

Cantigny Park – September & October Events

The following activities, special events, concerts and workshops are coming soon to Cantigny! The park entrance is at 1s151 Winfield Road in Wheaton. Cantigny Golf is located at 27w270 Mack Road, also in Wheaton. More details are online at Cantigny.org and CantignyGolf.com. Phone 630.668.5161 (park) or 630.668.8463 (golf).

At a Glance *(detailed listing of all events begins on page 2)*

Color Key:

Green: Garden Programs

Red: Kids, Family & Concerts

Blue: Golf Academy and Youth Links

Black: Adult Programs

Sept 1	Sprouts Parent-Child Program (first of 3 sessions)
Sept 2	Sprouts Parent-Child Program (first of 3 sessions)
Sept 3	Parent-Child Fall Classic (Youth Links)
Sept 4	Concert: Rick “Elvis” Saucedo
Sept 5	Concert: Jim Guter’s Big Band
Sept 6	Garden Tour: Prairie
Sept 7	Wiggleworms Parent-Child Program
Sept 6	Yoga in the Park (first of 8 sessions)
Sept 7	Garden Tips & Tastes
Sept 7	Zumba (first of 8 sessions)
Sept 7	Date with History Lecture
Sept 8	Monarch Butterfly Tagging
Sept 8	Knitting 101 (first of 4 sessions)
Sept 10	Bird Walk
Sept 10	Monarch Butterfly Tagging
Sept 10	Oktoberfest Dinner
Sept 10-11	Revolutionary War Reenactment
Sept 11	Garden Photo Tips
Sept 12	Doodlebugs Art Class (first of 3 sessions)
Sept 12	Garden Bike Tour
Sept 13	Music Together (first of 10 sessions)
Sept 13	Golf Academy Workshop
Sept 14	Storytime with Winfield Library
Sept 14	Floral Design Workshop
Sept 17	Constitution Day
Sept 17	Stargazing
Sept 18	Cantigny Car Show
Sept 21	Wiggleworms Parent-Child Program
Sept 21	Garden Tips & Tastes
Sept 23	Walk on the Wild Side: Birds of Prey
Sept 24	Cantigny Green Fair
Sept 25	Pillars of Honor
Sept 26	Copper Cuff Jewelry Class (teens)
Sept 26	Copper Cuff Jewelry Class (adults)
Sept 27	Golf Academy Workshop
Sept 28	Ask the Grower

Oct 1-2	Civil War Symposium and Reenactment
Oct 1	Children's Knitting Workshop
Oct 1	Bulb Workshop
Oct 4	Fall Color Hayride Tour
Oct 5	Wiggleworms
Oct 5	Date with History Lecture
Oct 6	Sprouts Parent-Child Program (first of 3 sessions)
Oct 7	Sprouts Parent-Child Program (first of 3 sessions)
Oct 8	Bird Walk
Oct 8	Cantigny Fall Festival
Oct 9	Garden Photo Tips
Oct 10	Doodlebugs Art Class (first of 3 sessions)
Oct 11	Fall Color Hayride Tour
Oct 11	Golf Academy Workshop
Oct 12	Storytime with West Chicago Library
Oct 14	"Night at the Mansion" Family Overnight
Oct 15	Photo Workshop (first of 2 sessions)
Oct 16	Monster Mash Bash with Dave Rudolf
Oct 19	Wiggleworms
Oct 21	Nite Lite Golf (Youth Links)
Oct 22	Walk on the Wild Side: Bats
Oct 23	Jewelry Show
Oct 25	Golf Academy Workshop
Oct 28	Murder in the Mansion

Event Details:

Thursday, September 1

Sprouts Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 10 to 11 am

Young children are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is "An Apple a Day." Class also meets Sept 8 and Sept 15. For ages 3-5, with adult. Cost: \$18 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Friday, September 2

Sprouts Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 10 to 11 am

Young children are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is "An Apple a Day." Class also meets Sept 9 and Sept 16. For ages 3-5, with adult. Cost: \$18 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Saturday, September 3

Parent-Child Fall Classic

Cantigny Youth Links, 9 am

The format is alternate shot for this final parent-child event of the season. Register by August 29 at CantignyGolf.com or call 630.260.8270. Cost: \$15 juniors; \$22 adults.

