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# Long Island Quilters' Society Newsletter

Dedicated to preserving the time-honored skill of quilting.

## ***A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT***

### Remembering Margot Cohen

Margot Cohen has passed away on October 19 at the age of 100. Many long time members will remember Margot as a founding member and past President of LIQS, Honorary Board Member, and major contributor to raffle quilts at LIQS quilt shows. In her honor, she was the first member to receive the LIQS "Margot Cohen Award" in recognition of her distinguished service. This award is granted to deserving guild members who have created and carried out meritorious initiatives that support community needs.

As a teenager, Margot emigrated from Nazi Germany, and began a new life in the United States. She mastered the English language, raised a family here on Long Island, cherished American citizenship. Over 35 years ago, she joined with other creative, energetic women to establish LIQS which eventually included over 500 members. Our guild members who knew her well have recounted many quilting occasions at Margot's home, where she supplied refreshments and would host over 30 quilters. Especially famous were her Super Bowl charity quilting events that continued into the last decade of her life.

During the pandemic, Margot contributed delightful articles to the LIQS Newsletter, which are included in this publication.

Margot's spirit of paying it forward serves as an inspiration to all of us. She is fondly remembered for her generosity, humor, and love of the color red.

This issue of the LIQS Newsletter is dedicated to her memory.

- Emily Mann



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In the hustle  
and bustle of  
the holiday  
season, take  
time to quilt  
and create  
memories that  
last a lifetime

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# GUILD MEETINGS

## JOIN US! MEETING DATES & TIMES

- **November 20th at 10 AM:** Start your day with us as we delve into important matters and enjoy a presentation by our guest - Kim Taylor - "Material Girl".  
📢 After the meeting don't miss out on a fantastic destash event where you can purchase some incredible fabrics and quilting supplies at great prices sold by Maura Hecht. (Cash or Zelle Payments Only)
- **December 18th at 6:30 PM:** It's time to celebrate the season together at our Holiday Party!
- **January-** Start the new year by giving back with our Sit and Sew for Charity event. We'll have fabric kits and a quick and easy pattern for you to work on. Date and details to follow.

Location:

Freeport Recreation Center  
130 East Merrick Road  
Freeport, NY 11520



Dear Guild Member,

As the holiday season approaches, we understand that it can be a busy time for everyone. However, we wanted to remind you that our monthly meetings are not just gatherings; they're moments of warmth, creativity, and connection with our wonderful quilty friends.

Your presence adds a special touch to our meetings, and we would love to have you join us this season. It's an opportunity to share in the joy of quilting and the spirit of the holidays with like-minded individuals who appreciate the art as much as you do.

So, please consider taking some time out of your busy schedule to be with us at our upcoming meetings. We look forward to spending this special season together.

Meetings are subject to change.  
Watch your email for updates/changes.

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# SCHEDULED EVENTS

## **"Appliqué" - Member-Lead Workshop with Wendy Farkas**

Baldwin Park, 3232 Grand Avenue, Baldwin, NY 11510

Sunday, December 3

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Registration and \$10 Fee Required Secure your spot by registering at [LIQS.org](http://LIQS.org) today.  
Doors open at 9:00 AM to allow for setup. Don't forget to bring your own lunch!

## **"Common Threads" LIQS Hand Sewing Group**

Coes Neck Park, 1240 Coes Neck Road Baldwin, NY 11510

Meetings are from 10am - 12 pm.

Remaining Dates for 2023 are: Nov 15, 29, Dec 13, 27

No fee required. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced stitcher, you're welcome. We provide a spacious quilting workspace and a friendly community for all sewing enthusiasts. Explore different sewing topics each month or work on your own projects. Even if you usually use a sewing machine, but have some hand sewing to do, we invite you to join us for some great stitching company. For more info, contact Anna Hanrahan.



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# LOCAL EVENTS & GUILD SPOTLIGHTS

**MARILYN HAMILTON JACKSON's** solo quilt exhibition, "Do You See What I See?" will be showcased at the Elmont Memorial Library, 700 Hempstead Turnpike, Elmont, NY 11003. View her quilts throughout November and December with a reception on Sunday, December 3rd, from 1 to 3:30 pm.

