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Turn Back Time at Exposition of Elegance: Classic Cars at Cheekwood *Celebrate Father's Day with a Weekend of Activities for the Whole Family*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Cruise into Cheekwood Estate & Gardens during Father's Day weekend to experience Exposition of Elegance: Classic Cars at Cheekwood. Stroll among nearly 100 impeccably maintained classic cars and motorcycles from the early to mid-20th century during the dazzling two-day event that culminates with a Tour d'Elegance through the city streets of Belle Meade.

Enjoy era-specific tunes, grab a drink from our bar stations, and enjoy tasty bites from the city's favorite food trucks and Café 29. With hands-on activities for kids and the **Enchanted Castles** exhibition, there's something for everyone.

Exposition of Elegance: Classic Cars at Cheekwood will be held June 14 and 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Tour d'Elegance will begin at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

From convertibles to roadsters, elegant automobiles from a bygone era shine against the backdrop of Cheekwood's beautiful gardens. The event showcases vehicles spanning seven decades of automotive design and innovation including a 1915 Ford Model T, 1931 Studebaker President and 1941 Cadillac Series 62 Sedan Convertible.

For the third consecutive year, journey through time as you marvel at classic pre- and post-war motorcycles from iconic manufacturers across the globe. Join us as we celebrate the legacy of these timeless treasures at the **Classic Motorcycle Exhibition** in Massey Auditorium inside Botanic Hall. This curated collection highlights the evolution of motorcycles from the early days to modern innovations and offers a fascinating look at design, engineering, and culture throughout the years.

Also, step inside the Frist Learning Center and discover a fascinating chapter of transportation history as **Lane Motor Museum Presents: Propeller-Driven Vehicles**. This special exhibition showcases two rare propeller-driven cars and three propeller-driven bicycles—ingenious machines designed to harness aviation-style propulsion on land.

"The beautiful historic grounds of Cheekwood are the perfect backdrop to showcase such an exquisite selection of classic cars that pay tribute to the era in which the Cheek family resided at this magnificent estate," said Barry Stowe, Cheekwood Trustee Emeritus and Founding Chair of Exposition of Elegance. "Visitors to the Exposition of Elegance will

marvel at the craftsmanship of these truly extraordinary cars while they celebrate Father's Day with activities designed for the entire family."

Classic Car Chronicles

10 a.m. and 2 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday

Take a stroll through decades of design and innovation. Classic Car Chronicles is a curated showcase of iconic automobiles, each with its own story to tell. From sleek sports cars to vintage cruisers, meet the collectors, hear their stories, and celebrate the enduring beauty of the automobile.

Two Wheel Tales

11 a.m. and 3 p.m. | Saturday and Sunday

Step into the world of legendary motorcycles. In these 15-minute talks, passionate owners share the history, craftsmanship, and character of their classic bikes. The conversations offer a rare glimpse into the soul of the two-wheeled engineering followed by question-and-answer sessions with fellow enthusiasts.

Musical Performance Schedule

The **Nashville Jazz Orchestra** will perform on the Arboretum Lawn Stage from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Featuring saxophones, trumpets, trombones, and a robust rhythm section, the group channels the big band heyday that defined the 1910s through the 1940s.

The **Classic Cruisers** will be in the spotlight on the Arboretum Lawn Stage from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. They will rev up the day with hits from the 1950s to the 1970s and perform crowd-pleasing car themed tunes that will have you singing along as you cruise down memory lane.

Family Car Activity

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Arboretum Lawn | Saturday and Sunday

Draw inspiration from the classic cars on display at Cheekwood and design your own paper version with the help of popsicle sticks.

Commemorative Artwork

For the second year in a row, commemorative artwork that captures the spirit of the event and era will be available for purchase. Artist Mattie Ree Neal's custom design will be featured on limited edition prints and posters. Neal is a native Nashvillian and attended Lipscomb Academy. Her work has been displayed at the U.S. Capitol, the Players Club of New York, and published in *The Tennessean* and *International Artist Magazine*.

The Lambert Cup

The Lambert Cup is an award presented to one of the exhibitors who exemplifies the passion that Mark Lambert had for classic cars. The honor celebrates individuals who are not only avid enthusiasts but also dedicated historians and preservationists. An Indianapolis native, Lambert was a nationally known automobile historian, preservationist, and enthusiast. His eponymous classic car business was in a retired 1920s firehouse on Charlotte Avenue in Nashville. From this location, Lambert assisted countless automotive enthusiasts across the nation in building collections, restoring, maintaining, showing, and touring them, gaining further insight into the importance of their cars and the era in which they originated. In addition to operating his business, Lambert was a long-time and highly respected judge at the nation's most prestigious classic car events, including the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, The Amelia and The Elegance at Hershey. Barry Stowe will present the 2025 Lambert Cup to **Alex Joyce** on June 15. A devoted historian and preservationist, Joyce has long demonstrated a deep passion for classic cars, with a particular enthusiasm for turn-of-the-century automobiles. He has toured thousands of miles across multiple continents, and his meticulously preserved cars have earned top honors at some of the world's most prestigious concours events. The award will remain at Cheekwood with all the winners' names engraved.

Ticket information

This is a special ticketed event. Tickets are currently on sale for members and become available to not-yet members on May 13. All tickets can be purchased at <https://cheekwood.org/calendar-events/exposition-of-elegance-classic-cars-at-cheekwood/> Reserving a timed-entry ticket in advance is required for all guests. During busy seasons and events, Cheekwood may reach parking capacity. If parking capacity is reached, walk-up tickets will only be available for those utilizing rideshare services.

Exposition of Elegance: Classic Cars at Cheekwood is presented by Pinnacle Financial Partners, sponsored by Andrews Transportation Group with a special thanks to Hyatt Place Nashville Green Hills. Your Williamson is the media sponsor.

About Cheekwood Estate & Gardens

With its intact and picturesque vistas, Cheekwood is distinguished as one of the leading Country Place Era estates in the nation. Formerly the family home of Mabel and Leslie Cheek, the 1930s estate, with its 30,000-square-foot Mansion and 55-acres of gardens, today serves the public as a botanical garden, arboretum, and art museum with furnished period rooms and galleries devoted to American art from the 18th to mid-20th centuries. The property includes 13 distinct gardens including the Blevins Japanese Garden and the Bracken Foundation Children's Garden, as well as a 1.5-mile woodland trail featuring outdoor monumental sculpture. Each year, Cheekwood hosts seasonal festivals including Cheekwood in Bloom, Summertime at Cheekwood, Cheekwood Harvest and Holiday LIGHTS. Cheekwood is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and nationally as a Level

Il Arboretum. It is a three-time voted USA Today Top 10 Botanical Garden, in 2024 received a Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Award, and in 2021 was named by Fodors as one of the 12 Most Beautiful Gardens in the American South. Cheekwood is located eight miles southwest of downtown Nashville at 1200 Forrest Park Drive. It is open Tuesday through Sunday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., with extended days and hours of operation depending on the season. Visit cheekwood.org for current hours and to purchase advance tickets required for admission.

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