



2018 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.



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 Cole
Presented by: Bob Cole

About the Winner

Car: 1964 Morgan + 4

Class: V – Vintage Sports Cars

Owner: John Tennyson





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: Honorary Judges

Presented by: Cindy Lewis and Tom Matano,

About the Winner

Car: 1952 Siata 208CS Spider Corsa

Class: I – Imported Sports Cars through 1962

Owner: Raffi Najjarian





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: Brian Douglas and Bob Devlin

About the Winner

Car: 1971 Lamborghini Miura S

Class: LG1 – Lamborghini to 1987

Owner: Michael & Holly McGinnis





2018 Perpetual Award Winners

Elwood Hansen Award—Best Open Pre-WWII Car

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: Tim McGrane and Jackie Frady

About the Winner

Car: 1934 Bentley Derby 3½ Litre

Class: RB – Rolls-Royce and Bentley Pre-War

Owner: Gordon & Theo Johnson





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Elwood Hansen Award—Best Closed Pre-WWII Car

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Judged by: The Honorary Judges

Presented by: Tim McGrane and Jackie Frady

About the Winner

Car: 1938 Buick Limited - Opera Brougham

Class: BU1 – Buick Pre-War

Owner: Academy of Art University





2018 Perpetual Award Winners

Franklin Templeton Investments Award—Best Open Post-WWII Car

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: Joe Brilando and Hal Schuette

About the Winner

Car: 1949 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 SS Cabriolet

Class: I - Imported Sports Cars through 1962

Owner: Dave & Susan Buchanan





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Presented by: Joe Brilando and Hal Schuette

About the Winner

Car: 1967 Ferrari 275 GTB4

Class: FE1 – Ferrari Class 1 (12 Cylinders) through 2006

Owner: Larry & Jane Solomon





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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: Ed Gilbertson

About the Winner

Car: 1951 Mercury Eight

Class: SD1 – Hot Rods

Owner: Nick Rogers





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Rob & Susan Fisher Phoenix Award

Our previous Chairman, Rob Fisher and his wife Sue, saved this very Concours from its demise seven years ago. 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: 1972 Cadillac Ambulance

Class: W - Arcane and Rare through 1987

Owner: Bayshore Ambulance





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: Rob Fisher

Presented by: Rob Fisher, President

About the Winner

Car: 1952 Cunningham C-3

Class: I - Imported Sports Cars through 1962

Owner: Karra L. Canum





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: Rich Kelaita, Chairman

About the Winner

Car: 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle LS5 SS

Class: AM - American Muscle Cars 1964 - 1973

Owner: Dan Bishop





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Hillsborough Hot Rod Award

The Hillsborough Hot Rod Award is chosen by our panel of Hot Rod judges who have deep design and build experience. It recognizes the long tradition of American (and especially Californian) innovation and improvisation in reimagining automobile design. This award celebrates exceptional styling and performance in a custom hot rod. The winner represents a truly unique blend of art and fun to inspire automobile cruising.

Judged by: Hot Rod Judges
Presented by: Rob O'Neill

About the Winner

Car: 1951 Mercury Eight

Class: SD1 – Hot Rods

Owner: Nick Rogers





2018 Perpetual Award Winners

Hillsborough Schools Foundation—Children's Choice Award

Passing the torch to the next generation of automobile enthusiasts, this award is chosen by children attending our show as their favorite car. It is presented by a representative of the Hillsborough Schools Foundation.

Judged by: Children's Votes

Presented by: Hillsborough Schools Foundation

About the Winner

Car: 1959 Buick Electra

Class: SD1 – Hot Rods

Owner: Michel & Corey Dunlap





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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: Jackie Frady

About the Winner

Car: 1966 Lamborghini 400 GT

Class: LG1 – Lamborghini to 1987

Owner: Robert Ross





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: Dick Deluna

About the Winner

Car: 1970 McLaren M8C

Class: V – Vintage Race Cars

Owner: Kevin OConnor





Best in Show

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: Rich Kelaita

About the Winner

Car: 1966 Lamborghini 400 GT

Class: LG1 – Lamborghini to 1987

Owner: Robert Ross