**NANCY LaROCCA** will be presenting her quilts at the Freeport Library, 144 West Merrick Road, Freeport, NY 11510 during the Month of December with a reception on December 23rd from 2-4pm . for more information contact: Youth Services Department 516-379-3274 [youthservices@freeportlibrary.info](mailto:youthservices@freeportlibrary.info)

**DONATIONS DELIVERED!** Our members and Charity Chair, Judy Wollman, have truly outdone themselves, contributing 33 Walker Caddy Bags and 4 Wheelchair Quilts to our local Veterans Services Agency, 10 Baby Quilts to AMT Children Hope Baby Safe House, and 12 quilts and 10 pillowcases to Momma's House. Their dedication and hard work are simply outstanding!



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# LET'S BE SOCIAL

a place for chats, challenges and links

**DID YOU MAKE YOUR MINI CHARM PACK HOT PAD?** The October 23rd meeting with our guest speaker Allison Black was an absolute blast! Allison's presence was not only delightful but also incredibly inspirational. She generously showered us with a fantastic array of giveaways, including a mini charm pack and a casserole hot pad pattern for each attendee. It's a great opportunity to showcase your creativity – have you already created yours? If so, snap a photo and email it to Lisa Morrow before December 15th to be entered into a drawing for an exciting prize! Winner will be announced at the December meeting. 📷🎁

**THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!** With the holiday season fast approaching, we're curious to know if any of you are diving into the world of quilted holiday gifts this year. Are you working on beautiful holiday-themed quilts, festive table runners, or cozy quilted stockings? We'd love to see your creations and hear about your quilting adventures! Share your holiday quilting projects with us, and let's inspire each other with our creative endeavors. If you're in need of quilting inspiration or helpful resources, check out these fantastic links that we've gathered just for you. Let's make this holiday season extra special with the warmth and beauty of handmade quilted gifts. Happy quilting!! 🧵✂️

[Christmas Countdown; An adorable Advent Calendar.](#)

[Hostess Gift: A Festive Wine Bottle Gift Tote](#)

[Fabric Gift Card Holder](#)

[10 Easy DIY Gift Bags](#)

Don't forget, you can submit your responses, photos, and comments to Lisa Morrow via email. We can't wait to feature your amazing work in our upcoming newsletters!



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# BUSINESS SECTION

## JOIN OUR BOARD: Positions Available

- **LIQS Bylaws Committee** is looking for two members to assist with the biennial Bylaws Revision. Please contact Deb Kircheim or Haylee Grote .
- **Nominations** - 1 member needed. If you are eager to make a difference, please contact Emily Mann to be a part of our dynamic team.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:** Please be sure your emergency contact information is up to date. See Kathy or Linda at the Membership sign-in table.

**YOUR VOICE MATTERS:** Your thoughts and feedback are important to us, and we want to hear from you! Please don't hesitate to share your suggestions, recommendations, or concerns with us through [LIQS Your Voice Matters](#) .

**CHECK WASHING:** Your security and peace of mind are of utmost importance to us, and we want to make you aware of potential risks associated with sending checks through traditional mail services. Postal fraud and checkwashing have become increasingly prevalent, putting your personal information and financial assets at risk. To safeguard your hard-earned money and maintain your financial security, we strongly encourage you to consider alternative payment methods whenever possible. For more information. Check out this [USPS article](#).





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# CLASSIFIED ADS

To place a classified ad (whether it's a wanted, donation, or sale), please get in touch with our Newsletter Editor. Ads will be featured in one newsletter issue and then removed.

## **HELP WANTED: Quilting Projects**

My dear grandmother, a talented quilter, recently passed away, leaving behind a treasure trove of quilting fabric and unfinished projects. I'm not skilled in the art of quilting, so I'm looking to commission someone to help me turn her legacy into meaningful Christmas gifts for my family.

**Contact:** Lauren Swanson

**Email:** [Lauren.swanson23@gmail.com](mailto:Lauren.swanson23@gmail.com)

## **HELP WANTED: Memory Pillows/Quilt**

I would like to commission the creation of two memory pillows and one memory quilt using my father's clothing. The quilt will primarily serve as a display piece. There is no urgent timeframe for this project. I am located in Malverne, NY in Nassau County. Please contact me via email, if you are interested.

