



# Long Island Quilters' Society

## Newsletter

### January-February 2026



#### A Message from our Co-Presidents

##### Happy New Year!

We're ringing in 2026 with so much excitement, and our guild has already been hard at work planning an amazing year ahead. This January/February newsletter gives you just a peek at what's coming, and trust us, there is so much fun in store.

One of the highlights we're especially excited about is the **President's Challenge - Pieces of Me**. We've launched a brand new [Pinterest](#) board filled with inspiration, ideas, and tutorials to help get you started. This challenge is going to be such a creative experience, and we cannot wait to see how each of you makes it your own.

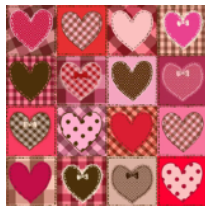
Be sure not to miss our upcoming **Zoom presentations**. Whether you prefer to join us in person or cozy up at home, we have you covered. Just remember to [RSVP](#) to reserve your seat. You will not want to miss what we have lined up.

And let's talk about the buzz around **FQ Frenzy**. Wow. It has been a huge hit, with more than 100 fat quarters already won. January's color is **Turquoise**, and we cannot wait to hear what color our lucky winner will choose for February. The suspense is real.

There is so much new, exciting, and inspiring happening in our guild right now, and we hope you are feeling that energy too. Here is to a creative, connected, and joy filled start to the year. We cannot wait to share it all with you.

Warmly,

Lisa and Madeline 💙



##### **General Membership Meetings** **Mondays - Zoom Hybrid**

Freeport Recreation Center  
130 East Merrick Rd, Freeport

- January 26, 10:00 am  
Loose Ends
- February 23, 10:00 am  
QISS
- March 16, 6:30 pm  
Beating Your Stash Before It Eats You Alive

##### **Common Threads Hand Sewing** **Wednesdays**

Coes Neck Park  
1240 Coes Neck Rd, Baldwin

- January 14, 21, 28
- February 4, 11, 18, 25
- March 4, 11, 18, 25

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 January 26, 10:00 AM

Masey Kaplan, Loose Ends

Loose Ends promo <https://youtube.com/shorts/sjLJT06g00s?feature=share>

*Don't Leave A Mess*

Zoom hybrid

RSVP <https://forms.gle/HcL6RExwHK3SCLHg8>

### Monday February 23, 10:00 AM

Corey Pearson

*QISS (Quilting is So Simple)*

Zoom hybrid

### Saturday March 7, 12:00 AM-4:00 PM

*Quilt the Day Away*

Merrick Golf Course Clubhouse

\$25 to register.

Members will select class: 1st choice and 2nd choice

Members will also have the choice to sit and sew on their own projects. Cost remains the same.

Lunch will be served, bring your own drink. Raffles and 50/50.

Members are asked to donate new items that can be used for raffles; items do not necessarily need to be quilt related. Please deliver items to Pat Roaldsen on or before the February meeting.

### Monday March 16, 10:00 AM

Sue Michaels

*Beating Your Stash Before It Eats You Alive*

Zoom hybrid

**Board Vacancies - these positions need to be filled.**

**We need you! Contact the Co-Presidents.**

- 2nd VP Scheduling - is 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.

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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: Ellen Davis

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

6th VP Co-Webmaster: VACANCY

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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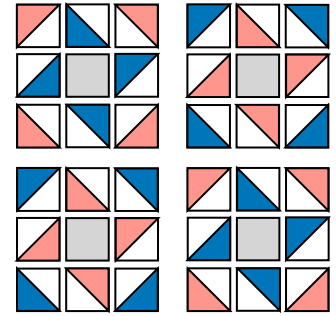
## LIQS 2026 Community Quilting Project - Friendship Stars Quilts

LIQS is invited to return to the Long Island Fair at Old Bethpage Village Restoration in October 2026. Our quilt theme commemorates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Thanks to an enthusiastic start, we are already collecting traditional style fabrics. Distribution of fabrics for cutting pieces will begin at the first in-person meeting this year.

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

Further details, contact:

Emily  
Mary Ellen



RSVP to join this project:  
[LIQS 2026 Community Quilting Project](#)

## Members' News

### November

Our November membership meeting featured mini-demos Station Rotation offering novel quick-to-make gift ideas... which members report that have already been given as gifts this holiday season. Demo topics: Tea Wallet, Bowl Cozy, Pillowcase, Rope Bowl. Fringe benefit: consumes remnants. Spoiler alert: easily addictive.

### December 15 - Holiday Celebration Dinner

Lots of cheer to cheer for. Great food, great camaraderie, raffles and prizes. Thanks to Judy Wollman and the food setup committee, we enjoyed a delicious meal. The "Fat Quarter Frenzy" yielded a substantial haul of "red" for Mario Mulea, who nominated "turquoise" as the next FQ Frenzy color. Creatively arranged, generous gift baskets (22 in all), brimming with practical and fun goodies, brought in proceeds to support guild events. The artful gift exchange provided a perfect conversation space for members to meet, expressing gratitude for the thoughtful contributions to each other's stash.

Many members contributed gorgeous quilted/stuffed animals for children in need, thanks to the organizational efforts of Charity Chair Linda Huncharoff.

### Charity

Toys for Tots makes the holiday season a bit brighter. The Bellmore Herald features Linda's generous accomplishment setting up the program with the sewing skills of LIQS members.