Sunday, September 4

Concert: Rick "Elvis" Saucedo

Bandshell, 3 pm

The King is alive! If you love the music of Elvis Presley, don't miss this free performance. Chairs, blankets and picnics welcome. Parking is \$5.

Monday, September 5

Concert: Jim Guter's Big Band

Bandshell, 3 pm

Celebrate Labor Day with a free performance by one of the Chicago area's most exciting jazz ensembles. Chairs, blankets and picnics welcome. Parking is \$5.

Tuesday, September 6

Garden Tour: Prairie

Visitors Center, 11 am

Jane Rogers from Cantigny Horticulture will focus on the park's extraordinary prairie and savannah, planted in 2007. Learn about the native grasses and forbs that once blanketed this region hundreds of years ago. Tour departs from Visitor Center. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Tuesday, September 6

Yoga in the Park

Education Center, 6 to 7:15 pm

The first of eight consecutive Tuesday night classes, concluding October 25. Geared for beginners to intermediate. Previous yoga experience helpful but not required. Cost \$98, parking is free. To register, go to Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, September 7

Wiggleworms Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am

Introduce your little one to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The themes of this session is "Big Leaf, Little Leaf." For ages 18-36 months, with adult. Cost: \$6 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, September 7

Garden Tips & Tastes

Idea Garden, 12 pm

Bring a lunch and join Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture for some practical advice, a new recipe and plenty of plant chatter. Sessions meet the first and third Wednesday each month. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Wednesday, September 7

Zumba

Education Center, 6 to 7 pm

The first of eight consecutive Wednesday night classes, concluding October 26. Zumba fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy to follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program! Cost \$98, parking is free. To register, go to Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, September 7

Date with History Lecture Series

First Division Museum, 7:30 pm

Admission and parking are free for this presentation. For program details, please visit firstdivisionmuseum.org.

Thursday, September 8

Monarch Butterfly Tagging

Idea Garden, 1 pm

Learn about a beautiful and fascinating insect! This tagging event assists the Monarch Watch organization in tracking these butterflies as they return back to the mountains of Mexico. Lauren Fox will describe the process of tagging and give a bit of history about why and how it is done. This event is highly recommended for families! Free with paid parking (\$5).

Thursday, September 8

Knitting 101

Education Center, 6:30 pm

The first of four 2-hour sessions, concluding Sept. 29. Class is geared for absolute beginners or for those who want to pick up knitting after a long break. Participants will master all the fundamentals and complete a sampler scarf. Register at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162. Cost: \$100. Parking is free.

Saturday, September 10

Bird Walk

Visitors Center, 7:30 am

Join the DuPage Birding Club on a casual search for migrating species and regular Cantigny Park residents. All skill levels welcome, and a limited number of binoculars will be available for borrowing. The walk and parking are free.

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Saturday, September 10

Oktoberfest Dinner

Le Jardin at Cantigny Park, 7 pm

Enjoy great German food, beer and music at this popular annual event. Call 630.260.8260 for menu, pricing and reservations.

Saturday, September 10 & Sunday, September 11

Revolutionary War Reenactment

Parade Field, 10 am to 4 pm

Witness one of Cantigny's most popular annual events! History will come alive as hundreds of talented reenactors from the Northwest Territory Alliance converge on the park. The event is free. Parking is \$5 per vehicle.

Sunday, September 11

Garden Photo Tips

Visitors Center, 2 pm

Receive advice, share your own knowledge, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow shutterbugs in beautiful surroundings at twilight. Group size is limited—register in advance at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Monday, September 12

Doodlebugs Art Class

Education Center, 10-11 am or 1-2 pm

Drop off your child for an hour of art exploration! Each week's activities are based on different children's book illustrations or an art masterpiece. The theme for this 3-session class is "Patterns and Textures." Class also meets Sept 19 and Sept 26. For ages 4-6. Cost: \$18 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Monday, September 12

Garden Bike Tour

Visitors Center, 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. Group size for this event is limited—register in advance at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Tuesday, September 13

Music Together

Education Center, 9:30-10:15 am or 10:30-11:15 am

This class, for ages birth to 6 years, builds on every child's natural enthusiasm for music and movement. Kids and their parents or caregivers will experience songs, chants, free dances and instrumental jam sessions. Class meets for 10 consecutive Tuesdays. Tuition is \$173 for the first registered child and \$118 for registered siblings over 9 months old. Younger siblings are free. Cost includes illustrated songbook, parent materials and 2 CDs. No parking fee. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Tuesday, September 13

Workshop: Goal-setting Strategies

Cantigny Golf Academy, 7 to 8:30 pm

Join the Academy's Dr. Paul Callaway and staff PGA professionals for a presentation that will help you enjoy golf even more! Cost \$10 or \$15 for couples. Junior players under age 18 free with paying adult. Register at 630.260.8199.

