

Ligonier Valley Historical Society

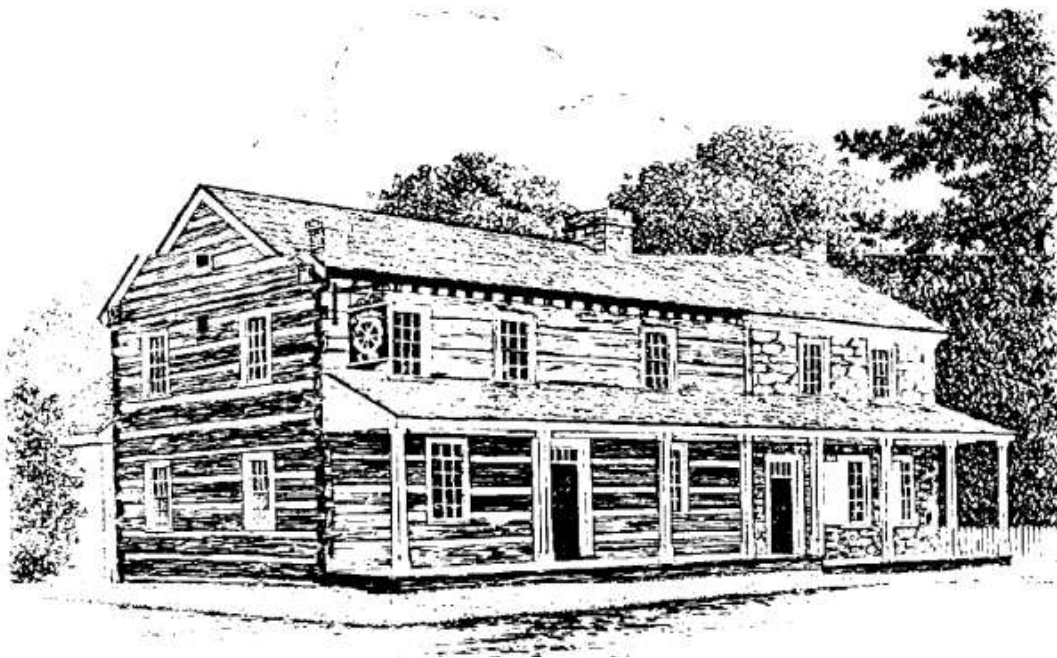
Annual Report 2012

LIGONIER VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HISTORY

The Ligonier Valley Historical Society was formed in 1964 by the Ligonier Women's Club. At that time, its primary purpose was the recording of oral histories and the maintenance of abandoned cemeteries in the Ligonier Valley.

In 1966, with the assistance of the R. K. Mellon Foundation, the society bought Compass Inn, then a private home, from Mrs. Virginia Swank. The house was restored and opened as a museum on May 27, 1972. The site has been expanded and now includes an authentically reconstructed cookhouse, barn, carpenter shop, and blacksmith shop.



LIGONIER VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MISSION STATEMENT

To discover, collect & preserve any material which will help to establish or illustrate the exploration, settlement, development and general history of the Ligonier Valley area.

To disseminate historical information as a means of arousing interest in the past.

To preserve historical buildings, monuments, markers (not cemetery markers) and other landmarks in the Ligonier Valley for the education and enjoyment of present & future generations.

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TO OUR MEMBERS, FRIENDS and READERS ~

We have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information presented in this Annual Report. If we have failed to acknowledge your contribution, financial or otherwise, made during the period covered in this report (April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012), please know that the oversight is purely unintentional. Likewise, if we have misspelled your name or misrepresented any other information, we sincerely apologize. Please report any errors to the Ligonier Valley Historical Society office by calling 724-238-6818 or by emailing lvhistory@compassinn.com.

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR of OPERATIONS

Although Compass Inn may be closed during the winter months, a great amount of work remains. The Museum is a large piece of the Ligonier Valley Historical Society puzzle; however, there are many other components that contribute to its success.

In the past year, under the leadership of the Program Committee, we have reinstated the exciting lecture series including:

- Bob Oshnock, an archaeologist from the Westmoreland Archaeology Society, who presented a program on *Prehistoric Indians, The Monongahela People*
- Dave Byers discussed *Why the Ligonier Valley Railroad could not exist today*, and
- A first person interpretation of Colonel James Pollock presented by Charles A. Fagan III.

The Historical Society ran several very successful fundraisers throughout the year to increase our funds for general operating support. The Tastes of the Town, the Fort Ligonier Days food booth, and the Festival of Lights are our three major fundraisers. Additionally, we sponsored two yard sales in the field behind Compass Inn Museum, sold raffle tickets for a private dinner that was served in the Common Room of the Museum, and promoted the annual Day of Giving through the Community Foundation of Westmoreland County in which the donor contributors increased by 68%.

This past year, we pursued opportunities to partner with other organizations and embraced the possibility for future endeavors. With the Ligonier Valley Chamber of Commerce and Valley Players of Ligonier, we promoted Christmas in Ligonier during the first two weekends of December, featuring the Festival of Lights. We teamed with Fort Ligonier, Antiochian Village, Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, Ligonier Valley Rail Road Association, and the Valley Players of Ligonier for Community Day. We also partnered with The Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor, who sponsored *Inside Ligonier, A Home Tour* with which several of our members assisted.

