



## **Cantigny Greenhouse Open to Public on May 1**

**WHEATON, IL, April 18, 2011** — The Horticulture Department at Cantigny Park will host an eco-friendly open house on Sunday, May 1, from 10 am to 3 pm. The event will take garden enthusiasts behind-the-scenes at the Cantigny greenhouse where more than 1,000 varieties of flowers are propagated annually.

“With the rough winter and chilly spring temperatures, this event is an especially welcome spring tradition,” said Joy Kaminsky, Cantigny director of horticulture. “Bright colors and beautiful flowers abound in the greenhouse so visitors will enjoy a sneak preview of what’s to come in our gardens. The building is open to the public just twice each year so this is a great opportunity to see, learn and ask questions.”

The 18,000-square-foot greenhouse supplies the plants displayed throughout the Cantigny gardens and golf course as well as interior spaces around the park.

The open house will offer something for all ages and interest levels. Self-guided tours will be available along with demonstrations, a children’s activity and hands-on displays by local organizations on such topics as beekeeping and rain barrels. In addition, a selection of Cantigny-grown plants will be offered for sale, and raffle prizes will be awarded throughout the event.

Open house admission is free, and so is parking. Some activities may require a small participation fee. For convenience and proximity to the greenhouse, visitors are encouraged to Cantigny through the east gate on Shaffner Road.

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### **About Cantigny Park**

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundation, is the 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It 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](http://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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