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## GROTON'S FALL FOLIAGE FESTIVAL HAS PEAK COLORS

Colors were brilliant in and around Groton on Fall Foliage Day, October 7th. A large crowd enjoyed the day visiting with old friends and meeting new ones.

The day started with the Lumberman's Breakfast at the United Methodist Church where 350 hungry "leaf peepers" were fed.

Local people displayed their crafts and wares at many places along main street for visitors to peruse and purchase.

The Historical Society had Open House all day and entertained visitors with pictures and information about Groton. Nathan Puffer and his crew of volunteers demonstrated Timber Frame Construction with hand tools from 10AM to 5PM. They ended the demonstration with the erection of the timber frame for a future blacksmith shop at Russell Butler's next door to the Historical Society.

Russell plans to demonstrate blacksmithing next year during fall foliage day.

McLure's Alumni Band played a concert at the Band Stand before the parade and Dan Gandin's Galusha Hill Gang played after the parade.

The parade started at 1:30 and featured The Blue Mountain

Marching Band Union School accompanied by a cadre of youthful baton twirlers. Makala Perkins rode her pony and John Gordon drove his powered parachute. Numerous groups, floats. politicians and emergency vehicles contributed to a nice parade. Harold Puffer and his family rode on a 1938 fire engine.

Chicken pie and all the trimings was served to 800 people by the Community Club.

A Hymn Sing at the Methodist Church ended the celebration for the day.

## **OFFICERS for 2000**

President Richard Brooks
Vice President Norma Hosmer
Secretary Diane Kreis
Treasurer Josephine French

#### MEETING SCHEDULE

October 9th at 10 AM November 14th at 10 AM December 12th at 10 AM

Peter Paul House, 253 Scott Hwy.

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## SCENES FROM FALL FOLIAGE DAY

















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## WANTED

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Annual dues are only \$5.00 and there is no joining fee. Come to the next meeting and help preserve the history of old Groton for the next generation. Anyone not able to attend meetings can send their dues to the Groton Historical Society, P.O. Box 89, Groton, VT 05046.



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