

Pomfret Events: "Worth It!"

Pomfret's "*What's It Worth?*" **Antiques Appraisal and Town-Wide Tag Sale** on August 11th were a great success. Thanks to months of planning and countless volunteer hours by the **Pomfret Proprietors**, on this fine summer day Pomfret became a destination for visitors from three states as well as hundreds of Quiet Corner residents. In addition to local advertisements, news of these events was published in the *Hartford Courant*, the *Providence Journal*, the *Norwich Bulletin*, and more. Feedback from participants in the appraisal and tag sale encourages a repeat performance of both events for next year. Many wanted the "What's It Worth?" held twice a year.

The Pomfret Proprietors *greatly* appreciate the time that Michael Grogan and his two associates from Grogan & Co. Fine Art Auctioneers & Appraisers volunteered to verbally appraise nearly 600 items brought by over 200 visitors at the "What's It Worth?" Event. These seasoned appraisers were very impressed by the turnout, staying an extra 3 hours to make sure each antique was seen and valued. Although exhausted, they enjoyed the day and were happy to send a few lucky souls away with good news. They estimated a value of up to \$20,000 for one painting and recommended that another couple see a specialist in New York City, who could verify the authenticity of a lithograph they brought. If proved authentic, it could worth up to \$400,000.

In addition to the hundreds at Pomfret School Strong Field House, the other scenic roads of Pomfret were busy with visitors looking for treasures at Pomfret's **Town-Wide Tag Sale**. The sale featured 32 Pomfret residences and businesses that registered to be on a map created by Andrew LaCasse, Barry Jessurun and Nora Robbins. Over 250 maps were sold starting at 7:30AM on the Town Green. Pomfret Proprietor Ann Bedard estimates that almost 150 people showed up for her neighbor's sale on Route 97. "Our tag Sale was busy from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm," Pomfret Proprietor Martha Emilio stated. "After their tag sale purchases, I offered customers free coffee at the MAJiLLY barn – we had over 200 new visitors to MAJiLLY!"

Many benefited from these events: merchants from additional business, residents and organizations who hosted tag sales, visitors who enjoyed the beauty and bounty of the Quiet Corner. In addition, all profits from the registrations of these events will help fund

a scholarship created by the Pomfret Proprietors. This scholarship will be awarded to a Pomfret resident and student who displays a serious interest in entrepreneurship or plans to study business in college. For more information about the Pomfret Proprietors, go to www.VisitPomfret.com.