



Long Island Quilters' Society

Newsletter

September-October 2026

liqs.org



A Message from our President

What a wonderful year it has been for the LIQS Quilt Guild! Together, we enjoyed inspiring Zoom programs, festive dinners, charity sit-and-sews, our first hybrid meetings, beautiful quilt displays, a Fiber Arts Show, and our first virtual workshop. Thank you to everyone who shared time, talent, quilts, ideas, and encouragement with such spirit and warmth.

I am especially grateful to the members, presenters, and volunteers who helped make these events possible. Your generosity and enthusiasm continue to make our guild such a welcoming, creative community.

Looking ahead, there is so much to enjoy: the Old Bethpage Village quilt display, our new open sit-and-sew Saturdays, our October Make and Take Pumpkin Project with potluck dessert, November's ever popular station rotation, the December Holiday Party with an "Adopt a Table" twist and Quilt the Day Away on October 24 all enhancing camaraderie, stitching, and inspiration.

I am also happy to share there will be no increase in dues this year and warmly welcome our new and returning members—we are so glad you are here and hope you feel at home. I look forward to seeing everyone's creativity shine in the President's Challenge, "Pieces of Me,"

As always, LIQS thrives because members step forward to help. If you are interested in serving on the board or lending a hand with an activity, please let us know. Thank you for making LIQS such a lively, supportive place to quilt, learn, share, and connect.

Sew much to do, Happy Quilting,

Madeline



General Membership Meetings

Mondays

Freeport Recreation Center
130 East Merrick Rd, Freeport

- September 28, 10:00 AM
Annual Membership Meeting
- October 19, 6:30 PM
Make & Take: Fabric Pumpkins
- November 16, 10:00 AM
Station Rotation:
Enhance Your Holiday Table

Common Threads Hand Sewing

Wednesdays

Coes Neck Park
1240 Coes Neck Rd, Baldwin

September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
October 7, 14, 21, 28
November 4, 11, 18, 25
December 2, 9, 16, 30

See 2026-2027
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.

**Board Vacancies - these positions are available.
We need you! Contact the President.**

- **Co-President** - preside over meetings, appoint Chairpersons with advice and consent of the Board, ex-officio member of committees.
- **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. Accounting or bookkeeping experience is helpful.
- **Day Secretary** - take minutes for daytime meetings
- **Evening Secretary** - take minutes for evening meetings
- **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** - prepare and distribute 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. This position requires facility with mass emails and membership spreadsheets. 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.

Committee Position

- Quilt Show Chair - to plan for LIQS quilt show 2028

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.



Long Island Quilters' Society, Inc.

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2025-2026 Officers

President: Madeline Richez

Co-President: VACANCY

1st VP Facilities: Mary Ellen Orchard

2nd VP Scheduling: VACANCY

3rd VP Presentations/Workshops: Nancy Gravina

Treasurer: Rosemary Brix

Co-Treasurer: VACANCY

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Evening Secretary: Ellen Gleason

4th VP Communications: VACANCY

5th VP Co-Membership: VACANCY

5th VP Co-Membership: Carol Gardner

5th VP Co-Membership: Karin Levy

6th VP Co-Webmaster: Evelyn Googe

6th VP Co-Webmaster: Susan Sassoon

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 December 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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**Saturday, September 19 (11am-4pm) - Start of Second Annual Toys for Tots Program
Merrick Golf Clubhouse (upstairs room)**

RSVP Linda Huncharoff

Kits will be provided; bring sewing machine and supplies

More Toys for Tots Sit & Sew dates in "Charity" section on this page

Monday, September 28, 10:00 AM - Annual Membership Meeting

- We need volunteers to fill key roles: Treasurer, Communications, Recording Secretary (Days), Recording Secretary (Evenings), Scheduler
- We will unveil plans and programs for the 2026-2027 membership year - You don't want to miss it!
- Completed charity blankets are due
- ***Renewal of Membership for \$40** - see details in box below, registration forms are on liqs.org

**Fat Quarter
Frenzy Raffle:
Bring your
ORANGE FQs
to the 9/28
meeting**

***Membership dues are due for the new membership year September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027**

Membership forms are posted at liqs.org or pick up a form at this meeting, and submit it with your payment to the Membership Chair.

Payment options:

- (1) Click on the link for your membership option, print and fill out the form to submit with cash or check payable to "LIQS." Mail (checks only) to the address on the form, or submit in person to Membership Chair:

Carol Gardner or Karin Levy.

Full membership \$40 [Full Membership Form](https://liqs.org)

Digital membership \$20 [Digital Membership Form](https://liqs.org)

- (2) Pay at liqs.org via PayPal

Monday, October 19, 6:30 PM - Membership Meeting includes a Halloween Party. We will be making "No Sew Fabric Pumpkins." Members should bring Halloween and Fall themed quilts to add to the festivities. Costumes are welcome!

