

## **A Cantigny Classic: Toy Soldier Show Set for November 6**

**WHEATON, IL, October 24, 2011** — The public is invited to Cantigny Park's Toy Soldier Show on Sunday, November 6, from 9 am to 4 pm.

The popular annual event is an ideal opportunity for people to see what the hobby is all about, said show organizer and toy soldier dealer Nick Albanese. "The variety and scope of the Cantigny show is always very good."

Albanese's own Camp Randall Miniatures, specializing in solid pewter, hand-painted items, will be among the 20 dealers who will display and sell their products inside the Cantigny Visitors Center. Visitors will see the work of dealers who make and paint toy figures, military and civilian, and those who collect them.

Antique toy soldiers can be valuable collector items, coveted for their historic accuracy, precision artistry and in some cases rarity. At the other end of the spectrum are the classic plastic-molded soldiers and artillery with actual play value.

All sides of the hobby will be represented at Cantigny's 12<sup>th</sup> Toy Soldier Show, making this a good event for families. More than 1,500 attended in 2010.

Show admission is free; parking is \$5 per vehicle or just \$2 before 10 am. Toy soldier enthusiasts may also want to visit the First Division Museum at Cantigny, open from 10 am to 4 pm (free admission). Bertie's Café in the Visitors Center will be open for coffee, snacks and sandwiches.

Cantigny Park is open daily from 9 am to sunset in November and December. More information and a complete schedule of events are online at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org).

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### **About Cantigny Park**

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. 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 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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