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***Pomfret, CT:
Antiques, Music & Art Events on June 11***

April 26, 2011, Pomfret, CT . . . On Saturday, June 11, 2011 the small town of Pomfret, CT, will welcome hundreds of visitors for three special events. Spend the day or book a weekend stay at one of our local B&Bs and enjoy history, music, art and more. Located in Connecticut's scenic Quiet Corner--just 10 minutes from Putnam, a popular antiques destination--a visit to Pomfret is worth the drive for these events and to visit our historic landmarks, unique shops and exceptional restaurants. Go to www.VisitPomfret.com for more information.

"What's It Worth?" Antique Appraisal Event

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The Pomfret Proprietors will sponsor the 4th Annual ***"What's It Worth?"*** antique appraisal event at the **Pomfret School Strong Field House** (17 Mallory St. off RT 169) from **9AM to 1PM**. Dig out your antiques and head to Pomfret for a verbal appraisal from Thomas

Degnan of Antiques at Pompey Hollow. Cost is \$10 for one item or \$15 for two. Please bring items that are easily carried by hand.

With 30 years experience in the antiques and fine arts business, Degnan has been responsible for identifying well over a million dollars worth of fine art and antiques as well as directly marketing much more through auctions, retail and wholesale marketing venues. An insurance representative will also be on hand to offer advice on insuring your treasures. Profits from this event will benefit a Pomfret Proprietors Scholarship Fund. Visit www.VisitPomfret.com for more information.

"Boogie & Blues" Festival

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Following "What's It Worth," the Strong Field House will host a **"Boogie & Blues" Music Festival from 3- 9PM**. In its 4th year, this event is a fundraiser supporting Pomfret's **c.1773 Abington Social Library**, the oldest continuously operated social library in the United States.

The festival features four bands: **Rule 62**, with a special guest appearance by **Jimmy Biggins**, a tenor sax standout, formerly with James Taylor and presently part of the Mohegan Sun All-Star Band; **Groove 32** is a local group of musicians that play a variety of Chicago-style blues music; **Johnny Press Mess** a nice mix of blues, funk and rock; and **Sweet Daddy Cool Breeze**, a Chicago-style boogie and blues band formed by Wally "Sweet Daddy" Greaney.

The festival also offers a wide variety of arts & crafts vendors, including handmade cards, local photographers, herbs & spices, handmade lotions and soaps and much more. Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be available for purchase during the event, plus a few dozen baskets of local goods are raffled off throughout the event. In addition, **free "Boogie & Blues" tickets** are available for visitors who pay to have an antique appraised at "What's It Worth?".

All proceeds from this festival benefit the non-profit Abington Social Library. Established in 1773, the library also holds the distinction of being the oldest library association originated by women in the State of Connecticut. Aside from a stipend annually given by the Town of Pomfret and a few annuities donated by friends of the library, money to keep this library operating must come from fundraising activities. The Abington Social Library continues to be an important resource to the community and continues to expand its programs and make renovations on the 126-year-old building.

The cost to attend is \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door for adults. Children under 12 are free. Parking is free. Come join us for a wonderful afternoon/evening treat of music, food, and fun! For more details or tickets, please call 860-974-0415 and leave a message. Also visit www.AbingtonSocialLibrary.org.

CT Open House Day

June 11th is the State Commission on Culture & Tourism's **7th annual Connecticut Open House Day**. This one-day statewide event is designed to showcase Connecticut's diverse world of history, art, film and tourism to Connecticut residents with free events and other special incentives. Pomfret's **Celebrations**



Gallery will once again participate from **11AM to 4PM**, featuring a variety of artist demonstrations. In past years, many visitors stopped to watch artists paint "en plein aire" on the Gallery's expansive lawn and to see jewelry making techniques demonstrated on the wraparound porch. Celebrations is located just 1/2 mile south of the Pomfret School Field House on Route 169. In addition, Celebrations Tea Room will host a "**Good Ol' Summertime Tea**" on June 11 from 2-5PM (advance reservations required). For more information, visit www.CelebrationsShoppes.com or call 860-928-5492.

MAJiLLY is an adventure of color, art & history in a restored 1800's post & beam barn. Discover the finest quality of artwork on ceramics, shown from the original drawings and assorted bisque shapes to the final, hand painted, hand made pieces from Italy. From 10AM to 4PM, relax on our deck overlooking the pond with refreshments or explore our brightly colored rooms filled with a jewelry artist creating masterpieces, leather handbags & accessories from England and unique pet gifts. MAJiLLY is located at 56 Babbitt Hill Road off of Rt 44 or Rt 97. Visit www.majilly.com or call 860 974-3714 for more information

Pomfret Spirit Shoppe on Route 169 will offer wine tastings (www.pomfretspiritshoppe.com).

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