



Long Island Quilters' Society

Newsletter

July-August 2026

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A Message from our President

The Importance and Joy of Volunteering in the Long Island Quilters' Society

Volunteering is the heart and soul of LIQS. While beautiful quilts may be the most visible result of a guild's work, it is the time, talent, and dedication of volunteers that keep the organization thriving. The Long Island Quilters' Society is dedicated to promoting quilting through art, education, and service, and volunteers make that mission possible.

Every meeting, workshop, quilt show, newsletter, charity project, and special event depends on members who share their skills and energy. Whether coordinating programs, welcoming new members, or helping behind the scenes, volunteers create opportunities for learning, inspiration, and friendship.

The joy of volunteering comes from being part of something larger than ourselves. Working alongside fellow quilters builds lasting friendships and strengthens the sense of community that makes our guild special.

Volunteering also gives us the opportunity to give back to our community. Through charitable quilting projects and service activities, we use our talents to provide comfort, warmth, and hope to others. These acts of kindness reflect the generous spirit that has always been at the heart of quilting and of LIQS.

One of the most meaningful ways to serve our guild is through leadership. LIQS encourages members to become involved by serving on the Board and helping guide the future of the organization. Fresh ideas, new perspectives, and willing hands are always welcome. Whether you are a longtime member or new to the guild, a board position is a rewarding way to help LIQS continue to grow and thrive.

Like the individual pieces of a quilt, every volunteer's effort matters. Together, we can continue the vibrant, supportive, and creative community that is the Long Island Quilters' Society.

Interested in getting involved? Ask, "What Board positions are currently available?"

Happy quilting,

Madeline Richez, President  

General Membership Meetings **Mondays**

Freeport Recreation Center
130 East Merrick Rd, Freeport

- July 20, 6:30 PM
Fiber Arts Show & Tell
- August: no meeting
- September 28, 10:00 AM
Annual Membership Meeting
- October 19, 6:30 PM
Make & Take: Fabric Pumpkins

Common Threads Hand Sewing **Wednesdays**

Coes Neck Park
1240 Coes Neck Rd, Baldwin

- July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- August 5, 12, 19, 26
- September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- October 7, 14, 21, 28

**See 2026 LIQS calendar chart
on page 7**

**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.
- **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.
- **5th VP Co-Membership** - maintains records of membership status with contact information. Knowledge of Google Sheets is helpful.
- **Evening Secretary (September)** - Keep the minutes of general membership and board meetings.

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. Contact the President if you are interested in serving.



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

Day Secretary: Laura Schuler

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 Gooze

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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2026 - Programs, Events, Plans

July 20, 6:30 PM - Fiber Arts Show & Tell

Please reply here: [RSVP Fiber Arts Show & Tell](#)

Open meeting, bring a friend, no guest fee; consider bringing someone from a younger generation to introduce them to our craft. Donations to the "free" table must be minimum fat quarter/quarter yard.

Blue is the color for Fat Quarter Frenzy.

Charity reminder: Bring your quilts for Stony Brook University Hospital.

Register for the QISS workshop.

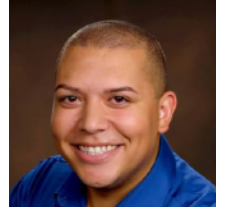


Saturday, August 22, 11:30 AM-4:30 PM

Virtual QISS (Quilting is Sew Simple) Workshop with Corey Pearson

Levittown Hall, 201 Levittown Parkway, Hicksville NY 11801

Cost: \$70 (includes materials kit)



Join in for an exciting hands-on workshop with **award-winning quilter and educator, Corey Pearson**, introducing an innovative Quilt-As-You-Go method that makes quilting on your home sewing machine easier, enjoyable and more successful. Corey presented a beautiful sampling of this method at our Zoom meeting in February.

LIMITED SEATS

Registration open **exclusively** to LIQS members until July 15, 2026. Open registration until July 25th.

Registration forms can be found at [LIQS.org](https://liqs.org), or contact Nancy Gravina, Program Director.

Here's a direct link to the registration form: [QISS Registration Form](#)

No August membership meeting - LIQS is on vacation. See you at the *September Annual Meeting.

