



2025 Perpetual Awards

These special awards were created as tribute to an individual or organization making significant contributions to the Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance. In most cases these awards are selected by a panel of our Honorary Judges. With their varied backgrounds and distinctions, they are uniquely qualified to judge exceptional aesthetic merit.

The Perpetual Awards are permanently on display at Hillsborough Town Hall, at the corner of El Camino Real and Floribunda Avenue. They can be viewed during regular Town Hall hours. The Perpetual Trophies are awarded on Concours Day and then returned to their display after engraving. At the awards ceremony, winners are also presented with elegant keepsake trophies.



2025 Perpetual Award Winners

The Tom Meakin Best Muscle Car Award

Tom Meakin, an automobile aficionado from childhood, was a longtime Hillsborough resident and regular attendee of the Concours from its inception and a regular exhibitor from the 1970's. His love of muscle cars started from reconfiguring the cars of his youth, installing larger motors and speed equipment. He was often seen drag racing at late night matches on Canada Road between Edgewood and the Pulgas Water Temple, shaping his future love and restoration of Ford high performance cars of the 60's and beyond. Tom enjoyed many of the Concours he attended but Hillsborough was his favorite since many of his oldest friends and family were often in attendance. The Meakin family is proud to sponsor the Best Muscle Car trophy in his honor.

Judged by: Class Judges

Presented by: The Meakin Family

About the Winner

Car: 1970 Ford Mustang Boss 429

Class: AM

Owner: Dennis & Vicki Murfin





Bob Cole Award

Awarded to the best British car. This award, first presented in 2016, is selected and presented by Bob Cole, an esteemed member of our Honorary Judges Committee; Co-Founder of the Candy Store and legendary car restorer, racer and collector. Bob has a long standing and deep knowledge of and appreciation for automobiles of British manufacture. The winner shall be the car of British origin that most clearly exemplifies the excellence and essence – the spirit – of British automotive design.

Judged by: Bob Devlin

Presented by: The Honorary Judges

About the Winner

Car: 1950 Jaguar XK-120

Class: I

Owner: Michael DeBacker





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Strother MacMinn Design Award

This award is presented to the car featuring the most inspirational design elements of a car of its era. Strother MacMinn was founder of the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena. The trophy, added in 1998, was designed by students of the college to honor the contributions of the man who graced their presence as an automobile designer, writer, historian and teacher. Over the decades, Strother MacMinn was highly influential in the evolution of car design while he celebrated the automotive designs of the previous era. His lessons on the art of design and the responsibilities of designers will live on.

Judged by: The Honorary Judges

Presented by: The Honorary Judges

About the Winner

Car: 1973 BMW 3.0 CS

Class: TC

Owner: Ori & Athena Della Penna





Sid Colberg Award

Automotive author Cyril Posthumus, wrote, “A sports car is one in which performance takes precedence over its carrying capacity.” Veteran automobile tester Tom McCahill suggested that a sports car is by design an automobile that is a piece of sporting equipment. Presented first in 2004, the Sid Colberg Award honors the best sports car from the golden era of “Classic” sports cars (1947 through 1960). The Honorary Judges will select the car that most exemplifies the attribute of exceptional handling and cornering, superior performance and verve; and has extraordinary quality, appearance and style.

Judged by: The Honorary Judges
Presented by: The Honorary Judges

About the Winner

Car: 1932 Alfa Romeo 8C 2300 Spyder Corsa

Class: V

Owner: Scott & Joanie Kriens





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Elwood Hansen Award—Best Open Pre-WWII Car

In addition to their timeless elegance, open cars of the pre-war era evoke a sense of freedom and adventure, with their sleek, aerodynamic profiles and the thrill of experiencing the open road. These vehicles are celebrated for their connection to the natural environment and the still-new exhilarating sensation of motoring. Elwood Hansen was a generous benefactor of the Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance who devoted a lifetime to philanthropic causes in the Bay Area. This Elwood Hansen Award recognizes the most elegant open pre-World War II automobile in the Concours.

Judged by: The Honorary Judges
Presented by: The Honorary Judges

About the Winner

Car: 1935 Bentley 3.5 Liter Drophead

Class: RB

Owner Ellen & Bob Cole





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Elwood Hansen Award—Best Closed Pre-WWII Car

Elegance in pre-war cars is defined by timeless design, intricate craftsmanship, and attention to detail. These vehicles embody grace and sophistication, featuring sleek lines, luxurious materials, and a focus on aesthetic beauty. The artful blend of form and function, along with the use of high-quality materials, creates a sense of opulence and refinement. Elwood Hansen was a generous benefactor of the Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance who devoted a lifetime to philanthropic causes in the Bay Area. This Elwood Hansen Award recognizes the most elegant closed pre-World War II automobile in the Concours.

Judged by: The Honorary Judges
Presented by: The Honorary Judges

About the Winner

Car: 1938 Packard Twelve 1608

Class: AC

Owner: Rich & Laura Azzolino





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Franklin Templeton Investments Award—Best Open Post-WWII Car

Modern styling with grace and luxurious appointments to cosset the driver and passengers was the distinctive feature of elegance in post-war automotive design. The rapid evolution of styles mirrored the dynamics of society of the period. The designs captured the essence of the post-war car culture. Franklin Templeton Investments has been a generous supporter of the Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance for many years and these awards were created in recognition of their support. Honorary Judges select the most elegant open post-World War II car to receive this award.

