



Long Island Quilters' Society

Newsletter

March-April 2026



A Message from our Co-Presidents

One of the things that makes our guild so special is the people who make it up. Every quilt, every program, every friendship that has formed over the years is the result of members showing up, sharing their talents, and giving a little bit of their time.

Our guild did not become what it is today by accident. It was built stitch by stitch by the many members who came before us and by those who continue to participate today. That history, those traditions, and the sense of community we enjoy are something worth preserving and passing on.

As your board, we have been talking about how important it is for us to stay connected to our members and continue building that sense of community. Over the coming weeks, you may receive a friendly phone call from one of our board members simply to say hello and check in.

We want to know what inspires you, what you enjoy most about the guild, and what you would love to see in the future. Your ideas, your feedback, and even your small suggestions help shape the direction of our guild.

We also know that a guild thrives when members get involved. Volunteering does not have to be a big commitment. Sometimes the smallest roles make the biggest difference. Helping at a meeting or event, assisting with a project, or sharing a skill can bring new friendships and make our community even stronger. If you receive a call, we hope you will take a moment to chat with us. Your voice matters, and we value the time you take to share your thoughts with us. The more we listen to one another, the stronger our guild will be.

Our goal is simple. We want to continue honoring the incredible foundation that has already been built while ensuring that this guild remains vibrant, welcoming, and thriving for years to come.

Thank you for being part of this community and for everything you do to make it so special.

Warmly,

Lisa Morrow, Co-President

Madeline Richez, Co-President

General Membership Meetings

Mondays

Freeport Recreation Center

130 East Merrick Rd, Freeport

- March 16, 10:00 AM Zoom Hybrid
Beating Your Stash Before It

Eats You Alive

- April 20, 6:30 PM

LIQS Historical Day

- May 18, 10:00 AM

Charity program TBD

Common Threads Hand Sewing

Wednesdays

Coes Neck Park

1240 Coes Neck Rd, Baldwin

March 4, 11, 18, 25

April 1, 8, 15, 29

May 6, 13, 20, 27

June 3, 10, 17, 24

See 2026 LIQS calendar chart
on page 8

All scheduled meetings are subject to change day or time. If indoor meetings are cancelled, they will be replaced with Zoom format, date and time to be announced.

Please watch your email for revisions and updates to our schedules.



2026 - Programs, Events, Plans



Monday March 16, 10:00 AM

Sue Michaels

Beating Your Stash Before It Eats You Alive

Zoom hybrid

April 20, 6:30 PM

LIQS Historical Day

May 16-17 Global Quilt Connection

Zoom + livestream recording

May 18, 10:00 AM

Charity Sewing

June 22, 6:30 PM

Celebration Dinner

Board Vacancies - these positions are available.

We need you! Contact the Co-Presidents.

- 2nd VP Scheduling - responsible for ensuring there is a program for every guild meeting and such other duties as assigned by the President.
- 4th VP Communications - responsible for distributing six (6) issues of the newsletter to the membership annually, evenly spaced during the year, as well as membership notifications as deemed necessary by the Board. The newsletter must be reviewed by the President prior to publication and dissemination to the members. All proprietary information for guild accounts on social media must be provided to this vice president.
- Co-Treasurer - this position would shadow the current Treasurer, to learn procedures for managing all financial records, deposits and disbursements, including reimbursement of members for expenses. Financial reports are presented at board meetings, IRS forms filed as required by law.
- Co-Webmaster as of September 2026 - this position would shadow the current Webmaster to learn about the website, requiring attendance at board meetings, taking photos at meetings, posting photos, announcements, and events. All step-by-step instructions are written for reference. Computer is required with knowledge of its usage. The website company, RAIN is paid a monthly fee, available with competent, friendly assistants. Here's a chance to stretch your tech knowledge and participate fully with LIQS. Give it a try to see if this is for you. Contact Evelyn Googe for further information.

Bylaws Review - 2026

LIQS bylaws are reviewed every two (2) years by a committee of five (5) members, consisting of two (2) Board members, appointed by the President, and three (3) members from the general membership. The 2024 ratified version is available for view at LIQS.org. Contact the Co-Presidents if you are interested in serving.

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2025-2026 Officers

Co-President: Lisa Morrow

Co-President: Madeline Richez

1st VP Facilities: Mary Ellen Orchard

2nd VP Scheduling: VACANCY

3rd VP Presentations/Workshops: Nancy Gravina

Treasurer: Rosemary Brix

Day Secretary: Laura Schuler

Evening Secretary: Ellen Gleason

4th VP Communications: VACANCY

5th VP Co-Membership: Lisa Lagan

5th VP Co-Membership: Carol Gardner

5th VP Co-Membership: Karin Levy

6th VP Webmaster: Evelyn Googe

7th VP Charity: Linda Huncharoff

Committees

Newsletter: Emily Mann / Anna Hanrahan

Member Workshops: VACANCY

Hospitality: Kim Black

Sunshine and Shadows: Carol Irwin

Honorary Board Members

Kathy D'Amour

Paula Lederkramer

Janet Ratner

Pieces of ME

2026 PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

What do you look like in fabric?

