

Cantigny Gardens

Events, Tours and Workshops for June, July & August

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

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).

Saturday, June 4

Neighbor to Neighbor: Grow It Forward!

11 am

Come to the Education 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. Tour departs from Visitor Center. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Wednesday, June 8

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).

Sunday, June 12

Cool Bees!

11 am

Join beekeeper and teacher Kim Leith at the Education Center to learn all about honey bees—you're guaranteed to "bee" fascinated! Children and adults welcome. 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 Visitor Center. Group size is limited—please register in advance at Cantigny.org or (630) 260-8162. Free with paid parking (\$2).

Wednesday, June 15
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Thursday, June 16
Storytime in the Gardens 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 Visitor Center and join the West Chicago Public Library staff to explore some favorite stories and other activities in Cantigny's inspiring gardens. Contact Ms. Shelly Campbell at the library for further details and reservations at (630) 231-1552, extension 3. Free.

Tuesday, June 21
First Evening of Summer Garden Tour

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. 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 speak 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 Gardens 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 at (630) 653-7599. Free.

Tuesday, June 28
Evening Bike Tour

6:30 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—please register in advance at Cantigny.org or (630) 260-8162. Tour departs from Visitor Center. Free with paid parking (\$2).

July 5
Garden Tour: Idea Garden

11 am

Jill Weiss from Cantigny Horticulture will focus on the park's popular Idea Garden. Known informally as The Gardener's Garden, the space was significantly redesigned in 2010. Tour departs from Visitor Center. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Wednesday, July 6
Tips & Tastes in the Idea Garden

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Sunday, July 10
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11 am

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Tuesday, July 12
Wine Tasting in the Rose Garden

6:30 pm

Learn about wine in a one-of-a-kind setting! Enjoy a sampling of 12 different varietals presented by WineStyles of Glen Ellyn. Light snacks will also be served. Register in advance at Cantigny.org or (630) 260-8162. Event departs from Visitor Center. Cost \$25; parking free.

Wednesday, July 13
Ask the Grower

12 pm

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

July 18
Golf Course Cart Tour

6:30 pm

Perhaps you've never seen the amazing flowers on Cantigny's 27-hole golf course, all of which originate in the Cantigny greenhouse. This is your chance to tour the grounds on a golf cart and see some remarkable flower beds, restored natural areas, majestic trees

and more. Guiding will be Todd Henderson, head forester; Jane Rogers, senior horticulturist; and Joy Kaminsky, director of horticulture. Advance registration required. Meet at Cantigny Golf at 6:15 pm (27w270 Mack Road, Wheaton). \$5.

Tuesday, July 19

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Wednesday, July 27

A Floral Design Workshop

12 pm

Cantigny Floral Designer Beth Libby will share helpful tips and demonstrate how to create floral dragonflies, ladybugs and spiders! Meet in the Idea Garden. Advance registration requested at Cantigny.org or (630) 260-8162. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Tuesday, August 2

Garden Tour: Roses

11 am

Join Craig Myroup from Cantigny Horticulture on easy-paced walk focusing on America's favorite flower, the rose. Tour departs from Visitor Center. Free with paid parking (\$5).

Wednesday, August 3

Tips & Tastes in the Idea Garden

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Tuesday, August 9

Wine through the Gardens

6:30 pm

Take a leisurely stroll through the gardens, stopping at three “hotspots” to hear from the horticulturist responsible for that area. At each stop, if you wish, partake in a glass of wine from a different country. The tour will finish with a sampling of tasty treats. Advance registration required. Register in advance at Cantigny.org or (630) 260-8162. Tour departs from Visitor Center. Cost \$25; parking free.

Wednesday, August 10

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Wednesday, August 24**Ask the Grower****12 pm**

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

Thursday, August 25**Preserving the Harvest****6:30 pm**

Cantigny Grower Jill Weiss will give a preserving demonstration at the Education Center and cover general guidelines for water-bath canning and freezing your vegetable and fruit harvest. Instructions, recipes and samples included. Register in advance at Cantigny.org or (630) 260-8162. Cost \$25; parking free.

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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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