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Thousand Islands Bridge commemorates 75 years with August festivities

Collins Landing, NY – The Thousand Islands Bridge will recognize 75 years of operation with a pair of public festivities in August.

A fireworks display commemorating the anniversary begins at dusk on Friday, Aug. 2, from the shoreline of Boldt Castle on Heart Island near Alexandria Bay, NY

A public “open house” is planned for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at the authority property near the toll plaza at the U.S. mainland. A presentation on the bridge’s construction including archival images and video will be hosted by historian Brian Phillips, **Rockport, ON**. Entertainment will be provided by the 10th Mountain Division Band, Fort Drum, NY, and Brockville Pipes & Drums, Brockville, ON. More than 100 automobiles are expected to participate in a vintage auto show. Bridge maintenance equipment including **its annual painting apparatuses** and more will be on display. A video commemorating the 75th anniversary including interviews with bridge construction workers will play throughout the day. Children’s activities are planned.

Refreshments including ice cream and beverages will be served. Memorabilia including commemorative coins and postcards will be distributed. Drawings will be held for 1000 Islands vacation packages. Public parking is located near the Thousand Islands Welcome Center on Collins Landing Road off Seaway Avenue.

Construction of the Thousand Islands Bridge began in May 1937 and a dedication ceremony marking the completion was Aug. 18, 1938.