This year's President's Challenge invites you to create a self portrait quilt that reflects your personality, your story, and your creative style. **Pieces of Me** is all about self expression and play. There are no rules when it comes to shape, size, fabric, or technique. Appliqué, piecing, collage, embroidery, mixed media, or something entirely your own. Go literal or abstract. Bold or subtle. Serious or whimsical. If it feels like you, it belongs here.



All challenge pieces will be displayed anonymously at our June 2026 Dinner, so no sharing or sneak peeks until the big reveal. Members will have fun guessing which piece belongs to which maker, and prizes will be awarded including **Best in Show** to celebrate creativity and craftsmanship.



Need a little inspiration or a gentle nudge to get started? We are excited to introduce [Pinterest](#) as a new way to share inspiration with our members. Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy the scroll. You may just fall down a creative rabbit hole.

Inspiration Gallery

<https://www.pinterest.com/LongIslandQuiltersSociety/pieces-of-me-inspiration/>

Tutorials and Techniques

<https://www.pinterest.com/LongIslandQuiltersSociety/pieces-of-me-tutorials-techniques/>

Pin, plan, experiment, and most of all, have fun. We cannot wait to see the many beautiful **Pieces of You**.



Pinterest Board

[Pinterest](#)

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LIQS 2026 Community Quilting Project - Friendship Stars Quilts

LIQS is invited to exhibit at the Long Island Fair, September 25-27, at Old Bethpage Village Restoration. Our quilt theme commemorates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Thanks to an enthusiastic start, we are already cutting the donated red, white, and blue pieces, and assembling blocks. Kits for quickly piecing these simply classic "Friendship Star" blocks will be distributed at meetings, and by appointment.

We welcome batting contributions for *(72" x 72") donation quilt and *(48" x 60") raffle quilt.

- *Donation quilt to the Long Island Fair
- **Raffle quilt fundraiser for LIQS
- Learn-to-quilt table topper kits for sale

Further details, contact:

Emily (and for pickup appointment)

Mary Ellen

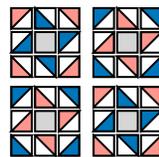


Diagram of partial layout



Samples of pieced blocks
2 layouts

- RSVP to join this project or participate at the fair:
- [LIQS 2026 Community Quilting Project](#)
- Volunteers are requested to lend quilts for the exhibit and serve as staffing at the LIQS booth.

Members' News

Monday January 26, 10:00 AM

Masey Kaplan, Loose Ends <https://looseends.org/>

LIQS viewed this virtual program which may fill a need for grieving families to connect with volunteer artists and crafters. This organization set up a worldwide network of handwork finishers for textile projects left unfinished by departed or disabled people.



Monday February 23, 10:00 AM

Corey Pearson

QISS (Quilting is So Simple)

Our hybrid presentation shifted to the all-Zoom option, due to the heavy snowfall. With astounding simplicity and a few extra tools, Quilt-As-You-Go heightens the possibilities on a domestic sewing machine.

Linda's Electric Quilters <https://lindas.com/>

15% discount code **LIQS15** through the month of March

Pauline's Quilters World <https://pqw.com.au/>

Charity

May 18 - Sewing event

Request: Please search your stash for juvenile fabrics, and winter holiday fabrics. All holiday themes are welcome, seasonal scenes, Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, all winter occasions. Bring fabrics to meetings.

Sunshine and Shadows

Please contact Carol Irwin directly with any news updates about our members' life events, 516-796-5388, or leave a message.

Local Area News

Exhibition: "Surface Tension" March 3-May 1, 2026

Textile Art Gallery, 529 West 20th Street, 6th floor, NYC 10011

This is the inaugural exhibit, featuring works by founding artist members, exploring concepts of tension, pressure, and release.

<https://www.textileartnyc.com/>

Northern Star Quilters' Guild - the 2026 show is postponed to 2027. The guild is seeking a new venue for their show.

<https://www.northernstarquilters.com/>

2026 Upcoming Shows and Events: Quilts and Fiber Arts

<https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/>

<https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/>

<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/how-to-quilt/quilting-basics/quilt-shows-events>

<https://www.paqa-south.org/artquiltswild>

<https://fiberfabriccraft.com/>

<https://www.quilts.com/>

<https://quiltmuseum.org/>

Welcome New Members!

Vicki Boyle, Mary Ann Lee, Irene Rencher, Barbara Ringel, Donna Salvage



Happy Birthday to March-April Birthday Members!