**Contact:** Lynda R

**Email:** [mathisfun123@yahoo.com](mailto:mathisfun123@yahoo.com)

## **HELP WANTED: Memory Lap Quilt**

In loving memory of my dear mom who recently passed away, I'm seeking a talented quilt maker who can transform her cherished, long, colorful skirts into a beautiful lap-sized quilt.

**Contact:** Sue Phillips of Patchogue

**Email:** [sjprn@icloud.com](mailto:sjprn@icloud.com)

**Phone:** [+1-631-903-4086](tel:+1-631-903-4086)

## **DONATION: Small Quilts and Wall Hangings**

My mother, Virginia Bennett, was a dedicated member of LIQS. She is currently residing in a nursing home, and we wish to contribute small quilts and wall hangings.

**Contact:** Dede Adams

**Email:** [pugsley6@aol.com](mailto:pugsley6@aol.com)



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# BIRTHDAYS!

Happy Birthday to our talented guild members!

May your day be as warm and cozy as your quilts, filled with love, laughter, and lots of beautiful fabric to inspire your next masterpiece.

Here's to another year of stitching. Cheers to you!



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kathleen D'Amour, Martie Cappellano, Beverly Johnson,  
Barbara Kessler, Mary Jane Miller, Stephanie DeMarco

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Deborah Kirchheim, Janet Ratner, MaryAnn Bussey, Frances Davis, Marie  
Gardner, Toni Mason, Paulett Myers, Pauline Myers, Lisa Lagan,  
Emily Mann

# SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

For any news or inquiries, please feel free to reach out to Carol Irwin. You may leave a message if she's unavailable.

# CHARITY

For a heartfelt cause, our charity coordinator Judy Wollman is seeking more lap quilts. These quilts should measure 45" x 65" and can be crafted in any color, fabric, or design that inspires you. If you have any questions or would like to contribute, please contact Judy.

Additionally, if you're in need of charity quilt patterns, they are readily available on LIQS.org. Click here for a collection of charity patterns: [Charity Quilt Patterns](#)

Your generosity in creating these quilts makes a significant difference. Thank you for your support!



# Just for FUN!

To solve this cryptogram puzzle, you need to uncover the hidden message by figuring out a secret code. This code is a bit like a secret language where each letter in the puzzle represents a different letter of the alphabet in the final message.

For example, if in the puzzle, the letter 'T' stands for 'E,' then every 'T' you find in the coded message should be replaced with 'E.'

The strategy is to start with the letters you're certain about and use them to help you figure out other letters and words in the message. Keep an eye on the list of letters you've already used so you don't repeat them by accident.

Eventually, by cracking the entire code, you'll be able to read the entire hidden message.

Message will be revealed in the January/February Newsletter

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# Stay Connected

**Newsletter:** Don't miss out on our bi-monthly newsletter updates. To ensure it lands in your inbox and not your spam folder, please add our Editor Lisa Morrow's email to your trusted contacts. Stay in the loop with all things quilting and community news!

**Website:** Explore our digital hub at [LIQS.org](http://LIQS.org), managed by Evelyn Googe. Find inspiration in the "Gallery", discover charity quilt patterns in the "Charity" section, access news, register for events and so much more!

**E-mail:** As a current member with a registered email, you'll receive important updates via email. Add LIQS Board Members to your safe contacts to avoid having these emails land in your spam/junk folder. Please notify us if you change your email.

Your engagement fuels our quilting community! We hope you'll stay connected. 🧵💛

## Officers and Board of Directors

**President:** Emily Mann

**Member Workshops:** Haylee Grote

**Co-Membership:** Linda Huncharoff

**1st VP:** Madeline Richez

**Newsletter Editor:** Lisa Morrow

**Nominations:** VACANCY

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**Day Secretary:** Stephanie DeMarco

**Co-Membership:** Kathy Wideska

**Co-Ways & Means:** Charlene Stinson

**Treasurer:** Rosemary Brix

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### Honorary Board Members

Margot Cohen  
Kathy D'Amour  
Paula Lederkramer  
Janet Ratner

### **BOARD MEETINGS**

MERRICK GOLF COURSE @ 6.45 P.M.  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

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## IN MEMORIAM: Margot Cohen (1923-2023)

### In Margot's Own Words:

Newsletter March/April 2020

### What You Can Do at 96?

At 96 I don't see so well, I don't hear well, and I surely don't walk well.

