

Cantigny Green Fair Kicks Off with “Recycling Extravaganza” Sept. 24

Public invited to drop off their stuff and stay for full day of entertainment and education

WHEATON, IL, September 13, 2011 — Cantigny Park, in partnership with SCARCE, will present the third annual Cantigny Green Fair on Saturday, September 24, from 10 am to 4 pm.

As part of the Green Fair, Cantigny and SCARCE will host a mass recycling event or “extravaganza.” Acceptable items and materials for drop off include electronics, batteries, scrap metal, pet needs, flags, bicycles, eyeglasses, keys, ink jet cartridges and much more. The complete list of approved recyclables is posted on the [Cantigny Park](#) website. Drop-off hours are 9 am to 12 pm.

Among the Green Fair entertainment choices:

- **FashionEcoNista Show (11 am)** – A unique green carpet eco-chic fashion show highlighting the latest trends in organic, sustainable clothing and repurposed vintage looks. Clothing, accessories and more!
- **Live music by “In the Green” (sets at 11 am and 1 pm)** – Back by popular demand, this band is a Green Fair favorite!
- **Alliance for Climate Education Show (1:30 pm)** – Expect a thought-provoking multimedia presentation as ACE brings you the latest research on climate change in a surprising and engaging format!
- **“Super Stolie and The Rockstars” (2 pm)** – A high-energy musical performance especially for kids and families featuring traditional songs and catchy originals.
- **Cooking demos by Whole Foods (all day)** – Learn a healthy new recipe, get answers to your food questions and try some delicious samples!
- **“Green Fire” (11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm)** – a fascinating documentary about legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold. Three screenings will be offered in the Visitors Center theater.

Fair goers can also check out the entries in the Recycled Art Contest, a competition with cash prizes for high school and college students. Entries are due at Cantigny Park by September 19th. Details are online or call 630.260.8266.

Other **all-day** Cantigny Green Fair attractions include:

- Eco-friendly vendors – more than 80 confirmed so far!
- Recycled papermaking
- Local and organic farmers market
- Vermicomposting and composting displays
- Electric car charging station
- Breathe Easy Man – the clean air superhero for Illinois!
- Rain barrel display
- Cantigny beekeeping
- Energy Bike interactive demonstration

- Reptiles and Amphibians Festival display
- North Suburban Wood Carvers demonstrations
- LifeSource Bloodmobile – walk-ins welcome!

Admission to the fair and all event activities are free. Parking at Cantigny Park is \$5 per vehicle or \$2 before 10 am. Recyclables may be dropped off without charge from 9 am to 12 pm.

Cantigny Green Fair sponsors are Veolia Environmental Services, Hotel Arista, McDonald's, Creative Recycling and Whole Foods Market.

Further details about the Green Fair are available at Cantigny.org and s-c-a-r-c-e.org.

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About SCARCE

SCARCE is dedicated to educating students, teachers, businesses and the general public about conserving natural resources and energy, preventing pollution, reducing waste, recycling and composting organic materials. It seeks to protect the environment and work toward a sustainable future for the community. SCARCE has established six rescue programs: Book Rescue, Tools for Schools, Super Crayon Project, Gym Shoe Rescue, Cell Phone Rescue and Inkjet Cartridge Rescue. The Book Rescue and the Tools For Schools programs divert books and other school and office supplies from landfills and then provide them to schools, organizations and children in need. For more information, visit s-c-a-r-c-e.org.

About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert 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 spectacular 27-hole golf course. All are open to the public. Cantigny also is a favorite destination for special events, weddings, 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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