March: Kathy Arning, Cheryl Blam, Sylvie Cucui, Virginia Dittko, Mary Ellen Draude, Karen Lambert, Nancy LaRocca, Mary Ann Lee, Mary Levins, Evelyn Lines, Nivia Maldonado, Susan Merkle, Lola Monks, Mary Ellen Orchard, Elaine Roth, Marie Watson

April: Diane Bray, Carole Brosnan, Mary Ellen Dolan, Anna Hanrahan, Susan Harlin, Martie Last, Susan Roberson, Joanne Simone, Ilene Yair

Tech Check-Up

Keep the digital news coming to your inbox.

Prevent LIQS blast emails automatically landing in “junk” or “spam.” To ensure Newsletter delivery to your inbox, enter the Newsletter sender’s email address in your safe contacts list.

Watch your emails and texts for impersonators; they are often “phishing” for your personal/financial data. Do not click on links in those emails or text messages. Examples are:

- Amazon requesting action on recalled products that you did not purchase
- PayPal bill for a product that you did not purchase
- Invitation to an unexpected event, sent by someone in your contacts list, which redirect to a suspicious website that asks you to login to your email with your password
- Recruiting you for remote access employment, pretending to have your resumé or profile
- Urgent message to purchase antivirus software, which may threaten to shut down your computer
- Failed delivery attempts from USPS, UPS, FedEx, requiring personal data

Resources

Fast Stash Busters

- [Mitered Corner Napkins](#)
- [Scrappy Tutorials](#)
- [15-Minute Zipper Pouch](#)
- [36 Scrappy Square & Strip Projects](#)
- [Free & Easy Spring Sewing](#)

Fiber Arts / History

- <https://folkartmuseum.org/exhibitions/an-ecology-of-quilts-the-natural-history-of-american-textiles/>
(Museum admission is free)
- <https://www.fabriceditions.com/>
(Fabrics and craft textiles)

Got an idea or tip to share?
Email the Newsletter editor.

How-to's

- [Warning Signs of a UFO](#)
- <https://www.globalquiltconnection.com/>
- <https://www.aquiltinglife.com/>
- [Sewing Space Organization](#)
- [Springtime Quilts](#)
- [Basic Binding](#)
- [Hand Quilting](#)
- [Traditional Blocks](#)
- [Beginner Free Motion Quilting](#)
- [Publications and Online Courses](#)
- [Pattern Helper Tutorials](#)
- <https://www.globalquiltconnection.com/on-demand-workshops>

Classified

Note: Classified ads will appear for one newsletter issue, and subsequently removed.

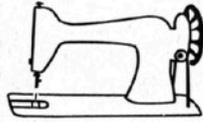
Wanted: Custom-made memory quilt

I am a 9-11 retired New York City fire fighter, looking for an experienced quilter who can create a commemorative quilt, including materials such as memorial T-shirts and sweatshirts, documenting my 30-year career with the FDNY.

Contact: Rolf Hettinger

Pyropug1@icloud.com

(631) 456-1890



Featherweight Sewing Machine

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ATTACHMENTS

2026 LIQS CALENDAR MEETINGS

NOTE: ALL MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

2026	BOARD MEETINGS Monday 10 am -12 pm Merrick Golf Course Clubhouse	MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS Monday Freeport Rec 10 am or 6:30 pm	MEETING ACTIVITY	COMMON THREADS Hand Sewing Wednesday 10 am - 1 pm Coes Neck Park
January	5	26 - AM	Zoom: Loose Ends - Macey Kaplan Don't Leave a Mess	7, 14, 21,28
February	2	23 - AM	Zoom: Corey Pearson - QISS	4, 11,18, 25
March	2	16 - AM	Zoom: Sue Michaels - Beating Your Stash Before It Eats You Alive	4, 11,18, 25
April	6	20 - PM	LIQS Historical Day	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
May	4	18 - AM	Charity	6, 13, 20, 27
June	1	22 - PM	June Celebration	3, 10, 17, 24
July	6	20 - PM	Fiber Arts Show & Tell	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
August	3	17 - PM	Sit & Sew Witches Hats	5, 12, 19, 26
September	14	28 - AM	Annual Meeting	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
October	5	19 - PM	Halloween Social	7, 14, 21, 28
November	2	16 - AM	Charity	4, 11, 18, 25
December	7	14 - PM	Holiday Party	2, 9, 16, 30

Events

March 7 - **Quilt the Day Away** is postponed. Open Sewing/Quilting 12-5 pm, Merrick Golf Course Clubhouse; **RSVP** requested

September 25-27 - **Long Island Fair** Old Bethpage Village Restoration (Emily Mann / Mary Ellen Orchard) Volunteers RSVP: [LIQS 2026 Community Quilting Project](#)



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The Long Island Quilters' Society, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to furthering an interest in quilting, encouraging the preservation of our quilt heritage, and offering year-round instructional opportunities for its members. The society provides a meeting where quilters can support each other's growth and development. The membership year is from September 1 through August 31; annual membership fee is \$40. Members receive a bi-monthly newsletter and are eligible to participate in workshops. Monthly meetings are held at the Freeport Recreation Center, 130 East Merrick Road, Freeport, NY 11520