



Long Island Quilters' Society

Newsletter Extra

October-November 2020 C-19 #7



November 2 **Zoom Presentation**

Follow the forthcoming email instructions for Zoom link to enter live Karen Combs program. The first 100 logins will be accepted.

To enter optional raffle, send \$5.00 donation (payable to LIQS).

See Presidents' Message for details.

November 9 **Charity Pickup**

Eisenhower Park, Field 6-6A, 12:00-1:00 PM.

See page 5.

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Hi Quilters,

Welcome to "Extra #7."

Getting cooler!

Wanted!! Newsletter items!
Please feel free to submit short articles, and links to inspiration and news that would be of interest to our quilting community.

Read on for Zoom event, tips and ideas.



A Message from our Co-Presidents...

Dear Quilters,

Halloween is upon us and it's hard to imagine it being scarier than 2020 has been so far! Time to think about how lucky we are to have a "hobby" and how boring this staying home stuff would be without our quilting.

We have had some inquiries about collection of dues for the upcoming 2020-21 year. Since Covid-19 has curtailed most of our activities, it doesn't seem fair to collect dues when annual events like the June dinner, Quilt-the-Day-Away, the holiday party, member workshops, as well as meetings, have all been cancelled. And so, the Board, which meets monthly via Zoom, has decided to postpone the dues until further notice. Watch the Newsletter for further information and the membership form.

As you may have noticed, we are attempting to make up for missed meetings by finding well known quilters who are willing to do trunk shows for us via Zoom. We are not responsible for their travel, room, and board, which is a saving for us, but these professional educators do charge a substantial fee for every presentation; therefore we ask that you consider buying a surprise raffle by sending \$5.00 to Margaret Mitchko. This will help defray the expense.

We encourage you to tune in to Zoom on **November 2** to see Karen Combs. You will have a front row seat for the presentation, virus free, and right in your own sewing room, kitchen, or easy chair. Even dress is optional!! Instructions on tuning in to Zoom will follow in a separate email. Also, if there is sufficient interest, we will schedule Zoom classes with Karen Combs. Let us know if you are interested.

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A Message from our Co-Presidents... (continued from page 2)

Meanwhile the charity work goes on. See announcements for charity patterns, suggestions, and pick up times and places, further on in this Newsletter.

If you have suggestions for LIQS in Covid times, we are always happy to hear from you.

Our board continues to look for new members. We have agreed to continue until the pandemic ends and meetings are resumed. At that point many of us will be leaving and replacements are needed if LIQS is to continue. All of us are willing to work with new board members if needed. The Board is great fun, think about it.

So, have a lovely autumn and keep quilting,

Marie and Pat

Programs

November 2, 7:00 PM: ZOOM presentation with Karen Combs.

More information about this artist: <https://www.karencombs.com>

Details to be announced via email. **Totally optional** donation for raffle announced in the Presidents' Message; you are willing to donate please send your check to Margaret Mitchko. The raffle will take place in January. Of course, you can send a donation even if you can't Zoom with us on November 2nd.

Members' News

December 2020: Freeport Library Exhibit

We are looking for items to put in a locked glass showcase, as well as wall hanging sized quilts, to display in the lobby of the Freeport Library, throughout the month of December. Holiday items are great but we will take anything you wish to exhibit. For further information call Marie Martin.

Please connect with a member who does not receive email:

Jean Wilson (Levittown), Dorothy Zale (Wantagh)

Thank you to everyone who already volunteers to send the newsletters to our non-email members.

If you can select a member from this list to keep in touch with, please reply to Emily. Their contact information will be forwarded to you, upon approval from them.

Quilting and Sewing Garage Sale: Sunday November 1, Saturday November 14, Sunday, November 15, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM weather permitting. West Babylon. Fabrics, sewing notions, embroidery software, quilting programs, & more. Following Covid precautions.

Community Teamwork for Face Masks

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TRADE UNIONISTS TEAM UP WITH L.I. QUILTERS TO PRODUCE LIFESAVING MASKS

By Naeisha Rose

In nearly four months, about 30 women from the Long Island Quilters' Society have fabricated 10,000 masks to help frontline workers during the coronavirus pandemic. But the stalwart women were not alone. They had help from Bergen Metal and more than a dozen Sheet Metal Workers Local 28 members.

Local 28 Business Agent Brian Nigro heard Connecticut Sheet Metal Workers Local 40 were producing three-inch nose strips. In early April, Nigro and his Local 28 members helped distribute 15,000 of them to the Mask Makers Guild in Putnam County.

"There was this woman, Erin, who took them and was immediately thankful," Nigro says.

But there was a problem — the metal nose strips had hard edges and could be a "danger" to a person's eye.

Nigro wasn't offended by the criticism. Instead, he got to work and reached out to Robert Santoro of Bergen Metal — someone Nigro has known for 30 years.

"I asked him if he would be willing to buy a die for the machine that could make an oval shape, so it's more comfortable for faces," says Nigro. "[Santoro] had the die made and shipped in 24-hours."

Bergen then received a donation of 50 aluminum sheets that were punched into thousands of oval strips within four to five days.

When it came to shipping the items — the sheet metal workers had a novel idea.

"Bergen Metal is attached to a beer distributor — so, when they were making [the metal nose strips], they were putting them in empty beer cases," says Nigro.

Each beer case could hold up 8,000 nose strips.

"Rob Santoro spent his own money to get the die to stamp the oval shape, too."

