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American Canadian Cruise Line Donates Cruise to Prudence Conservancy Silent Auction

(Prudence Island, July 26, 2009) Thanks to the generosity of American Canadian Cruise Line executive team members Nancy, Marcia, and Julie Blount, who oversee the family businesses of their father, the late Luther Blount, Prudence Conservancy will be offering the opportunity to bid on an ACCL cruise cabin (double occupancy) at the Conservancy's annual Silent Auction and Ice Cream Social to be held August 8 at 1:30 p.m. at Farnham Farm.

The successful bidder will choose a departure date of either September 15th or October 12th. Either package includes leaving Warren, RI on a day-long trip (including lunch) to Quebec City, where they will board the MV Grande Caribe heading back to its home port in Rhode Island. Bidders can choose between the Classic Adventure: Erie Canal/Saguenay cruise which leaves Quebec City September 15 arriving in Warren September 27th, or the Northeastern Fall Foliage cruise leaving Quebec City on October 12th and disembarking in Warren, RI October 24th. ACCL is the only cruise line that can navigate narrow locks and low bridges, thanks to the ingenuity of late owner and Captain Luther Blount, who designed a ship with a retractable pilothouse.

Both ships' itineraries include cruising the waterways of Native American, Colonial, Revolutionary and Industrial Eras including the St. Lawrence Seaway, Lake Ontario featuring Thousand Islands, the Erie Canal, the Hudson River Valley and returning to Narragansett Bay. Starting bids for the chosen cruise is \$3,000 with all money going directly to the Prudence Conservancy. The retail value of this donation is \$7,650 and includes port charges. For more details about the trips, go to www.ACCL-smallships.com.

The Blount family has strong connections to Prudence Island and the Conservancy. Shortly before his death in 2006, Luther Blount and his heirs agreed to a charitable sale of development rights to the Conservancy of 168 pristine acres of beach frontage including Sandy Beach, a salt marsh and woods on the northern end of Prudence. The land, with a market value of well over one million dollars, was saved from possible development.

The Blount family continues to stay involved with Prudence Island. Marcia Blount serves on the Conservancy Board of Directors. The family's Prudence Island home is being updated for siblings, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Luther Blount to enjoy. Addressing the importance of Prudence Conservancy, Marcia Blount, speaking for the family said, "As the family of the late Luther Blount, who loved the island, we are happy to be able to help the Conservancy purchase, preserve, and protect land and keep the island from becoming overly developed."

If you want to make an early bid on the cruise or can't make it out to Prudence Island for the Annual Ice Cream Social & Silent Auction, you can bid by going to the Prudence Conservancy web site at prudenceconservancy.org which will allow you to place your bid through Ebay.