Photo Tips

6:30 pm

Receive advice, share your own knowledge, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow shutterbugs in beautiful surroundings at twilight. Meet at the Visitors Center. Group size is limited, so please register in advance at Cantigny.org or (630) 260-8162. Free with paid parking (\$2).

Wednesday, June 15
Tips & Tastes in the Idea Garden

12 pm

Bring a lunch and join Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture for some practical advice, a new recipe and plenty of lively plant chatter. Sessions meet on the first and third Wednesday each month. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or (630) 260-8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Thursday, June 16
Storytime in the Garden with West Chicago Public Library

11 am

Kids love stories. Kids love being outside. Combine the two and you've got a story with a great ending! Meet at the Visitors Center and join the West Chicago Public Library staff to explore some favorite stories and other activities out in the gardens at Cantigny. Contact Ms. Shelly Campbell at the library for further details and reservations (starting June 1) at (630) 231-1552, extension 3.

Tuesday, June 21
First Evening of Summer Garden Walk

6:30 pm

Celebrate one of the longest days of the year by joining a guided stroll through the green landscape with Joy Kaminsky, Cantigny Director of Horticulture. This is one of best times of year and one of the best times of the day to see the park's renowned gardens. The tour will depart from the Visitor Center. Advance registration is requested at Cantigny.org or (630) 260-8162. Free with paid parking (\$2).

Wednesday, June 22
Ask the Grower

12 pm

Bring a lunch and join an informative Q&A session. Cantigny Grower Jill Weiss will focus her remarks on "Garden Myths and Legends." Meet at the Cantigny Idea Garden. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or (630) 260-8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Friday, June 24
Storytime in the Garden with Winfield Public Library

10:30 am

Kids love stories. Kids love being outside. Combine the two and you've got a story with a great ending! Meet at the Visitors Center and join the Winfield Public Library staff to explore some favorite stories and other activities in Cantigny's beautiful gardens. Contact Ms. Nuccia Choate at the library for further details and reservations (starting June 1) at (630) 653-7599.

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About Cantigny

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based McCormick Foundation, is the 500-acre Wheaton estate of Robert R. McCormick. It is home to the McCormick Museum, First Division Museum, formal gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails and a Visitor 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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