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## Concours d'Elegance features more than just cars

By **Jeff Samoray**, *OU Web Writer*

The **23rd Annual Concours d'Elegance**, hosted by **Meadow Brook Hall**, has more to offer than just the **vintage automobiles on display** Saturday, August 5.

The other events planned around the Concours include a display of original Dodge Brothers Motor Cars photographs and documents, Invitational Artists' Exhibition, Automotive Tour, Mode du Concours Fashion Show Luncheon, Artists' Award Reception, Art Auction and Reception, Concours d'Elegance Gala Evening, Vintage Automotive Auction, Tour d'Elegance Cruise and Concours-in-the-Park, and the Meadow Brook Historic Races.

Meadow Brook Hall is displaying a collection of original Dodge Brothers Motor Cars photographs and documents, never before viewed by the public. Included in the collection is silent film footage from 1915 simulating Dodge vehicle performance in poor weather conditions. The footage includes what may be the first recorded crash test. The collection is on view through September 30. Admission is \$4. For more information, call (248) 370-3140.

Each year, 16 artists from around the world are invited to display and sell their work at the Concours. From Sunday, July 22, through Thursday, August 2, a preview of these artists' works will be on display and for sale at the Invitational Artists' Exhibition, held during regular business hours at the **Somerset Collection** in Troy. This year's feature artist is Alain Levesque from Quebec, who used an art deco design for the 2001 Concours poster.

The destinations for this year's Automotive Tour, set for Friday, August 3, include the DaimlerChrysler Conner Avenue Assembly Plant, private MoPar collection of Harold Sullivan and Walter P. Chrysler Museum. Bus transportation leaves Meadow Brook Hall at 8:30 a.m. and returns at 1:30 p.m. The cost per person is \$100 and includes lunch. Reservations are required by calling (248) 370-3140.

The Mode du Concours Fashion Show Luncheon Friday, August 3, will feature the fall collection of designer Elie Tahari from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tahari has outfitted Hilary Rodham Clinton and Leah Rabin. General admission is \$75. Benefactor tickets with premium seating are \$125 and \$1,000 per table. Reservations are required by calling (248) 370-3140.

The Artists' Award Reception is Friday, August 3, at the DaimlerChrysler Technology Center, beginning at 6 p.m. The work of the 16 invitational artists will be judged and prizes will be awarded. A \$25 donation is required. To request an invitation, call (248) 370-3140.

The annual Art Auction and Reception Saturday, August 1, will feature artists offering personally chosen works for auction to benefit the preservation and interpretation of Meadow Brook Hall. This event is by invitation only.

The Gala Evening will be held Saturday, August 4, at Meadow Brook Hall following the Art Auction and Reception. Concours Honorary Chair Wolfgang Bernhard, chief operating officer of DaimlerChrysler Corporation, is the guest speaker. This event is by invitation only.

For the third consecutive year, **RM Auctions Inc.** will conduct the Vintage Automotive Auction. More than 65 pre- and post-war American and European vintage automobiles will be previewed Friday, August 3, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion. A reception, by invitation only, will be held that same day from 6-9 p.m. The auction will take place Saturday, August 4, from 1-5 p.m. Admission is \$50 for two and includes a catalog. For more information, call (810) 211-4371 or visit the **RM Auctions Inc.** Web site.

The **Tour d'Elegance Cruise** Friday, August 3, is a special concours for 100 pre-1972 sports cars and features an ice cream social, Dixieland band, juried automotive art show and a silent motorsports collectibles auction. The cruise begins at Canterbury Village at 1 p.m. and goes to the Concours-in-the-Park at Depot Park in Clarkston, which runs from 6-9 p.m. For more information, call (313) 592-1212 or visit the **Tour d'Elegance** Web site.

The Meadow Brook Historic Races, featuring vintage cars, takes place at Waterford Hills Race Course in Clarkston between Friday, August 3, and Sunday, August 5. Friday, a practice day, is free; Saturday and Sunday admission is \$10. Children ages

12-under are free. On Saturday, August 1, a Classic Sports Car Show will take place at the Waterford Hills Raceway from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is \$15. On Saturday, August 4, a road rally starts at the track at 3:30 p.m. The cost to participate is \$10. For more information, call (248) 541-1577 or visit the [Waterford Hills Road Racing](#) Web site.

**SUMMARY**

The 23rd Annual Concours d'Elegance, hosted by Meadow Brook Hall, has more to offer than just the vintage automobiles that will be on display Saturday, August 5.

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