

ENJOY AN ENCHANTED EVENING ON JULY 7
IN THE CANTIGNY ROSE GARDEN

Honor a loved one with "A Season of Roses" tribute

WHEATON, IL, June 9, 2011 – The award-winning horticulturists at Cantigny Park invite you to enjoy the fragrance and stunning beauty of the park's Rose Garden at an exclusive Rose Reception from 6 to 8 pm on Thursday, July 7.

The special event is part of *A Season of Roses*, a unique program allowing Cantigny patrons to honor someone special by dedicating one of the beautiful rose bushes in the Rose Garden of Colonel Robert R. McCormick's beloved Wheaton estate.

"This is a beautiful and truly one-of-a-kind gift or remembrance opportunity," said Joy Kaminsky, Cantigny Park director of horticulture. "With June being National Rose Month, and with Father's Day coming up, we anticipate many new dedications."

Patrons receive exclusive naming rights to one of the wide variety of rose bushes growing in Cantigny's formal Rose Garden, a favorite attraction at the park. The premium dedication package (\$150) includes two invitations to the Rose Reception on July 7. The event will feature remarks by Craig Myroup, a Cantigny horticulturist and rose expert. Wine and light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

A limited number of premium packages are still available. In addition to Rose Reception access, the package includes a gift card announcement and a plaque engraved with the name of the rose variety and the name of the honoree. The marker will remain in the garden through October. When *A Season of Roses* concludes, the patron will receive a photo of the rose bush in full bloom.

Dedication packages with all benefits excluding the Rose Reception are priced at \$75. Proceeds from *A Season of Roses* support the not-for-profit Cantigny Foundation, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundations.

Dedication packages may be purchased at the Cantigny Park Gift Shop or online at Cantigny.org/roses. Orders can also be placed by calling 630.668.5161.

Cantigny's Rose Garden, a key element in one of the largest display gardens in the Midwest, occupies 12,000 square feet and contains about 1,000 rose bushes. More than 55 varieties and 16 classifications of roses are represented. Perhaps the most notable variety is the Chicago Peace Rose, a glowing pink flower with a butter-yellow heart, discovered on the Cantigny estate.

The Rose Garden is flanked on the west by a 130-foot cedar pergola that offers shaded benches and a spectacular view of the roses and adjacent prairie. Peak rose season is usually late June, but the flowers keep blooming well into September.

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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based McCormick R. McCormick Foundation, is the 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is home to 30 acres of spectacular gardens, the Robert R. McCormick Museum, the First Division Museum and a highly rated 27-hole golf course. All are open to the public. Cantigny also is a favorite destination for special events, concerts, lectures, workshops and other recreation and learning opportunities for all ages. Full-service banquet and dining facilities are on site. More information, including hours, directions and a calendar of upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org. For details about Cantigny Golf, including the Cantigny Golf Academy and 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links, please visit CantignyGolf.com.

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