



**LIGONIER VALLEY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
— *Keeping Our History Alive* —

What is the Ligonier Valley Historical Society?

Our mission is to discover, collect and preserve the history of the Ligonier Valley area. We showcase life during the 18th and 19th century through the operation of the Compass Inn Museum.

What else do you offer?

- Living History Weekends featuring local artisans and reenactments
- Educational field trips and adult group tours of the Compass Inn Museum
- Engaging lecture series
- Community events: *Festival of Lights* and *Tastes of the Town*
- Laurel Hill Iron Furnace historical site
- Care for abandoned cemeteries where Revolutionary and Civil War Veterans are buried
- Collect and care for archival material and artifacts related to the Ligonier Valley

What are the benefits of being a member?

- Support keeping history alive in our region
- One-year complimentary admission to the Museum and subscription to *The Compass* Newsletter and E-Newsletter
- Member only events and special programs
- Membership discounts: *Festival of Lights*, *Tastes of the Town*, workshops and more; plus 10% discount in the Museum Store



“As an avid collector of antiques, I seek to find historical treasures. The Compass Inn Museum is one of those “treasures” located in our backyard. Membership to the LVHS allows this treasure to make history come alive to its visitors as they experience everyday life at a stagecoach inn.”

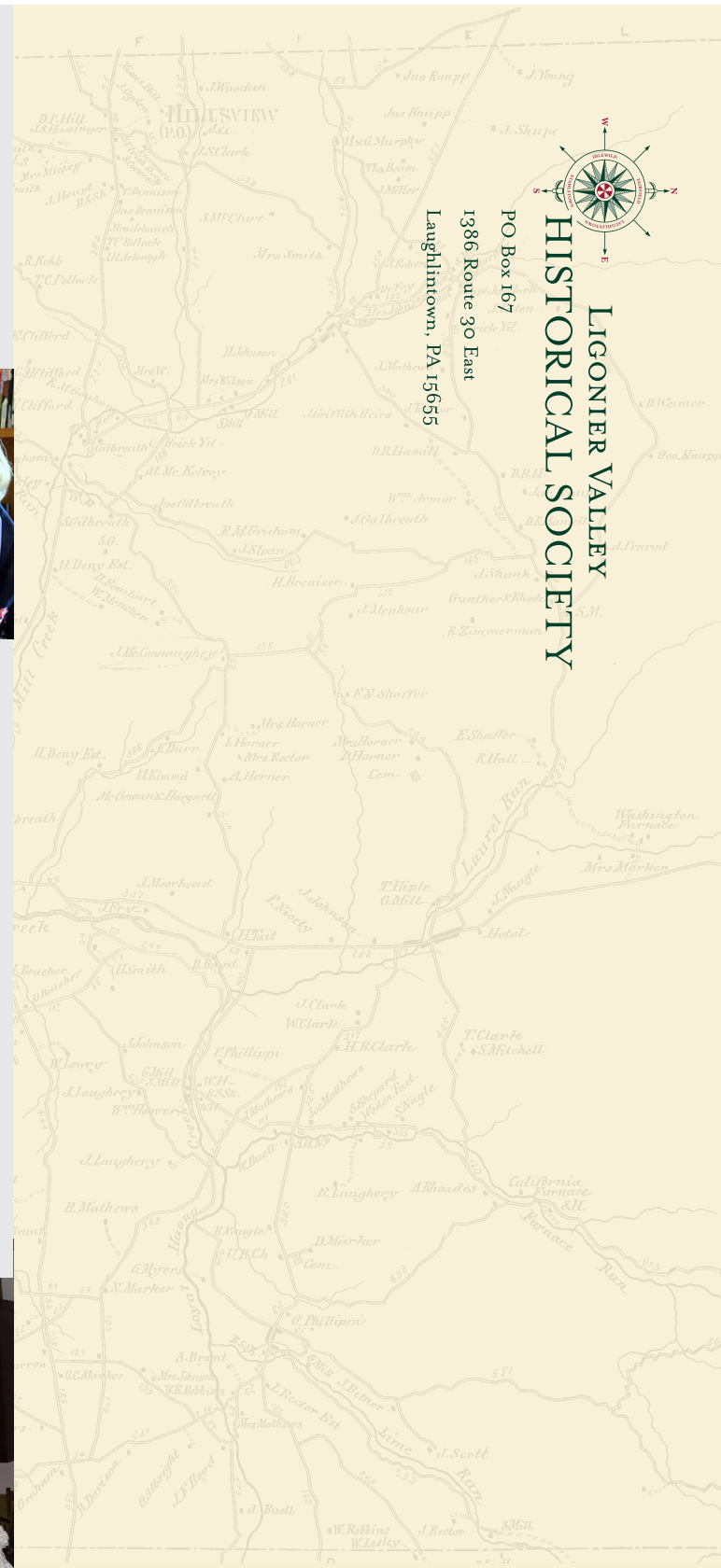
“We are members of the Historical Society because, learning how our forefathers lived helps us appreciate what we enjoy today, and provides a guide for our future.”



