SEEKING CLASSIC CYCLES FOR "THE MASTERPIECE"

Each year I sign up antique and classic motorcycles for exhibition in a prestigious event known as The Milwaukee Masterpiece or "Masterpiece of Style & Speed." The Masterpiece is a showing of classic cars, trucks and motorcycles on the Milwaukee lakefront in August. It's a beautiful show with most vehicles arranged in "circles of elegance" in Veteran's Park with the lake on one side and the Milwaukee skyline as a backdrop. It is a great spot for photos.

This year's Masterpiece is August 25-26. The first day is "Club Day" and Sunday is the Concours d'Elegance. It is the concours event that I arrange motorcycles for. The show has a website *www.milwaukeemasterpiece.com* that you can go to for all the details and pictures. You will see that the show is organized by a charity called Jewish Family Services. They have a show staff in Milwaukee. Class chairman like me are volunteers who work from where we live and our role is to select vehicles we would love to have in the show and invite them.

If you know of a motorcycle that would be just right for The Masterpiece, please get in touch with me by email at Gunnellj@TDS.net or by phone at 715-281-5925. There will be two bike classes at the Sunday show, each with up to about 10 motorcycles. So I am looking to invite 20 nice motorcycles, representative of different classes and styles, to take part in the show.

All bikes that are entered must be 1972 or earlier models. We have had some fabulous bikes. But it seems that every year we go past the April deadline for signing up entrants. This year I'm trying to get my invitations out on time.

Since there is a limited number of invitations, they are handed out to serious participants only. Many of the bikes we have shown are mint originals or perfect restorations, but we have had "barn finds" like a Shaw and a Flying Merkel.

Please let me know by April 1 if you would like to be invited or if you're not interested, but know of someone with a nice bike that would like to come. Please send me their contact information so I can mail them a personal invitation.

There's no entry fee. The Masterpiece is a good place to have a bike seen so that people can appreciate your restoration skills. If you deal in classic bikes or parts for them, it is a great place to find potential customers. It's no secret that car collectors have been buying bikes and the auctions now have classic bike sales.

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