



Long Island Quilters' Society

Newsletter

May-June 2026

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A Message from our President

Our most recent Long Island Quilters' Society meeting provided a meaningful reflection on our rich history and the essence of our guild. Current and founding members shared stories about the special activities and programs they have participated in over the years, meaningful connections and lasting friendships, particularly through collaborative work and service in guild leadership. Their stories demonstrate community impact through outreach quilts and charity projects. The evening served as a tapestry, seamlessly weaving together the experiences of our past, the contributions of our present, and the hopes for our future, creating one vibrant thread that unites us all. 🧵💖

A heartfelt shout-out to our planning committees, event volunteers, archivists, and program coordinators for keeping our history alive and our operations running. You are the quiet heroes of our guild. ✨✨

To all who open their hearts to new members, your generosity strengthens the bonds that sustain our quilt-loving family. ❤️

Let us carry these stories forward as we plan future programs, workshops, and shows. May we continue to support one another as we lead, learn, and create together. 🌈

If you have a story to share or a memory to preserve, I invite you to reach out and contribute to our ongoing guild history. Your voice matters and the next chapter begins with you. 📣🧩

We welcome members to help fill vacant board positions, with diverse talents, fresh ideas, and commitment to guide our programs, outreach, and leadership succession. Job descriptions are included in the Newsletter; let us know by email which position excites you. Send your willingness to help to LIQSpresident@gmail.com to learn more.



With warm stitches,

Madeline Richez, President 🧵🌟

General Membership Meetings

Mondays

- Freeport Recreation Center
130 East Merrick Rd, Freeport
- May 18, 10:00 AM
Charity Sewing
 - June 22, 6:30 PM
Celebration Dinner
 - July 20, 6:30 PM
Fiber Arts Show & Tell

Common Threads Hand Sewing

Wednesdays

- Coes Neck Park
1240 Coes Neck Rd, Baldwin
- May 6, 13, 20, 27
June 3, 10, 17, 24
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
August 5, 12, 19, 26

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

May 16-17 Global Quilt Connection [Teachers List 15-Minute Demos](#)
Zoom + livestream recording

May 18, 10:00 AM

*Charity Sewing - *RSVP required, see details on page 5

June 22, 6:30 PM - Celebration Dinner

Can you volunteer to help?

Contact Judy Wollman

Contributing gift raffle baskets? Required: All new items minimum value \$25; donors receive 5 free raffle tickets

Contact Emily Mann

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

**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. 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.
- **5th VP Co-Membership** - maintains records of membership status with contact information. Knowledge of Google Sheets is helpful.

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.

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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 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 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. The quilt (72" x 72") designated for donation to the Fair is assembled and will be prepared for longarm quilting. Thanks again for the donated batting! Blocks are under construction for the raffle quilt top (48" x 60"). Learn-to-quilt kits and corner bookmarks mini kits are ready to be packaged for sale at the Fair.

Further details, contact:

Emily

Mary Ellen



Samples of pieced blocks
2 layouts

- **RSVP** to help create the Long Island Fair 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

March 16, 10:00 AM (Zoom hybrid) - Sue Michaels, Beating Your Stash Before It Eats You Alive

- This program presented many ideas for facility with notions, tools, organizing and repurposing remnants, plus free patterns.

April 20, 6:30 PM - LIQS Historical Day (Zoom hybrid) - Celebrating Our Guild's Legacy 🎉

Founders and longtime members reflected on friendships built through guild work — especially while planning and presenting quilt shows and other hallmark events. They highlighted education offered to new and experienced quilters and leadership guidance provided to members stepping into guild roles. We have benefited from those who came before us. Thank you to every current and former member who shared stories with grace, honesty, and humor — your experiences are the fabric of our community:

Linda Denner, Janet Ratner, Wendy Strumwasser, Linda Zila, Diane Rizzo, Ellie Mahoney, Marilyn Hamilton Jackson.



Donation to Cohen's Children's Hospital - Judy Wollman delivered 31 children's comfort pouches, and expresses thanks to all of the members that made the pouches and filled them with toys for children to use while waiting for treatment.

