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Some of his awards include:

Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum Invitational Art Show; 2004-2005, Museums’ Choice Award; 2007.

Gilmore Concours; 2000, 2001, 2003 & 2007, Artist Recognition Award.

Eyes on Design; 1997 & 1998, Best of Show.

Bay Harbor Concours; 2002 & 2004, Best of Show; 2003, Art Recognition Award.

Spirit of the Automoblist; 2001 & 2003.

Sports Car Market Award; 2000.

Richard Teague Award; 1999.

Meadow Brook Concours; 1998, Award of Excellence.

Press Release

Auburn welcomes back as its Museums' Choice Award Winner, 2007, nationally acclaimed automotive artist Alexander Buchan as well as two of his grandchildren, Alex, 11, and Adeline, 6, to decorate the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum for a month. Buchan will be exhibiting 18 pieces of his bronze automotive sculptures as well as his grandchildren's bronze sculptures from Friday, March 14, 2008 through Saturday, April 12. The public is invited to attend the free exhibit opening on Friday, March 14th at 7 pm at the museum. Buchan and his grandchildren will be on-hand at the opening to discuss their work. Complimentary wine and cheese, cookies and punch will be served. As always, the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum galleries will be available to view during the exhibit opening free of charge.

Included in the exhibit will be a very rare 1910 American Underslung automobile and a customized Buchan bronze sculpture of both the car and its owners. Buchan named the piece "The Ties that Bind" for the unique neck ties worn by the owners. Both the sculpture and the automobile are being exhibited courtesy of automobile collectors Ron Elenbaas and Bill Johnston.

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Buchan shares his love of art and sculpture with Alex and Adeline, "Working with my grandchildren is the most exciting thing I am doing right now," said Buchan. "Even if these kids go on to be lawyers or pharmacists, I have the pleasure of knowing that I helped plant the seed of creativity in their lives and that that is something they can always use," said Buchan. The children's passion for art goes back to the 2005 Labor Day museum art show and sale. "Adeline came with me to the museum show and on the

second day of the 2005 show, she walked up and down the aisle and looked at all of the artwork on display by the other artists. Soon after, she came over to me and announced that 'she was an artist too.' She hung up some of her drawings on my display and showcased them. She went home that day with five dollars in her pocket from those drawings and has been hooked ever since," said Buchan. "Alex saw Adeline's excitement and the train project that she was working on and decided that he wanted to sculpt something as well. He has sculpted a boat and is currently working on another project," said Buchan. "It is a pleasure to show them how to put the magic into the metal,"