My son moved my twin bed from upstairs to a small room downstairs together with the quilt that I had made years ago. The quilt turnout to be too large for its location. It could be used, but it just didn't feel right. I turned down suggestions that I buy a new one. A store-bought quilt just would not do for me. There had to be another solution. My wonderful aide Claudia walked me down to my studio; I considered making something. But what? I looked around the room and saw a box of 3 1/2 inch squares that I collected for more than thirty years of quilt making. I brought them to my sewing machine and started to sew them together. With no special plan in mind, just sewing them first into pairs, then pairs into fours, and fours into eights eventually into rows and then sewing them together...Almost 600 squares. I found a wonderful piece of fabric for the back of the quilt. I was unable to hand quilt at this point. My wonderful daughter Nancy agreed to help me tie the knots to hold the layers together and I finished the quilt with a bright red binding. What I usually do is, when putting a new quilt together, I fold it up and put it in a shelf and start a new project. This time was no different until I went to bed that night, I went to my room, turned on the light, and saw the new quilt was on my bed. Claudia had surprised me by putting the quilt on my bed. The sheer beauty of the colors took my breath away. It was not a perfect quilt, nothing that I would enter in a competition. But I loved it anyway because it was something that I had been able to make at my stage of the game.



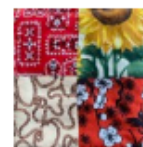
### 25th Anniversary Super Bowl Party

The event on February 2, 2020 was attend by: Betty Ann Colangelo, Linda Vasconi, Alice Palmer, Helen O'Dwyer, Dot Selig, Felicia Rosenau, Ann Kurtz, Beverly Gaeta, Liz Proctor, Sue Harlin, Carol Irwin.

A good fairy named Helene Kunitz volunteered to close the quilts because Margot was no longer able to do that. They tied 21 quilts for charity a good time was had by all!

### Under the Mug (November-December 2020)

My grandson visited me and remarked on "that thing" under my coffee mug. I explained that I made it to keep the mug from leaving marks not the table, in other words, "a coaster." He inspected carefully and said "they would be cool to have at a cocktail party would you make me a dozen?" I did that — all different prints and had fun making them.



Cut 4 - 3 1/2 inch squares from different scraps. Trim if necessary. Cut a square of different fabric for back. Put these pieces right sides together on top of a piece of light batting and pin together. Then stitch around the square, leaving an opening for turning. After turning and pinning the opening, stitch once around and YOU ARE DONE.



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# AT A GLANCE

**Month of November - December 3:** Marilyn Hamilton Jackson's Solo Quilt Exhibition at Elmont Memorial Library, 700 Hempstead Turnpike, Elmont, NY 11003

**November 15:** Common Threads LIQS Hand Sewing Group Meeting at Coes Neck Park, 1240 Coes Neck Road, Baldwin, NY 11510, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

**November 20:** Guild Meeting at Freeport Recreation Center, 130 East Merrick Road, Freeport, NY 11520, at 10:00 AM.

**November 29:** Common Threads LIQS Hand Sewing Group Meeting at Coes Neck Park, 1240 Coes Neck Road, Baldwin, NY 11510, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

**Month of December:** Nancy LaRocca's Quilt Exhibition at Freeport Library, 144 West Merrick Road, Freeport, NY 11510

**December 3:**

- Appliqué Member-Lead Workshop at Baldwin Park, 3232 Grand Avenue, Baldwin, NY 11510, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
- Marilyn Hamilton Jackson's Solo Quilt Exhibition at Elmont Memorial Library, 700 Hempstead Turnpike, Elmont, NY 11003 Reception: 1-3pm .

**December 13:** Common Threads LIQS Hand Sewing Group Meeting at Coes Neck Park, 1240 Coes Neck Road, Baldwin, NY 11510, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

**December 15:** Mini Charm Pack Hot Pad Challenge Entry Deadline

**December 18:** Guild Holiday Party at Freeport Recreation Center, 130 East Merrick Road, Freeport, NY 11520, at 6:30 PM.

**December 23:** Nancy LaRocca's Quilt Exhibition at Freeport Library, 144 West Merrick Road, Freeport, NY 11510, Reception from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

**December 27:** Common Threads LIQS Hand Sewing Group Meeting at Coes Neck Park, 1240 Coes Neck Road, Baldwin, NY 11510, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

**January:** (Date and Details to Follow): "Sit and Sew for Charity"