“We’ve always had a love of history and were immediately drawn to Compass Inn Museum when we first came to the area. Recently we began to do research into our family trees. This kind of research makes you eager to know as much about early history as you can discover. A writer once said that the “linking of the generations... the historical lineage of family... the sharing of love... give purpose to life.” Compass Inn Museum is a real treasure and the LVHS serves an important role in preserving our history. We have made a commitment to the LVHS because we believe so strongly in its mission.”



“Three generations of our family support LVHS because of the tremendous work it does in operating Compass Inn Museum as a cultural institution in our community. Our support also assists LVHS in keeping abandoned historic cemeteries accessible to the public and in storing and maintaining an extensive collection of artifacts and archives. All of these are extremely important in preserving the rich and extensive history of the Ligonier Valley.”



**CELEBRATE LOCAL
HISTORY**

LIGONIER VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AND THE COMPASS INN MUSEUM



THE ROOTS

The Ligonier Valley Historical Society is deeply rooted in the culture of the Ligonier Valley. Since 1964, when the Ligonier Valley Women's Club formed the Historical Society, it has been steeped in history and grounded in community. The Society's mission remains the same today: to discover and collect any materials and oral histories which help establish or illustrate the history of the area including its exploration, settlement, development and activities in peace and war times.



In 1966, the Ligonier Valley Historical Society accepted a gift from the Richard King Mellon Foundation called the Compass Inn, a former stagecoach hostelry founded in 1799. The intention of this gift was to acquire funds to restore and maintain the edifice and to eventually become a museum providing thousands of visitors each year a journey into the past. In 1972, under the leadership of Mrs. Constance Prosser Mellon Burrell and Mrs. Louise "Corky" Barnhart, the

In addition to operating the Compass Inn Museum, the Ligonier Valley Historical Society maintains seven local abandoned historic cemeteries and preserves Laurel Hill Iron Furnace located in New Florence, which dates back to 1848. The Historical Society has also established a records and document archive room which houses historic papers, photographs and other artifacts that record and demonstrate the Ligonier Valley's history. There is even a small historical library and oral history collection in its Hall House headquarters building.

Compass Inn Museum opened to the public. Since then the site has expanded to include an authentically reconstructed cookhouse located on the original site, a barn which houses an 1830's stagecoach, and a carpenter and blacksmith shop. The Compass Inn is proud to be named on the National Register of Historic Places.

Robert Armor and his family operated the Inn from 1814 to 1862 (the heyday of the stagecoach trade in eastern United States). At the Compass Inn Museum, period-attired docents bring to life what it was like for the Armor family to work and live at the Inn. Combined with Living History weekends where artisans and re-enactors demonstrate day-to-day living of the 1830s, the Society hosts school field trips, tours and lectures covering the people, places and events from the past.

OUR EVENTS

APRIL

- Tastes of the Town

MAY

- Compass Inn Museum Opening Day (May 1)
- Free Museum Day at the Compass Inn

JUNE

- Children's Living History at the Compass Inn Museum (3rd weekend)
- Hammer In Blacksmith Day at the Compass Inn Museum (3rd Saturday)

JULY

- Living History at the Compass Inn Museum (3rd weekend)

AUGUST

- Living History at the Compass Inn Museum (3rd weekend)

SEPTEMBER

- To be determined

OCTOBER

- Haunted Halloween Storytelling at the Compass Inn Museum (Last 2 Saturdays)

NOVEMBER

- Harvest Candlelight Tours at the Compass Inn Museum (Saturday & Sundays)

DECEMBER

- Holiday Candlelight Tours at the Compass Inn Museum (Saturday & Sundays through Mid December)
- Festival of Lights in Ligonier Town Hall (1st weekend)

*View the full, detailed schedule on our website, compassinn.org or stay up to date by liking our facebook page, [facebook.com/Compass-Inn-Museum](https://www.facebook.com/Compass-Inn-Museum)

COUNT ME IN

My membership level:

- Individual Senior (62+) \$25
- Individual \$30
- Household \$50
Benefits are extended to a couple or single parent and children under 18 years of age living in the same household
- Bronze \$100
Benefits extended to individuals, couples or families
 - 20% discount on gift memberships (first year membership only)
 - Limited Edition Bronze lapel pin
- Silver \$250
Benefits extended to individuals, couples or families
 - Four (4) additional admission tickets to Compass Inn Museum for your guests to use throughout the year
 - Special recognition in LVHS printed materials
 - Limited Edition Silver lapel pin
- Gold \$500
Benefits extended to individuals, couples or families
 - Donor Wall Recognition
 - One (1) free class or workshop
 - Private tour upon request
 - Special recognition in LVHS printed materials
 - Limited Edition Gold lapel pin

*Corporate and Business Memberships Available

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