Judged by: The Honorary Judges
Presented by: The Honorary Judges

About the Winner

Car: 1957 Maserati A6G/54 2000 Frua Spyder

Class: Q

Owner: Timothy Koogler





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Franklin Templeton Investments Award—Best Closed Post-WWII Car

Elegance in post-war automobiles captured the spirit of the times while pushing the boundaries of technology to achieve iconic, innovative, and aspirational rolling art. Blending artistry and engineering, designers shaped the exterior and interior to achieve the form, function, and aesthetic appeal that established their visual identity and emotional appeal. Franklin Templeton Investments has been a generous supporter of the Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance for many years and these awards were created in recognition of their support. Honorary Judges select the most elegant closed post-World War II car to receive this award.

Judged by: The Honorary Judges
Presented by: The Honorary Judges

About the Winner

Car: 1956 Mercedes-Benz 300 Sc

Class: TC

Owner: Joe Sully





Honorary Judges Trophy

Each year our distinguished panel of Honorary Judges is asked to select a car of particularly noteworthy engineering advances and artistic merit. Not bound by the more rigid rules of Class judging, the judges are free to use completely subjective criteria to select a car with the right stuff.

Judged by: The Honorary Judges
Presented by: The Honorary Judges

About the Winner

Car: 1967 Mazda Cosmo

Class: J

Owner: Carson & Helen Chen





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Rob & Susan Fisher Phoenix Award

Our previous Chairman, Rob Fisher and his wife Sue, saved this very Concours from giving up the ghost in 2009. We are extremely grateful to Rob and Sue for working tirelessly to save and expand the Concours, bringing it to its new location here at the beautiful Crystal Springs Golf Course, and helping it reach new heights. This award will go to the special vehicle on display that was saved from almost certain demise and restored to full glory through a complete restoration – a very fitting tribute to Rob and Sue.

Judged by: The Honorary Judges
Presented by: Rob and Susan Fisher

About the Winner

Car: 1946 Volkswagen Type 1

Class: SD5

Owner: Mark Merrill





The Candy Store President's Award

The Candy Store was started in 1979 by Bob Cole and the late Russell Head, two automobile enthusiasts. Their vision was to have a safe environment to store their collection as well as opening the clubhouse to other enthusiasts to share their camaraderie and enjoy the visual feast of an incomparable collection of vintage automobiles. This award is selected and presented by the current President of the Candy Store Club. The winning car is selected to represent the best example of elegance, presentation and rarity at the Concours.

Judged by: Phil Battat

Presented by: The Honorary Judges

About the Winner

Car: 1925 Lancia Lambda Casaro

Class: AC

Owner: Paul & Vicki Tullius





Chairman's Award

The duties of the Concours Chairman are manifold, requiring a substantial dedication to keeping the tradition of the Hillsborough Concours alive and upholding Hillsborough's commitment to authenticity, quality and excellence in design and engineering. This award, chosen by the Concours Chairman, is presented to the exhibitor most deserving of recognition by the Chairman.

Judged by: The Concours Chairman
Presented by: The Honorary Judges

About the Winner

Car: 1967 Ferrari 365 California Spyder

Class: FE1

Owner: Stone Edge Collection





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The Wayne Craig Children's Choice Award

Respecting our legacy with Hillsborough Schools and honoring our dear friend Wayne Craig, our Chief Docent who led the Junior Judges Program for over 10 years, this important award passes the torch to the next generation of automobile enthusiasts, chosen by children attending the Concours as their favorite car.

Judged by: Children's Votes

Presented by: Jorie Craig, daughter of Wayne Craig

About the Winner

Car: The Wienermobile

Class: Outstanding in the Field

Owner: Oscar Mayer





Owners' Choice Award

Who is a better judge of elegance than those that labor to achieve excellence in their own automobile? The winner of this unique trophy is chosen by the owners themselves on the basis of beauty, style, elegance, and that intangible, visceral quality – desirability.

Judged by: Owners' Votes

Presented by: The Honorary Judges

About the Winner

Car: 1954 Chevrolet Corvette

Class: ASC

Owner: Robert La Mar





People's Choice

This award recognizes the automobile the attendees of the Concours would most like to drive right off the field this afternoon. It might be the color of the paint, those big chrome headlights, the velocity stacks or the graceful flare of the fenders. The criteria are completely subjective. This award goes to the car with the most votes from visitors attending the show.

Judged by: Attendees' Votes

Presented by: The Honorary Judges

About the Winner

Car: 2004 Ferrari Challenge Stradale

Class: FE2

Owner: Christopher & Patricia Pascoe





Best in Show - Sport

This award recognizes the best of the best. The Chief Judge and two Honorary Judges select the single best car in the show from the list of winners in each class and the overall award winners. While objective criteria are important, the judges also use subjective criteria to differentiate near-perfect cars.

Judged by: The Honorary Judges
Presented by: Glen Egan, Chairman

About the Winner

Car: 1957 Maserati A6G/54 2000 Frua Spyder

Class Q

Owner: Timothy Koogle





Best in Show - Elegance

This award recognizes the best of the best. The Chief Judge and two Honorary Judges select the single best car in the show from the list of winners in each class and the overall award winners. While objective criteria are important, the judges also use subjective criteria to differentiate near-perfect cars.

Judged by: The Honorary Judges
Presented by: The Honorary Judges

About the Winner

Car: 1936 Mercedes-Benz 540K

Class: AC

Owner: Valerie & Aaron Weiss





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Celebrating Our Pursuit of Excellence and Elegance for Sixty-Nine Years

