



Grand Classic auto show to be held at West Baden Springs

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WEST BADEN -- Classic car aficionados from around the state will gather at West Baden Springs National Historic Landmark on May 20 and 21 for the Grand Classic auto show. The show will feature between 40 and 60 classic automobiles under the gilded atrium and along the entrance drive.

Autos entered in the show will be judged by the Classic Car Club of America on standards that include authenticity and engine function. Judging will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday, with the remainder of judging occurring on Saturday. Highlights of cars currently entered in the show include:

- 1933 Auburn Phaeton
- 1936 Cord Westchester Sedan
- 1936 Packard Sport Phaeton
- 1937 Packard Coupe Roadster
- 1937 Packard Victoria Convertible

Admission to Grand Classic is included in the regular admission price for a guided tour: \$10 per adult, \$5 per child 13-18, \$2 per child 6-12 and children under 5 are free. The landmark has resumed its regular tour schedule after scaling back for the winter months. The one-hour tours start on the hour between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday and between noon and 4 p.m. on Sundays. Groups of 10 or more may make an appointment to tour on any date, at their time of choice, by making arrangements two weeks in advance.

The West Baden Springs Hotel rescue and restoration began in 1996, when Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana purchased the endangered property and teamed with Bloomington, Ind.-based Cook Group Inc. to save the site. After a \$34.5 million restoration directed by Cook Group, the garden and exteriors of all buildings on the property are restored, as are the main public spaces on the first-floor interior. Complete restoration of the elegant hotel will accompany the arrival of casino gaming in the adjoining towns of French Lick and West Baden by 2007.

While standard guided tours and the scheduled teas will continue throughout the restoration, the availability of special tours and events will depend upon the construction schedule. Historic Landmarks encourages tours to check on the exciting progress. For more information about West Baden Springs Hotel click [HERE](#)

Afternoon Tea at West Baden Springs

Continuing with the historic landmark's long-standing tradition of offering tea rituals, West Baden Springs also will be hosting an afternoon tea on Saturday, March 19 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. The event includes a tour and a five-course tea in the sixth floor demonstration suite, which overlooks the domed atrium. Click

[HERE](#) for more information. Other upcoming dates for Afternoon Tea are April 16, May 7, May 18, and June 15. High Tea, a heartier 5-course version of the ritual will be offered June 18.

Daily tours will continue on the landmark's winter hours schedule through March 31. The one-hour tours take place at 1 p.m. weekdays and on the hour from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. No reservations are required. Groups of 10 or more may make an appointment to tour on any date, at the time of their choosing, by making arrangements two weeks in advance.