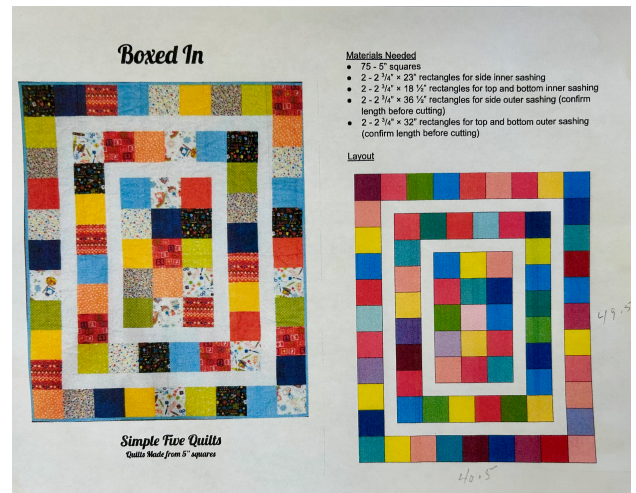
Charity

May 18, 10:00 AM - Sit & Sew

Charm packs project: "Boxed In" quilt.

Feel free to bring your own 5" squares (charm squares), layer cakes, or any other fabric. Kits will be available upon request. Quilts will be donated to Stony Brook University Cancer Center.

***RSVP:** Linda Huncharoff



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

"250 Years of Quilting in America" - Friday May 8, 3:00 PM at Freeport Library

Presented by Jessica Alexandrakis

Celebrate America's birthday with a look through domestic textiles and women's creations in this nation through the years. A trunk show of antique, vintage, and 21st-century quilts will be shared.

2026 Upcoming Shows and Events: Quilts and Fiber Arts

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

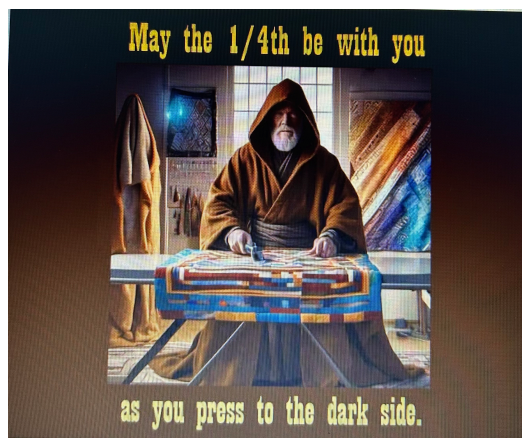
<https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/>

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

<https://www.paqa-south.org/artquiltswild> (until May 10)

<https://quiltmuseum.org/> (quilting arts from around the world)

<https://www.quilts.com/> (Houston call for entries)





Welcome New Members!

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



Happy Birthday to May-June Birthday Members!

May: Barbara Kramer, Victoria Lofaso, Virginia Perciaccante, Irene Rencher, Judy Wollman, Rosemarie Zanetto, Angela Zubrovnik

June: Mary Burkard, Marguerite dePoto, Carol Gardner, Amy Imkin, Lisa Koeth, Barbara Ringel, Wendy Strumwasser, Belinda Tarshis, Antoinette Winslow

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



Resources

Stash Busters - Free Projects

Video: [Corner Bookmarks with 4" Squares](#)

[Patriotic Patterns](#)

Video: [Beginner Friendly Shorcut Quilt](#)

Video: [Charm Pack Spools Quilt](#)

[Quilted & Sewn Wearables](#)

How-to's

[7 Tips for Piecing Curves](#)

[Continual Bias Binding \(PDF\)](#)

[Magic 8 Half-Square Triangles \(PDF\)](#)

[Thrifty Quilting Tips](#)

[Hand Quilting Basics](#)

[Cheat Sheets from AGF](#)

[Free Project Downloads from C&T Publishing](#)

Quote from an expert quilter:
"I shop faster than I sew."

Got an idea or tip to share?



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	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
August	3	17 - PM	TBA	5, 12, 19, 26
September	14	28 - AM	Annual Meeting	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
October	5	19 - PM	Make & Take: Fabric Pumpkins	7, 14, 21, 28
November	2	16 - AM	Station Rotation: Set Your Holiday Table	4, 11, 18, 25
December	7	14 - PM	Holiday Dinner President's Challenge	2, 9, 16, 30

Events

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, 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