July 1-August 29: LIQS Exhibit at Levittown Library

Join in for demonstrations 10 am-12 pm the weeks of July 6-10 and August 10-14

Pick up your quilts August 29, 1-3:00 pm at Carol Irwin's home. Any questions? Contact Carol.

Saturday, September 19 - Toys for Tots Sit & Sew (11am-4pm)

CHARITY Sit & Sew Merrick Golf Course

RSVP Linda Huncharoff

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

Elections; plans for 2026-2027; dues renewal for membership year 9/1/26-8/31/27

October 19, 6:30 PM - Halloween Party

Make-and-Take no-sew pumpkins. Bring Halloween and fall themed quilts for display.

Saturday, October 24 - Quilt the Day Away (12pm-4pm) - Merrick Golf Clubhouse

We need volunteers to run this workshop, please contact Madeline.



LIQS 2026 Community Quilting Project - Friendship Stars Quilts

LIQS is invited 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 is now finishing with the binding. The smaller replica (48" x 60") for LIQS fundraising is finished. Learn-to-quilt kits and corner bookmarks mini kits are being packaged for sale at the Fair.

Thanks again for your donations of fabric, batting, and labor. Next step is printing and attachment of the labels. We need quilts and volunteers for the exhibit! See below to respond...

- **RSVP** to participate with the Long Island Fair at the Fair; click on this link:
- [LIQS 2026 Community Quilting Project](#)
- Volunteers are requested to lend quilts for the exhibit and serve as staffing at the LIQS booth.
- Alternate **RSVP**, or for further details, contact:
- Emily
- Mary Ellen



Members' News

Our June 22 dinner celebrated our members with a scrumptious meal, raffles, and engaging fabric squares bingo. Many thanks to all who set up, served, cleaned up, and organized this event. Beautiful charity quilts were submitted for Stony Brook University Hospital. Generous gift basket donors brought in 19 baskets and congrats to all the basket winners.

Charity

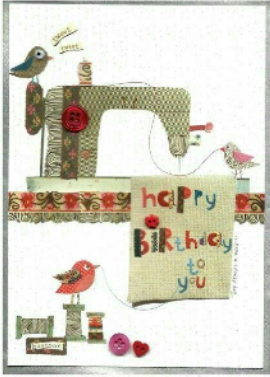
Bring your charity quilts to the next membership meeting on July 20. They are for Stony Brook University Hospital.

Sunshine and Shadows

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



Happy Birthday to July-August Birthday Members!



July: Patricia Carroll, Joan Cascio, Joyce Fischer, Arlaine Furcht, June Gebracht, Maureen Hyslop, Laura Loud, Lydia Paulsen, Patricia Ritzet, Diane Rizzo, Lorna Ross, Susan Sassoon, Suzanne Savatteri, Susan Schill, Marianne Wengler

August: Karen Adelman, Rosemary Brix, Lee Buccola, Louise Fossa, Alexandra Keblish, Lorraine Keryc, Lisa Morrow, Laura Smith, Joanne Sorrentino

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.

2026 LIQS MEETINGS CALENDAR

NOTE: ALL MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

2026	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
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 Sit & Sew Quilts for Stony Brook Cancer Center	6, 13, 20, 27
June	1	22 - PM	Celebration Dinner	3, 10, 17, 24
July	6	20 - PM	Fiber Arts Show & Tell And bring a friend	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
August	— — — —	— — — —	LIQS on vacation No meeting	5, 12, 19, 26
September	14	28 - AM	Annual Meeting, Elections, 2027 Plans	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 President's Challenge	2, 9, 16, 30

Events

Saturday, August 22, 11:30 AM-4:30 PM - QISS Workshop with Corey Pearson

Saturday, September 19 - Toys for Tots (11am-4pm) CHARITY Sit & Sew Merrick Golf Course

(Linda Huncharoff)

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](#)

Saturday, October 10 (11am-4pm) CHARITY Sit & Sew Merrick Golf Course (Linda Huncharoff)

Saturday, October 24 (Noon to 4pm - Quilt the Day Away

Saturday, November 14 (11am-4pm) CHARITY Sit & Sew Merrick Golf Course (Linda Huncharoff)



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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