Wednesday, September 14

Storytime with the Winfield Library

Education Center, 10 am

Join the Winfield Public Library staff to explore some favorite stories. Contact the library for further details and reservations at 630.653.7599. Free.

Wednesday, September 14

Floral Design Workshop

Idea Garden, 12 pm

Cantigny Floral Designer Beth Libby will share helpful tips and demonstrate how to create underwater arrangements. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Saturday, September 17

Patriotic Celebration: Constitution Day

Pick up your own pocket copy of the United States Constitution and sign a copy of the Constitution with a real quill pen. Free parking all day.

Saturday, September 17

Stargazing

Parade Field, 7 to 10:30 pm

Join Cantigny Park and the Naperville Astronomical Association for a night under the stars! View planets and stars through telescopes and learn how to identify star constellations with the naked-eye. Children will enjoy making their own colored-sand keychain inside the Visitors Center. The event is free, including parking.

Sunday, September 18

Cantigny Car Show

South parking lot, 9 am to 3 pm

This will be Cantigny's 6th annual event and one of the best car shows in the region. Over 70 awards will be presented to the 400 vehicles on display. DJ music by Carousel Sound and concessions available. Event is free. Parking is \$5 (or \$2 before 10 am).

Wednesday, September 21

Wiggleworms Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am

Introduce your little one to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The themes of this session is "An Apple a Day." For ages 18-36 months, with adult. Cost: \$6 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, September 21

Garden Tips & Tastes

Idea Garden, 12 pm

Bring a lunch and join Liz Omura from Cantigny Horticulture for some practical advice, a new recipe and plenty of plant chatter. Sessions meet the first and third Wednesday each month. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Friday, September 23

Walk on the Wild Side: Birds of Prey

Education Center, 6:30 to 8 pm

This free family program will feature a live birds of prey demonstration by the staff of Willowbrook Wildlife Center in Glen Ellyn. See raptors up close and learn about their fascinating lives. A free craft will follow the presentation. Cantigny's off-peak parking fee of \$2 per vehicle applies.

Saturday, September 24

Cantigny Green Fair

Parade Field, 10 am to 4 pm

Cantigny and SCARCE will host this third annual family-oriented event that both educates and celebrates. Eco-activities for kids, local Farmers Market, cooking demos, live music, recycled art contest, fashion show and much more. Event is free; parking is \$5 per vehicle.

Sunday, September 25

Pillars of Honor

First Division Museum, 2 pm

See the unveiling of a scale model of National World War II Memorial and hear remarks from Major General (Retired) James H. Mukoyama. Pillars of Honor brings the Memorial to veterans who may be unable to travel to Washington, DC, to visit the actual monument that stands in their honor.

Monday, September 26

Copper Inspiration Cuff Jewelry Class

Education Center, 4 to 6 pm

Teens ages 13-17 will make their own copper cuff bracelet with a sterling silver plate, hand-stamped with their own word or short message. Beads may be added if desired. No prior experience necessary. Lisa Dienst-Thomas from Water Street Studios will instruct. Fee of \$50 includes materials and tools. Parking is free. This class is offered the same evening at 6:30 pm for adults. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Monday, September 26

Copper Inspiration Cuff Jewelry Class

Education Center, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Make your own copper cuff bracelet with a sterling silver plate, hand-stamped with a personally meaningful word or message. Beads may be added if desired. No prior experience necessary. Lisa Dienst-Thomas from Water Street Studios will instruct. Fee of \$50 includes materials and tools. Parking is free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Tuesday, September 27

Workshop: The Mind-Body Connection for an "Automatic" Swing

Cantigny Golf Academy, 7 to 8:30 pm

Join the Academy's Dr. Paul Callaway and staff PGA professionals for a presentation that will help you enjoy golf even more! Cost \$10 or \$15 for couples. Junior players under age 18 free with paying adult. Register at 630.260.8199.