<https://www.liherald.com/bellmore/stories/bellmore-woman-sews-joy-for-toys-for-tots,219650?>





### **Sunshine and Shadows**

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

### **Tech Check-Up**

Keep the digital news coming to your inbox. Prevent LIQS blast emails automatically landing in "junk" or "spam."

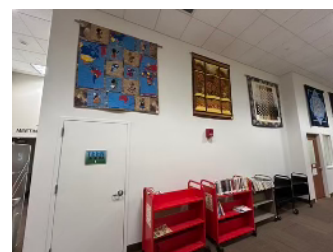
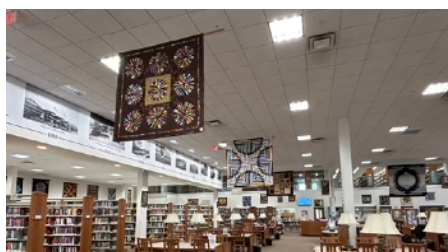
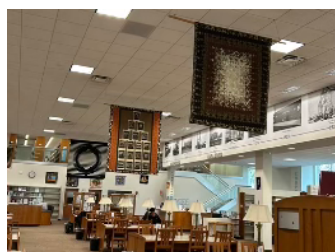
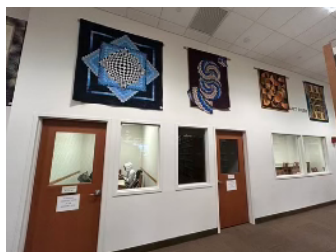
Be sure to list the Newsletter Editor's email address in your safe contacts list

### **LIQS Member Marilyn Hamilton Jackson - Exhibit at Elmont Public Library**

700 Hempstead Turnpike, Elmont NY 11003

<https://elmontlibrary.org/>

Here is an opportunity to view the versatility of a fellow member's quilting talents. Marilyn's works are on display through February.



### **Welcome New Members!**

Markella Georgiou, Maria Lucchi, Lorna Ross, Deborah Shea, Christine Vanderberg,  
Anna White, Ilene Yair



Happy Birthday to  
January-February Birthday Members!!

**January:** Isola Best, Judy Citron, Mary Ann Crowley, Ellen Gleason, Cynthia Gray, Karin Levy, Jane Ogilvie, Angela Quartararo, Pat Roaldsen, Laura Schuler, Kathleen Wideska

**February:** Fiona Garfinkel, Nancy Gravina, Barbara Griminger, Francine Hazel, Linda Huncharoff, Elizabeth Lubaszka, Rory Matthews, Madeline Richez, Joan Rose

## ***Local Area News***

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/>

## ***Lyric Kinard (formerly from Global Quilt Connection) Announces: Calls for Entry***

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

January 14, 2026

### **New Quilts From An Old Favorite: Food Upcoming Exhibits**

The National Quilt Museum

<https://quiltmuseum.org/ngof2026/>

February 18, 2026-June 2027(ship+show)

January 20, 2026

### **Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival (Hampton, VA)**

<https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival/>

Feb 11-March 6, 2026 (ship+show)

January 20, 2026

### **Mid-Atlantic Wearable Art Competition (Hampton, VA)**

<https://www.quiltfest.com/enter-competitions/quilt-competition-entry/>

Feb 11-March 6, 2026 (ship+show)

Jan 23, 2026

### **ARTQUILTswild!**

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

Cary, NC

Mar 2 - May 2, 2026 (ship + show)

## ***2026 Upcoming Quilt Shows***

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

<https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza/>

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

## 2026 To-Do List

### Inspiration / Projects

2026 Declutter Challenge  
<https://www.justgetitdonequilts.com/>

2026 Riley Blake Block Challenge  
Blocks by 16 designers

[Sewing Space Cleanup](#)

[Valentines Quilts](#)

[Free Valentine Quilts Stuff](#)



### Fiber Arts

[Crochet Inspired by Log Cabin Quilt Block](#)  
Free pattern download



[Valentine's Day Crafts](#)

### Techniques

[Quilting Ruler Hack](#)

<https://thimtec.com/> (thimble alternative)

[Hand Quilting Tips](#)

[Manx Log Cabin Hand Quilting](#)

[Beginner Free Motion Quilting](#)

[Leaders and Enders](#)

[Step-by-Step Foundation Paper Piecing](#)

[Video: Sewing Perfect Curves](#)

### ***Classified***

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

## 2026 LIQS CALENDAR MEETINGS

NOTE: ALL MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Month	Board Meetings Monday 10 am -12 pm Merrick Golf Course Clubhouse	Membership Meetings Monday Freeport Rec 10 am or 6:30 pm	Common Threads Hand Sewing Wednesday 10 am - 1 pm Coes Neck Park
January	5	Jan 26 - 10 am	7, 14, 21,28
February	2	Feb 23 - 10 am	4, 11,18, 25
March	2	Mar 16 - 6:30 pm	4, 11,18, 25
April	6	Apr 20 - 6:30 pm	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
May	4	May 18 -10 am	6, 13, 20, 27
June	1	Jun 22 - 6:30 pm	3, 10, 17, 24
July	6	July 20 - 6:30 pm	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
August	3	Aug 17 - 6:30 pm	5, 12, 19, 26
September	14	Sept 28 - 10 am	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
October	5	Oct 19 - 6:30 pm	7, 14, 21, 28
November	2	Nov 16 - 10 am	4, 11, 18, 25
December	7	Dec 14 - 6:30 pm	2, 9, 16, 30



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