The standing committees of the Society contributed to the success of the year. The membership committee ran an active campaign and recruited several new members to join the Society. The Records and Documents team made progress in cataloging the artifacts in the archival computer program. The Buildings and Grounds chairman organized a clean-up day in the blacksmith shop when several of our volunteer blacksmiths assisted in reorganizing the shop to get it ready for the season. Brainstorming program ideas falls under the direction of the Museum, Research, and Acquisition committee. Finally, the Hospitality Committee organizes the refreshments for all of our events.

These are just a few of the committees and the work that they have accomplished during the year.

In conclusion, the Historical Society remains at a steady pace throughout the year as our tasks are many and there are always opportunities to grow, grants to write, and relationships to cultivate. We remain committed to pursuing the steady growth and preservation of the Society and Museum for current and future generations to enjoy.

Respectfully,
Tina Yandrick

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Fiscal Year 2011 - 2012 Operating Statement

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Dues	8,375.00	Administration	54,238.00
Donations	3,468.00	Maintenance	5,139.00
Investments	12,890.00	Utilities	8,526.00
Fundraising	36,038.00	Fundraising	10,609.00
Grants	31,212.00	Grants	10,950.00
Compass Inn	18,104.00	Compass Inn	4,363.00
Country Store	7,232.00	Country Store	3,971.00
		Insurance	6,782.00
		Programs	175.00
		Prof. fees	4,517.00
		Memberships	784.00
		Office Supplies	4,324.00
Total Income	117,319.00	Total Expense	114,378.00
		Net Income	2,941.00

Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013 Budget

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Dues	10,230.00	Administration	57,200.00
Donations	3,000.00	Maintenance	6,610.00
Investments	13,050.00	Utilities	7,750.00
Fundraising	35,095.00	Fundraising	6,910.00
Grants	28,641.00	Grants	17,905.00
Compass Inn	21,000.00	Compass Inn	3,900.00
Country Store	9,300.00	Country Store	4,350.00
		Insurance	7,091.00
		Programs	150.00
		Prof. fees	4,500.00
		Memberships	800.00
		Office Supplies	3,150.00
Total Income	120,316.00	Total Expense	120,316.00
		Net Income	0.00

Note:

~ The operating statement shows the actual unaudited results for the most recent fiscal year ending March 31, 2012. Please note that restricted grant income is recorded when received but expensed when the project is completed; not necessarily in the same fiscal year.

Assets

Cash	19,399.00
Securities	265,577.00
Inventory	6,701.00
Current Assets	291,677.00
Fixed Assets	
Land	12,800.00
Buildings	408,568.00
Furniture	221,767.00
Equipment	6,395.00
Accumulated Depreciation	(31,031.00)
Net Assets	618,499.00
Total Assets	910,176.00

Note:

~ The assets show the actual cash in the accounts as of March 31, 2012. The fixed assets are from the financial statement from the accountant dated March 31, 2011.

FY 2010-11

FY 2009-10

Income (+)	101,385	103,072
Expense (-)	103,082	101,169
Cash Reserves (+)	1697	0
Net Income	0	1,903

Note:

~ These numbers excludes restricted grant income and related expenses.

GRANT FUNDING 2011 – 2012

The Ligonier Valley Historical Society would like to thank all of the foundations and organizations that provided grant funding, both restricted and unrestricted, in our 2011/2012 fiscal year.

Commercial Bank & Trust

Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau/Westmoreland County Tourism Program

Ligonier Township Supervisors

Ligonier Valley Endowment
~ in support of the Brant Cemetery Project

Roy A. Hunt Foundation

The Thoburn Foundation for Education

Walton Family Foundation

LIGONIER VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS / EVENTS

Membership Events

The Welcome "Do"

Muster Day Picnic

Community Events / Programs

Inside Ligonier Valley – A Home Tour

~in cooperation with Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor and Ligonier Valley Chamber of Commerce

Community Day

~in cooperation with Fort Ligonier, Antiochian Village, Ligonier Valley Rail Road Assoc., The Valley Players & SAMA

April Yard Sale

August Yard Sale

The Festival of Lights

January 2012 Lecture

~Prehistoric Indians; The Monongahela People~
Bob Oshnock

February 2012 Lecture

~Why the Ligonier Valley Railroad Could Not Exist Today~
David Byers

COMPASS INN MUSEUM PROGRAMS / EVENTS

June Living History

~ Children's Weekend Featuring a One-Room School House Setting ~

July Living History

~ "Skein to Scarf" Demonstrations ~

August Living History

~ Featuring Robert Mouland, an 18th Century Irish Immigrant Musician ~

Harvest Candlelight Tours

Christmas Candlelight Tours

Compass Inn Museum Attendance

	2011	2010	2009
School Tours	976	1140	1056
Club / Group Tours	437	387	393
Bus Tours	410	473	587
General	1355	1355	1319
Total	3178	3355	3355

