



Amherst Garden Club won Best in Theme



The Wheelmen display their agility on antique bicycles & tricycles



Civil War enactors in front of Amherst's Civil War Monument



Amherst artist, Dick Fischer



Marching bands entertained the crowd

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July 4th - It Was Amherst at its Best!

How lucky our Fourth of July parade continues to be! This year, with rain clouds all around us, it didn't rain on our parade! Nor did it rain on the visiting dignitaries, Governor Maggie Hassan, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, and Senator Kelly Ayotte, when they spoke to the crowd from the reviewing stand. But it was a wet clean up!

Many, many thanks go to all those who braved the weather to participate in the parade, man the booths on the village green, take pictures, provide musical entertainment, or show their paintings, crafts, or animals. Thanks, too, to the many people who came to enjoy the festivities knowing that they risked getting caught in a rainstorm. All in all, it was Amherst at its best! The bicycles were decorated, the floats were extraordinary, the participants enthusiastic, and the crowd appreciative. It was a good Fourth!

Special thanks go to Jack Reed's volunteer group and Granite State Credit Union for the spectacular fireworks display that was postponed to Saturday. In spite of the many fireworks displays in neighboring towns that night, we had a large audience. Unfortunately, the RE/

MAX hot air balloon had another engagement and couldn't be there but hopefully will come next year.

Thanks also to the town highway department for seeing that we had a paved parade route and celebration readiness, to the police department for maintaining order and safety, to EMS for their reassuring presence, to the fire department for their enthusiastic participation and oversight of the fireworks, to the town administration for its support, and to the CERT and Oak Hill volunteers for their help in managing the crowds.

Appreciation is also due to our financial supporters, our major fireworks sponsor, the Granite State Credit Union, and the magician sponsor, Bot-L-Gas, as well as Jake's Ice Cream, Moulton's Market, and Shaw's Supermarket.

Lastly, a very, very warm thank you to the people who work so hard to make it all happen—the Fourth of July Committee members. They are a remarkable group of people.

Nancy Head,
Chair, Fourth of July Committee

SPECIAL THANKS TO PERRIN ENRIQUEZ, TRAVIS WARREN AND IRENE ALTON FOR OFFERING THEIR JULY 4TH PHOTOS.



BEST CLASSIC MUSCLE CAR: 1969 Camaro SS owned by Paul and Joelle Mancini



BEST PRE-WAR: 1930 Model A owned by Russ Neumann



MOST EXOTIC: 1950 Mercedes 170S owned by Volker Nahrman



BEST TRUCK: 1947 Dodge Cab over engine owned by Mike Emond (and friends!)



MOST FUN: 1967 Volkswagen Beetle owned by Kevin Bevis



Katie Graybill with U.S. Senator, Kelly Ayotte



Amherst Middle School Accapella Singers - singing the National Anthem: Adani Dugai Webster, Evmorfia Alton, Rebecca Benjamin & Abby Maroun

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