Wednesday, September 28

Ask the Grower

Idea Garden, 12 pm

Bring a lunch and join an informative Q&A session with Cantigny Grower Jill Weiss. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Saturday, October 1

14th Annual Civil War Symposium

First Division Museum, 9 am to 5 pm

Enjoy and learn from expert presentations by leading Civil War scholars. For full details and registration information, visit chicago.archives@nara.gov or call 773.948.9001. Reduced conference fees apply for students, seniors, veterans and active-duty military.

Saturday, October 1 & Sunday, October 2

Civil War Reenactment

First Division Museum/Parade Field, 10 am to 4 pm

Living History reenactors portraying soldiers and civilians will interact with visitors, including Abraham Lincoln, Mary Todd Lincoln and Harriet Tubman. See a Civil War cannon fire and watch a surgeon at work. The Battlefield Balladeers will perform songs from the Civil War era and educational activities will be available for all ages. Kids will enjoy a Civil War scavenger hunt. Event is free; parking is \$5 per vehicle.

Saturday, October 1

Children's Knitting Workshop

Education Center, 10 am to 12 pm

Kids ages 5 and up, with instruction from the staff of Wool and Company, will use a loom to make a simple hat and add a pom-pom for flourish. The fee of \$40 covers all materials and supplies. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Saturday, October 1

Forcing Bulbs for Spring

Greenhouse, 10 am

Learn how to brighten your days in mid-winter with a pot of spring color. Jenny Lund from Cantigny Horticulture will discuss bulb types that "force" well and work at home. Please enter Cantigny at Shaffner Road for easy access to the greenhouse. Class and parking are free but advance registration required. Sign up at Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Tuesday, October 4

Fall Color Hayride Tour

Visitors Center, 10 am

Todd Henderson and Chris Roberts from Cantigny Horticulture will provide a fall color tour of the gardens via hay wagon, narrating and answering your questions. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Wednesday, October 5

Wiggleworms Parent-Child Program

Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am

Introduce your little one to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The themes of this session is "Not So Scary Scarecrows." For ages 18-36 months, with adult. Cost: \$6 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, October 5

Date with History Lecture Series

First Division Museum, 7:30 pm

Admission and parking are free for this presentation. For program details, please visit firstdivisionmuseum.org.

Thursday, October 6
Sprouts Parent-Child Program
Education Center, 10 to 11 am

Young children are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is “Scarecrows, Spiders and Pumpkins, Oh My!” Class also meets Oct 13 and Oct 20. For ages 3-5, with adult. Cost: \$18 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Friday, October 7
Sprouts Parent-Child Program
Education Center, 10 to 11 am

Young children are invited to explore seasonal nature topics through stories, hands-on activities, nature walks and crafts. The theme for this 3-session class is “Scarecrows, Spiders and Pumpkins, Oh My!” Class also meets Oct 14 and Oct 21. For ages 3-5, with adult. Cost: \$18 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Saturday, October 8
Bird Walk
St. James Farm, 8:30 am

The monthly Cantigny Bird Walk is taking a field trip to neighboring St. James Farm, part of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County and once the property of Robert R. McCormick’s cousin, Chauncey McCormick. Members of the DuPage Birding Club will help guide our search for fall migrants. Birders of all ability levels welcome. Further details including directions to St. James are posted on the Cantigny.org calendar. This is a free program, including parking.

Saturday, October 8
Cantigny Fall Festival
Parade Field, 10 am to 4 pm

Celebrate Autumn with harvest-time fun at Cantigny Park! Fun for all ages, including pumpkin decorating, Candy Dive, inflatables, vendor booths, live music and seasonal treats! The event is free with paid parking (\$5).

Sunday, October 9
Garden Photo Tips
Visitors Center, 2 pm

Receive advice, share your own knowledge, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow shutterbugs in beautiful surroundings at twilight. Group size is limited—register in advance at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Monday, October 10
Doodlebugs Art Class
Education Center, 10-11 am or 1-2 pm

Drop off your child for an hour of art exploration! Each week’s activities are based on different children’s book illustrations or an art masterpiece. The theme for this 3-session class is “Print, Stick, Splatter!” Class also meets Oct 17 and Oct 24. For ages 4-6. Cost: \$18 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Tuesday, October 11
Fall Color Hayride Tour
Visitors Center, 10 am

Todd Henderson and Chris Roberts from Cantigny Horticulture will provide a fall color tour of the gardens via hay wagon, narrating and answering your questions. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Tuesday, October 11
Workshop: Off-Season Conditioning
Cantigny Golf Academy, 7 to 8:30 pm

Join the Academy’s Dr. Paul Callaway and staff PGA professionals for a presentation that will help you enjoy golf even more! Cost \$10 or \$15 for couples. Junior players under age 18 free with paying adult. Register at 630.260.8199.