Schools That Visited

Bullskin Elementary
 Carlow Campus
 Essig Home School
 Hutchinson Elementary
 Laurel Valley Elementary
 Lyons Home School
 Mary, Queen of Apostles School
 Metzgar Elementary
 R. K. Mellon Elementary
 Ross Mt. School
 Sheridan Terrace Elementary
 Stewartsville Elementary
 The Valley School Of Ligonier
 West Newton Elementary
 West Point Elementary

Motorcoach Tours That Visited

AAA Central Tours
 Bollman Travel
 Ed & Ted's Tours
 Fork and the Road
 Hagey Tours
 Hofman Tours
 Lincoln Bus
 Millie's Tours
 Ramada Tours
 Westmar Tours

Clubs /Groups That Visited

Carol Clark Group
 Girl Scouts
 Ladies Corvette Club
 Newton Group
 Red Hats
 U. S. Steel Corp.
 Wachter Wedding

THANK YOU to ALL our VOLUNTEERS

On behalf of the Ligonier Valley Historical Society Staff and Board of Directors we'd like to thank all of volunteers for their time, effort and dedication to our organization.

Our success depends on the assistance of our volunteers and we thank you for your support.

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Tastes of the Town – April 7th 2011

Westmorland Day of Giving – October 4 2011

Fort Ligonier Days Booth – October 14, 15 , 16, 2011

Dinner at the Inn Raffle – November 12th 2011

The Festival of Lights – December 2nd – 11th 2011

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Martin's Specialty Shop	Sewickley Spa	The Tree House in Ligonier
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Membership Levels	Contribution Levels	Contributors
Benefactors	\$250	7
Friend	\$100	28
Patron	\$70	8
Institutional/Professional	\$50	12
Household	\$25	114
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Senior	\$10	35
Life	N/A	48
Honorary Life	N/A	5
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 Mr. & Mrs. John H. West
 Mrs. Barbara M. Westgren
 Mr. & Mrs. Josh Whetzel
 Mr. & Mrs. John Whipkey
 Mr. & Mrs. Jason Widich
 Mr. & Mrs. Tim Widich
 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Winslow
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Winters
 Mrs. Pat Wolford
 Mrs. Susan Woolridge
 Mr. & Mrs. Donald F. Yandrick
 Mrs. Fritz D. Yealy
 Mr. & Mrs. Gary K. Yutzy

ACQUISITIONS & DONATIONS to the LVHS

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| <p>1 pair Hand Carders (for spinning)
 1 pair Spindles
 Plate from C. A. Weaver & Son
 Ligonier Diamond Lamppost Globes from 1950's or 1960's ~
 ~ White Lamppost Globe
 ~ Clear Lamppost Globe
 Plate from John I. Hegan Store 1965
 Framed photos ~
 ~ Ziders Brothers
 ~ Laurel Ridge Hotel
 ~ Laughlintown street scene looking East
 Leather key holder Campbell's Service Station
 Ligonier Lodge No. 964 IOOF ~
 ~ Membership book 1879-1901
 ~ Minute Book 1879-1885
 Miscellaneous photos ~
 ~ People
 ~ Ligonier scenes
 Pamphlets ~
 ~ The Story of Chocolate Hershey Foods Corp
 ~ Forbes Road Gun Museum
 ~ Ligonier Valley
 ~ Dedication of Hammond Cathedral organ, Christian Church, Laughlintown
 ~ 21st annual union meeting of Westmoreland County 1946
 Loyalhanna Register; residents, address & phone listing
 Booklets ~
 ~ Dedication First Evangelical Lutheran Church-Johnstown 1922
 ~ The Appalachian Wagon Train
 ~ Dedication of the Museum at Fort Ligonier 1962
 ~ Ligonier Township 1969
 ~ The Mozart Festival in Harrisburg 1929
 End of term notice~
 ~ Rev. T. C. Horn, Laughlintown, 1939</p> | <p>Receipts ~
 ~ American Wall Paper Co., D.M. Fulton, Laughlintown 1938
 ~ D.M. Fulton & Son, cash raised for Rev. Williamson
 ~ Bank 1916-1930
 Certificates ~
 ~ Perfect attendance for Dorothy Johnson, Ligonier public schools, 1924, 1927, 1930, 1932
 ~ Promotion Edward Johnson Evangelical School of Ligonier 1927
 ~ Daily Vacation Bible School 1926
 ~ Promotion Dorothy Johnston 1927
 Fliers ~
 ~ Laughlintown Sequa-centennial
 Letters ~
 ~ To Bro. Carlin signed Mrs. Ziders Ligonier Echo 1968
 Composition Book-Registry for Voting 1930
 War ration book
 Bill & Account book 1892
 Record of Minutes Ligonier Public School Board 1911
 Account Book 1915
 Scrapbook ~
 ~ newspaper Clippings 1940
 Miscellaneous: post card 8¢, envelopes with stamps 2¢ & 3¢
 Fire Proof File Cabinets
 Standing / Metal File Cabinets
 Credenza
 Office Chairs
 Coffee Unit
 Security Camera System</p> |
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