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**JOIN US FOR THE 2024 1000 ISLANDS CONCOURS d’ELEGANCE**

CLAYTON, New York (June 15, 2024) – The Antique Boat Museum (ABM), located in Clayton, NY, warmly extends an invitation to you to partake in the annual 1000 Islands Concours d’Elegance on June 29th! This special event commemorates 60 years of Porsche 911, shining a spotlight on this iconic model alongside a diverse array of cars representing various makes and models. Back by popular demand, the Cars & Coffee gathering enters its third consecutive year, providing a fantastic opportunity for car enthusiasts to exhibit their prized vehicles and revel in the beauty of others' automotive treasures.

The team at ABM is absolutely delighted to welcome back Werner Meier and Roberto Donati for a captivating panel discussion at this year's Concours. Werner Meier, the esteemed owner and founder of Masterworks Automotive Services, is renowned globally for his exceptional restoration skills. With a portfolio boasting over 100 Corvettes, including those crafted for icons like Harley Earl and Bill Mitchell, his expertise is second to none. Roberto Donati, a discerning Concours Judge, is the proud owner of Scuderia Donati and co-owner of Volante Classics. Hailing from Modena, Italy, he honed his meticulous attention to detail and exquisite craftsmanship under the tutelage of his father. Their insights and experiences are sure to captivate and inspire all in attendance at this prestigious event.

The Youth Judging Program is back again at the 1000 Islands Concours d’Elegance. This fantastic opportunity allows young enthusiasts, aged 8-14, to immerse themselves in the world of classic cars. As a Youth Judge, you will embark on a thrilling journey through the show’s field, exploring pre-selected cars and engaging with their owners to uncover fascinating details, histories, and fun facts. By scoring the cars and selecting winners for first, second, and third place, you'll play a crucial role in this exciting event. If you're eager to be a part of this unforgettable experience, it’s not too late, we have extended the deadline to June 28th! Reach out to Molly Voth, the Museum Educator, at mvoth@abm.org or give her a call at 315.686.4104 ext. 225 to secure your spot today.

Step into a world of elegance and nostalgia at the 1000 Islands Concours d’Elegance, where you can admire a stunning collection of over 50 antique and classic cars, complemented by a display of antique boats. Get ready to cast your vote for the most captivating car in one of four categories and experience a day filled with automotive splendor.

Special thanks to Barclay Damon, RBC, and Driver’s Village for their generous sponsorship of this prestigious event.

Your presence at this event requires regular admission, priced at $15 (with complimentary entry for ABM members). If you're a Cars and Coffee participant, enjoy discounted admission rates. Explore the historic George Boldt’s 1903 houseboat, La Duchesse, at no additional cost, or opt for a thrilling speedboat ride on the St. Lawrence River for an extra fee. Join us for a day of beauty, history, and automotive passion at the 1000 Islands Concours d’Elegance.

Are you eager to showcase your beloved car at the 1000 Islands Concours d’Elegance? There's still a chance to secure a spot for your car! A registration fee of $30 for both the driver and co-driver is required, granting you access to the exclusive reception following the Awards Ceremony. You can easily register online or download the registration form from the ABM’s website, abm.org, or reach out to Jess Gould, the Events and Communications Coordinator, at jgould@abm.org or 315-686-4104 ext. 236 to secure your spot today. Join us in celebrating automotive excellence and craftsmanship at this remarkable event!

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**Enclosures** (2 photos, JPG) 1000 Islands Concours d’Elegance 2024 event poster; Cars lined up during the 2023 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.