

# NCICA Convention 2018 – Mt. Prospect, Illinois September 20-24, 2018

## Holiday Inn – Mt. Prospect, Illinois



With a central location, Chicago offers the opportunity to be one of the best Conventions in years. For those driving, several Interstate highways pass through Chicago. It is in easy driving distance for a vast majority of the NCICA membership. For those flying, Chicago has two major airports, O'Hare and Midway. Free shuttle service will be available from O'Hare and the Mt. Prospect CTA Station. **(Transportation from airports to the Mt. Prospect CTA Station will be offered in the next issue.)** Economical airfares can be obtained as the Chicago market is very competitive with many airlines and two airports.

President Edward Juracek has arranged economical room rates with the Holiday Inn of Mt. Prospect, Illinois. The room rates are \$80 per night plus taxes that include a FREE hot breakfast each morning. It is anticipated that the attendance will be the largest of any NCICA Convention in recent years with possibly 50 or more. Mt. Prospect is a northwest suburb of Chicago.

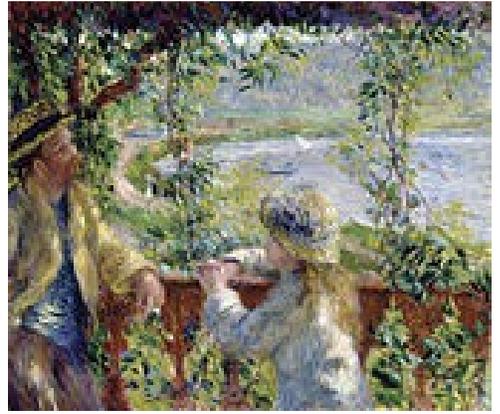
September weather conditions for Chicago are ideal. The average high is 75° F and a low of 54° F. NCICA Conventions usually have some sort of a riverboat cruise. How about a cruise on the Chicago River with the buildings of Chicago along the way? The Chicago River is a system of rivers and canals with a combined length of 156 miles that runs through the center of the city of Chicago. The river is dyed green on the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day with the dyeing process taking place downtown. This could be one of the best boat trips of any of our previous Conventions. **Make plans now to join us for Convention 2018.**



There are several visits scheduled to places such as the Pritzker Military Library and Museum, Cantigny Park and McCormick Museum and Formal Gardens. Cantigny Park is 500-acre park 30 miles west of Chicago. It is the former estate of Joseph Medill and his grandson Colonel Robert R. McCormick, publishers of the Chicago Tribune. Cantigny includes a large formal garden and two museums. The Robert R. McCormick Museum is a 35-room mansion built by his grandfather, Joseph Medill. During WWI, McCormick served with the 1<sup>st</sup> Division of the U.S. Army in France and fought in the Battle of Cantigny. He provided the endowment for the **First Division Museum**. Outside the museum is the area's largest collection of tanks and artillery pieces, known as "**Tank Park**". The collection contains tanks and armored vehicles from WWI up to the present day. These

tours should be some of the best experienced by previous Conventions. **Make plans now to join us for Convention 2018.**

A couple of other tour events is a visit to Navy Pier. Historic Navy Pier is among the most visited destination in the world. Since its reopening in 1995, the Pier has welcomed 180 million guests, including a record-breaking 9.3 million guests in 2016. It has enjoyed a remarkable evolution. Originally designed for shipping and recreational purposes, the facility has evolved into a premier entertainment and exposition center. There will be a visit to Millennium Park and the Chicago Art Institute which is one of the oldest and largest art museums in the United States. The museum hosts approximately 1.5 million guests annually. It includes the works of the worlds most noted artists such as Picasso, Rembrandt, Vincent van Gogh, Winslow Homer, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Claude Monet, Edouard Manet and many others. The painting shown is that of Pierre-Auguste Renoir, "By the Water", of 1880. **Make plans now to join us for Convention 2018.**



The tour events chosen by President Edward Juracek are the best and most extensive of any NCICA Convention in its 72-year-old history. This why the Convention offers an extension for another day rather than the past one day of tours. Most everyone takes some kind of vacation each year. **Make the Convention your vacation of the year. Enjoy the events among your fellow "Spooks".** Chicago is important to NCICA. It was founded here in 1946. **Join us for NCICA Convention 2018.**