

Cantigny Park Plans Women's History Month Events

WHEATON, IL, February 15, 2011 — Cantigny Park's Robert R. McCormick Museum and the First Division Museum will commemorate Women's History Month in March with a series of special events:

- **House Tour: The Women of Cantigny**
Every Saturday and Sunday in March, 1 pm
Robert R. McCormick Museum
Free

Learn about the fascinating women who lived in the mansion over the years, and how they spent their time. You'll enjoy a short presentation in the Gold Theatre before your tour, and view special exhibits in the museum. Tour capacity is limited so guests are encouraged to arrive early.

- **Lecture: An Evening with Amy**
Wednesday, March 16, 7 pm
Robert R. McCormick Museum Gold Theatre
Free

Meet Amy Irwin Adams McCormick, Colonel McCormick's beloved first wife, in her home. Amy, portrayed by Ellie Carlson, will enchant visitors with stories of her experiences with the Red Cross, Orphans of the Storm and the DuPage Hunt. Learn what it was like to live at Cantigny in the 1920s and 30s. Brief museum tours will follow the program. Reservations suggested: 630 260 8162 or register@cantigny.org.

- **Concert: American Women Composers**
Sunday, March 27, 3 pm
Robert R. McCormick Museum Freedom Hall
Free

Enjoy the duo "2," featuring flutist Peter Bloom and pianist Mary Jane Rupert. These renowned champions of American music will perform the magnificent yet seldom-heard "Sonata in A minor Opus 34" by Amy Beach, "Sonata Opus 22" by Marion Bauer, "Masks" by Katherine Hoover and Elizabeth Vercoe's "Kleemation." Due to limited space, ticket distribution is by lottery and limited to two per person. Call 630 260 8162 or email register@cantigny.org by March 11 to enter the drawing.

- **Tea for Three: My Mom, My Doll and Me!**
Monday, March 28, 1 pm
Robert R. McCormick Museum
\$20 per couple; additional guests \$12

Enjoy an afternoon tea at the McCormick mansion, much like the women of the house would have enjoyed many years ago. This 2-hour event is ideal for girls ages 5 to 10 and their favorite doll. The afternoon will include crafts, a museum

tour, a discussion of tea and table etiquette and of course some delicious treats. Fancy dresses and accessories are encouraged! Reservations: 630 260 8162 or register@cantigny.org.

- **Women in the Military**
First Division Museum at Cantigny
Free

During a 90-minute program intended for Brownie Girl Scout troops, guests will tour the First Division Museum and learn the story of the heroic and often rebellious women who helped build our nation and keep it free. After the tour, the girls will interact with the clothes and equipment of these women and enjoy an educational craft. The program satisfies all requirements for the Listening to the Past Try-It. Interested troop leaders should contact Melissa Tyer, museum educator, at 630 260 8274.

Cantigny Park is open weekends in February, Friday through Sunday. The park resumes its regular seven-day schedule in March.

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About Cantigny

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