**Saturday, October 24 (12pm-5pm) - Quilt the Day Away - Member workshops
Merrick Golf Clubhouse**

See [page 7](#) for class listings and link to registration form.

Saturday-Sunday, October 24-25, 3:00-6:00 PM

Global Quilt Connection - All Star Sampler Platter - virtual event

Tune in and watch 18 different instructors from the comfort of your home. Can't make it on the actual day? Not to worry... recordings of the instructors will be available for 7 days after the event.

Monday, November 16, 10:00 AM - Station Rotation mini demos - "Enhance Your Holiday Table"

Monday, December 14, 6:30 PM - Holiday Celebration Dinner

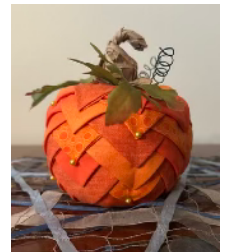
Don't forget our "WINTER WONDERLAND" at Freeport Rec. Be sure to "ADOPT A TABLE," create table setting decor, and the Best in Show wins a prize. Donate a Raffle Basket and get FIVE raffle tickets for a chance to win a reciprocal basket! Plus, Be surrounded by the joy of the season with good food, good stories, good friends, and a good time!

Charity - Sit and Sew Dates RSVP Linda Huncharoff

Note: All charity blankets are due at the next membership meeting. Blankets will no longer be accepted after September. These new dates continue our Second Annual "Toys for Tots."

Saturday, October 10 (11am-4pm) - Toys for Tots Sit & Sew - Merrick Golf Clubhouse

Saturday, November 14 (11am-4pm) - Toys for Tots Sit & Sew - Merrick Golf Clubhouse



LIQS 2026 Community Quilting Project at Long Island Fair - September 24-27

LIQS is scheduled to exhibit at the Long Island Fair, September 25-27, and setup on September 24, at Old Bethpage Village Restoration. Our quilt theme commemorates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The quilt (72" x 72") designated for donation to the Fair has been delivered. Learn-to-quilt kits and corner bookmarks mini kits are being packaged for sale at the Fair.

Thanks again your donations of fabric, batting, and labor.

Raffle tickets for the replica quilt (48" x 60") will be available at the LIQS booth a the Fair and at the September 28 Annual Membership meeting!



• **RSVP** to participate with the Long Island Fair at the Fair; click on this link:
• [LIQS 2026 Community Quilting Project](#)

• Alternate **RSVP**, or for further details, contact:
• Emily Mann
• Mary Ellen Orchard

Event Highlight

We welcomed **Corey Pearson virtually from Texas** for an inspiring workshop on **controlled quilting with our domestic machines!** The room was buzzing with excitement as we discovered just how much we can do with this technique. Thank you Corey for inspiring us!

Special discount code: **LIQS2026**

Take an additional **15% off** of [QISS products from Pauline's Quilters World at Linda's](#) until 09/30/2026

Members' News - CONGRATULATIONS!

Joanne Sorrentino won First Place in Appliqué for her quilt "My Baltimore Glory" at the Maine Quilts 2026 show held in July in Augusta, Maine mainequilts.org

Welcome New Members!

Karen Butler, Catherine Lyons

Sunshine and Shadows

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



Fiber Arts in the News

<https://www.nytimes.com/2026/07/18/well/grandma-hobbies-crafts-knitting-quilting.html>





Happy Birthday to September-October Birthday Members!



September: Olga Botwinick, Vicki Boyle, Dot Corcoran, Ellen Davis, Linda Denner, Markella Georgiou, Evelyn Googe, Marilyn Hamilton Jackson, Mary Ellen Illich, Carol Irwin, Margaret Kenneally, Ellie Mahoney, Robin Mazo, Maria Petsche, Jody Ratner, Eva Rodriguez, Donna Salvage, Patricia Scarangella, Deborah Shea, Marjorie Smith, Angelika Swantek

October: Ruth Bechtold, Rita D'Alonzo, Jeanette Glover, Beth Holland, Elen Levenberg, Marie Martin, Mush Masters, Mario Mulea, Eileen O'Connor, Jackeline Palmer, Debbie Perlman, Mary Ann Sexton, Christine Vanderberg

Tech Check-Up

Keep the digital news safely landing in your inbox.

Prevent LIQS blast emails automatically landing in "junk" or "spam." To ensure Newsletter delivery to your inbox, enter this 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.