Wednesday, October 12
Storytime with the West Chicago Library
Education Center, 10 am

Join the West Chicago Public Library staff to explore some favorite stories. Contact the library for further details and reservations at 630.231.1552, ext. 117. Free program.

Friday, October 14
“Night at the Mansion” Family Overnight
McCormick Museum, 5 pm

Soak up the history and enjoy a variety of family activities (geared for ages 5-10) in the former home of Robert R. McCormick! The evening will begin with a visit by owls from the Willowbrook Wildlife Center. Then create one-of-a-kind pillowcases, take a guided flashlight tour and watch a movie in the historic Gold Theatre. Rise early on Saturday for a light breakfast and then enjoy Cantigny Park right outside the door! Cost: \$40 per person. Advance registration required at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Saturday, October 15
Photographic Learning Adventure with Mike MacDonald
Gardens, 3 pm

Photograph the mature trees, ever-changing prairie and sun dappled ponds of Cantigny Park as you are fully enveloped in autumn color. Instructor Mike MacDonald from Creative Eye Workshops will help you with exposure, composition and other aspects of landscape photography. Then, show off your new images in a photo analysis session on Thursday, October 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Mike will provide constructive insights and feedback. Cost is \$112 for the two sessions. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Sunday, October 16
Monster Mash Bash with Dave Rudolf
Visitors Center, 2 pm

Musical fun for the whole family! Dave Rudolf will entertain goblins of all ages with songs and stories that'll raise the hair on your funny bone. Dress in costume and be ready to dance! Ticketholders can create a monster picture frame; doors open at 1:15 for crafting. Come even earlier and trick-or-treat in the park! Four locations will offer treats between noon and 2 pm. Tickets are required and may be purchased in advance. \$5 per child; adults and children under 2 are free. Visit Cantigny.org or call 630.260.8162.

Wednesday, October 19
Wiggleworms Parent-Child Program
Education Center, 9:30 to 10:15 am

Introduce your little one to nature through songs, simple crafts and outdoor exploration. The themes of this session is “Piles of Pumpkins.” For ages 18-36 months, with adult. Cost: \$6 per child. Parking free. Register at Cantigny.org or 630.260.8162.

Friday, October 21
Nite Lite Golf
Cantigny Youth Links, 6:30 pm

Costumes are welcome at this unique parent-child event! The golf course is illuminated with glow equipment and players use glow-in-the-dark golf balls to play a three-hole rotation. A fire for roasting hotdogs and marshmallows will be waiting at the finish. Cost: \$10 juniors; adults \$15. Register at CantignyGolf.com or call 630.260.8270.

Saturday, October 22
Walk on the Wild Side: Bats
Education Center, 2 to 3:30 pm

This free family program will feature a storytelling performance by Andrew Talley and a live bat presentation by the Flying Fox Conservation Fund. Parking is \$5 per vehicle.

Sunday, October 23

Jewelry Show

Visitors Center, 10 am to 4 pm

Get your holiday shopping off to an early start at this free exhibition and sale. Parking is \$5 per vehicle.

Tuesday, October 25

Workshop: The Golfer's Shoulder and Elbow Injury Cure

Cantigny Golf Academy, 7 to 8:30 pm

Join the Academy's Dr. Paul Callaway and staff PGA professionals for a presentation that will help you enjoy golf even more! Cost \$10 or \$15 for couples. Junior players under age 18 free with paying adult. Register at 630.260.8199.

Friday, October 28

Murder in the Mansion

McCormick Museum, 6:30 pm

If you enjoy a cocktail, delicious food and solving a good mystery, this evening is for you! Details about this first-time dinner/interactive theater event, professionally produced by Get Away With Murder, Inc., are online at Cantigny.org. Register on the website or call 630.260.8162.

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About Cantigny Park

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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