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**JOIN US FOR THE 2023 1000 ISLANDS CONCOURS d’ELEGANCE**

CLAYTON, New York (June 12, 2023) – The Antique Boat Museum (ABM), North America’s premier freshwater boating museum based in Clayton, NY, invites you to join them for the annual 1000 Islands Concours d’Elegance on June 24th! This year’s show celebrates the Golden Age of Sports Cars and 70 years of Corvette alongside cars of all makes and models. Cars & Coffee returns for the second year in a row and is open to all car enthusiasts to show off their cars and admire others.

As part of the celebration of 70 years of Corvette, ABM is thrilled to have 2013 Corvette Hall of Fame inductee Werner Meier join Concours Judge Roberto Donati for a panel discussion at this year’s Concours.

The owner and founder of Masterworks Automotive Services, Werner Meier is regarded as one of the best in the world at restoration. His work has included over 100 Corvettes including cars built for Harley Earl, Bill Mitchell, and others. Concours Judge Roberto Donati is the owner of Scuderia Donati and co-owner of Volante Classics. He learned the meticulous detail and precision craftmanship at his father’s side in Modena, Italy.

**New this year,** Youth Judging debuts at the 1000 Islands Concours d’Elegance! Developed and sponsored by Hagerty, the Youth Judging Program brings the world of classics to youth primarily aged 8-14. Youth Judges will be guided through the show’s field as a group to pre-selected cars. At each car the judges will interact with the owners to learn details, history, and fun facts before scoring the car and selecting a first, second, and third place winner. Interested in being a Youth Judge at the 1000 Islands Concours d’Elegance? Sign up at abm.org/youth-judging/ or contact Molly Voth, Museum Educator, at mvoth@abm.org or 315.686.4104 ext. 225.

Come see approximately 50 antique and classic cars alongside our antique boats and vote for your favorite car in four categories! Thank you to Barclay Damon, Coughlin Printing, and Driver’s Village for sponsoring the 2023 1000 Islands Concours d’Elegance.

Regular admission is required for visitors to attend the event. Admission to the Museum is $14 (ABM members get in free as a benefit of membership). Cars and Coffee participants will receive discounted admissions. Walkthrough George Boldt’s 1903 houseboat, *La Duchesse* for free or book a speedboat ride on *Miss Thousand Islands III* (additional fee).

Interested in showing your car at the 1000 Islands Concours d’Elegance? We still have limited space for cars! A registration fee of $25 for driver & co-driver applies. Exhibitors will be able to participate reception following the Awards Ceremony.

Online registration and a downloadable registration form for the 1000 Islands Concours d’Elegance are available on the ABM’s website, abm.org or by contacting Caitlin Playle, Events and Communications Coordinator: [caitlinplayle@abm.org](mailto:caitlinplayle@abm.org) or 315-686-4104 ext. 236.

Car clubs that would like to travel to the 1000 Islands Concours d’Elegance event as a group are encouraged to contact the Museum to learn about group discounts.

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**Enclosures** (4 photos, JPG) 1000 Islands Concours d’Elegance event poster; Cars lined up during the inaugural Cars & Coffee in 2022; Classic cars arrive for the 2022 1000 Islands Concours d'Elegance; Visitors admire the cars on display at the 2022 1000 Islands Concours d'Elegance

**About ABM**

Located on the St. Lawrence River in upstate NY, ABM features a collection of over 300 antique and classic boats and thousands of recreational boating artifacts. Each summer the waterfront campus comes alive with numerous educational programs and special events, including the longest running antique boat show in North America. For more information, please visit the Museum’s website at abm.org.