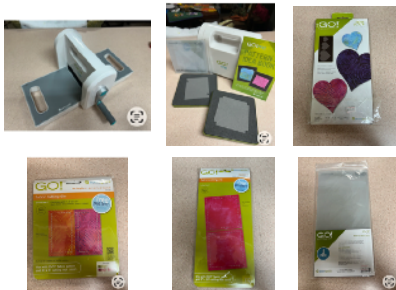
Examples are:

- 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
- NYS DMV or E-Z Pass text scam, demanding a court appearance with a fictitious judge and payment of fictitious fines
- Calls from health insurance impersonators



Classified

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



For Sale:

Bundle only - used only twice

\$190 for all

Accuquilt GO! ME with 2 triangle plates and mat;

Cutting Dies - Hearts 2", 3", 4";

Rectangle 2"x3 1/2"; Square 3 1/2";

Cutting Matt 6"x12"

Contact: Stephanie DeMarco

For Sale:

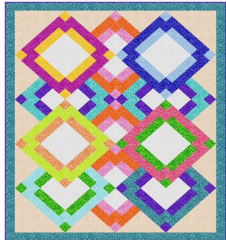
Brother sewing machine Pacesetter PS-2200 - Best offer

Includes accessories, carrying case; sturdy/lightweight, basic functions, good for beginner

Contact: Emily Mann



Click here for registration form: [Quilt the Day Away Registration Form](#)

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW	QUILT THE DAY AWAY MERRICK GOLF COURSE Saturday, October 24th, 12:00-5:00 pm \$25 plus materials
	Class: English Paper Piecing (EPP) Instructor: Elen Levenberg We will be making a small coaster/mug rug from hexagon shapes. Sample packs are provided by Paper Pieces (PaperPieces.com) Additional supplies needed: Needle, thread, thimble, seam ripper (to rip out basting stitches), scissor, clips. Warning: EPP may become very addicting. 😊
	Class: Dish Mat Bag Instructor: Karin Levy Two dish mats convert to a tote bag. Supplies: Two dish mats (\$8-12), one yard webbing or sturdy ribbon, fabric scrap for snap closure (about 2" to 5" finished), magnetic snap closure or other closure button, firm interfacing or hard cardboard for the base.
	Class: Dance Floor Instructor: Mario Mulea A bold, modern quilt featuring colorful diamond blocks that create movement and eye-catching secondary patterns. A fun, approachable project with big visual impact. Perfect for showing off color and fabric choices.
	Class: Migrating Geese Instructor: Deb Kirchheim This project uses a Studio 180 Design pattern to create four tall columns of Flying Geese blocks that look like they're "migrating" across the quilt. It's a fun way to practice precision piecing and see how a simple block can turn into a really striking design.
	Class: Log Cabin Quilt Block Instructor: Sharon Salkewicz This project is a fun take on the classic log cabin block and is part of a beautiful block-of-the-month program. Each block builds around a simple center motif, making it a great way to practice strip piecing and play with layout. A relaxed, satisfying project that comes together into a really charming quilt.
	Class: Strip-Pieced Quilt Instructor: Elaine Jansen An strip-pieced quilt that comes together quickly while creating a stunning secondary pinwheel design. The repeating blocks add movement and visual interest, making this project both fun to make and impressive to display. This is a great opportunity to use some of your stash too! Elaine reminds us this quilt can be made in many sizes.

2026-2027 LIQS MEETINGS

NOTE: ALL MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

2026-2027	BOARD MEETINGS Monday 10 am -12 pm Merrick Golf Course Clubhouse	MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS Monday Freeport Rec Center 10 am or 6:30 pm	MEETING ACTIVITY	COMMON THREADS Hand Sewing Wednesday 10 am - 1 pm Coes Neck Park
September	14	28 - AM	Annual Meeting, Elections, 2027 Program Plans, 2026-27 Membership Dues	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
October	5	19 - PM	Halloween Party: Make & Take No-Sew Fabric Pumpkins	7, 14, 21, 28
November	2	16 - AM	Station Rotation: Enhance Your Holiday Table	4, 11, 18, 25
December	7	14 - PM	Holiday Dinner Decor: Adopt-a-Table, Raffles, Gift Exchange, President's Challenge Revealed	2, 9, 16, 30
January		25 - AM	Zoom: Jane Hauprich "How to Quilt Your Quilt"	
February		22 - AM	In person: Daphne from Sew Rite Threads, needles, rulers, fun things, machine comfort & maintenance	
March		15 - AM?	Local Legend Trunk Show or Charity Sew & Sew	
April		19 - PM	Zoom: Jane Haworth Collage Quilter or Sit & Sew	

Events

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September 25, 26, 27 (Thursday, September 24 setup day) - Long Island Fair: Old Bethpage Village Restoration (Emily Mann / Mary Ellen Orchard) **Volunteers RSVP:** [LIQS 2026 Community Quilting Project](#)

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Saturday, October 24 (Noon to 5pm) Quilt the Day Away - member workshops

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