Museum Car Show features Lamborghini Countache

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Stouffville's 36th annual Antique & Classic Car Show takes place Sunday Aug. 9 (with a rain date of Aug. 16) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum and adjacent Vandorf Park.

This is Stouffville's longest-running, single-day event and has always taken place at the museum, according to Stephanie Foley, curator at Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum. "From 1973 to 1978, the show was at the original museum site in Bogarttown (north side of Vivian between Woodbine and Leslie) and from then on it has been at the current museum site in Vandorf," said Ms Foley, who has been involved in the show since 1993.

The show features cars that are at least 25 years old and is the major fundraising event to support capital projects at the museum. Tens of thousands of dollars have been raised to help restore the heritage buildings and develop the museum site.

"Money raised at this year's show will contribute to the recently announced museum visitor community centre construction project," said Dorie Billich, manager of culture and museum services at the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.
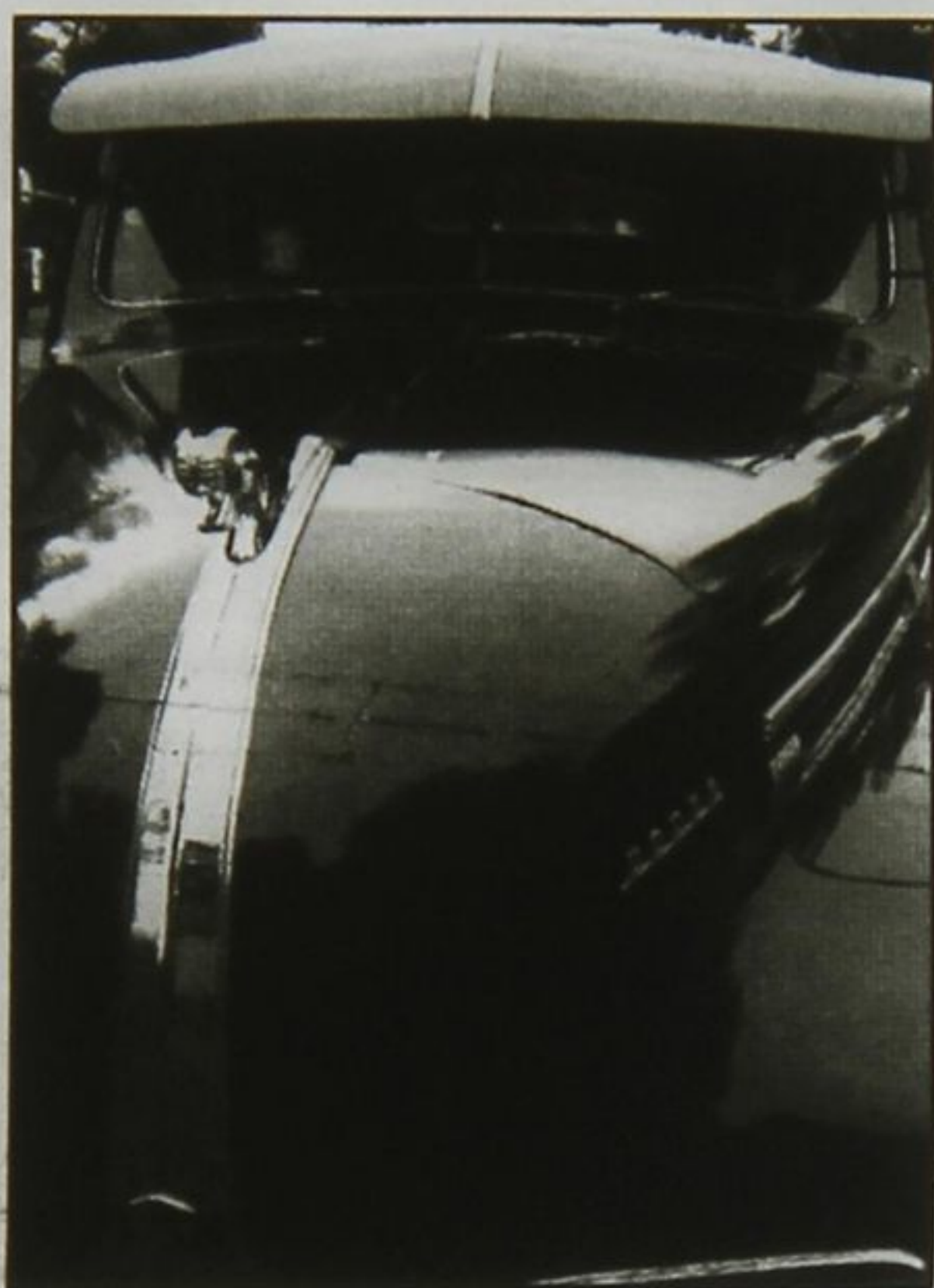
More than 400 cars will likely be displayed this year, from a 1913 Ford model T, to Packards and Auburns from the 1930s, to the 1950s classic models like the ones seen in the movies American Graffiti and Grease.

"You'll see cars like Novas and Gremlins that were around when I first got my driver's licence. A 1950s transport arrived one year, a hearse was displayed another time. As a special feature this year, we'll have a Lamborghini Countache on display. This model was the most expensive car on the market in its day," said Ms Billich.

But the show is more than just a day for old car buffs. All of the restored heritage buildings on site at the museum will be open, with volunteers demonstrating heritage life skills and answering questions. A magician and musical entertainers are part of the line-up, along with old-fashioned children's games at the barn, plank walkers and a scavenger hunt with small toy prizes.

The museum is located at 14732 Woodbine Ave., which is 3 km north of Bloomington Road. Admission is $5 per exhibitor plus one guest, $6 per person and $15 for a family of four. Children under 7 are free. For more information visit www.townofws.com/museum, email wsmuseum@townofws.com or phone 905-727-8954. The toll-free number is 1-888-290-0337.

Scavenger hunt clue: This car was built in 1940 and carries the Dodge brothers' name. Come and find it at the Car Show and win a prize.