It cost Santoro approximately \$1,000 to secure the solid-steel die.

Anthony Guerrero, the political action coordinator for Local 28, took in the orders, while Nigro got the new oval strips into the right hands.

"We sent nose strips as far away as Alaska," Nigro says. "There were quite a few orders made in Puerto Rico, too."

More strips went to Georgia, Connecticut, and the New York Metropolitan Area.

Recipients included Mary Ellen Orchard and the Long Island Quilters' Society, a volunteer organization dedicated to the art & craft of quilting, as well as serving the community.

"We sent 1,000 to Mary Ellen in Long Island, who was excited that ours were oval," Nigro says. "We later sent her 9,000 to 10,000 more."

Mary Ellen Orchard and the rest of the Long Island Quilters' Society have

been making protective masks since mid-March.

"When you take a strip and it is all right angles, you have to smooth it out to the contour of your nose — those four corners are like knives and they puncture the skin," Orchard says. "Once we got the rounded corners, we never heard a single complaint."

The Long Island Quilters' Society is largely comprised of retired women. When members learned about the need for masks after reading a Facebook post requesting 300,000 for hospitals in Michigan — they realized the coronavirus pandemic was widespread and they had to do something to help their union-strong community, which consists of hundreds of medical workers.

"There are about 13 to 15 hospitals, nursing homes and rehab centers in Long Island alone," says Orchard.

The Long Island quilters helped supply both medical workers and first responders.

"We were making the masks, but they kept flipping off, and someone just mentioned the metal clips online," Orchard says. "One woman filled out an application for 75 — but I filled out one for 1,000. I was like, 'go big or go home!'"

The Long Island quilters met up twice a week in Eisenhower Park and fabricated masks — each one taking more than 20 minutes to make.

"One of our members, Ronnie Medina, personally made 1,536 masks," says Orchard. "That was nearly four months [work]."

From mid-March to June, The Quilters' Society of Long Island succeeded in making more than 10,700 masks.

Whenever a new shipment of beer cases arrived, Orchard felt compelled to declare — "No, No, No — it's not me drinking." "This turned out to be an extremely satisfying thing for so many people," she says.

The quilters also received additional homemade masks from a theater group, an elderly couple living in Flushing, and a 94-year-old

woman.

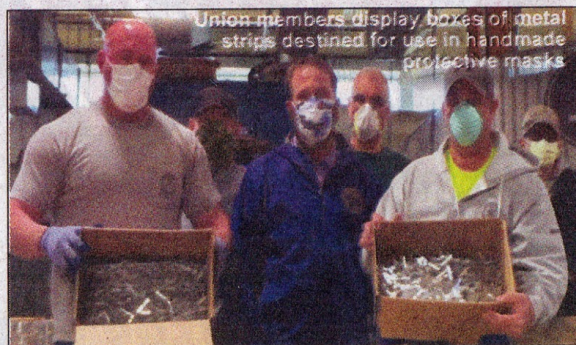
"We were almost in disbelief about this pandemic because it sounds too big," Orchard says. "I didn't live through the 1918 Spanish flu. This sounded almost make-believe, but there was a huge need in Nassau County."

After producing and procuring so many masks, the quilters are taking the summer off.

"Our workers were going back to work and the masks were limited," says Nigro. "Mary Ellen and her group made 500 masks in short order. That was very nice."

Nigro and Orchard have developed a close friendship and still keep in touch. The two have even become gardening buddies.

"He taught me how to grow my garlic," Orchard says. "It came out pretty well. He was sweet." ■



Charity..... Judy Wollman

- **November 9 12:00-1:00 PM:** Charity collection at Eisenhower Park, Field 6-6A, where we were dropping off masks. Sizes needed: Baby, premie 30"x40," twin; pillowcases, chemo pillows, dolls, are all appropriate donations for charity.
- Volunteers are still needed to complete quilts from quilt tops. The tops are done, they require backing, batting, and binding. Contact Judy Wollman for details.

For your continued reference, here are instructions for the Charity projects.

Pillowcase:

1. Place the fabrics on top of each other matching the fold line. Cut off selvage. Make sure all pieces are the same size. Press the cuff and piping pieces in half, **wrong sides together**.
2. Open up 9" strip.
3. First, place the 9" opened strip, face-up, then place the main fabric face up on top, then place the 2" **folded** strip on top of that. Reach down and roll up, only the main piece of fabric to make a tube.
4. Then bring the 9" cuff piece of fabric **over** the tube, pin across the top making sure all pieces are pinned. Stitch a 1/4 inch seam across the top. **Do not sew the ends closed**.
5. Reach inside the tube and pull the tube out completely.
6. Fold the pillowcase in half, right sides together. Stitch down the side seam, making sure that the cuff and piping match, then the bottom. You can zig-zag the bottom and the side to stop from unraveling, or finish with crisp French seams.
7. It can be made with or without the piping.

Pillowcase:

1. Main fabric 27" x WOF
2. Cuff 9" x WOF

Chemo Seatbelt Port Pillow:

1. Take the Velcro and separate it. Sew it to the right long side on the center edge of one piece of fabric and the other end to the other side of the same fabric. When they're sewn on you can wrap it around the seatbelt.
2. Close the Velcro.
3. Sew the two pieces of fabric, right sides together leaving an opening so you can

Chemo Seatbelt Port Pillow:

1. 2 pieces of fabric 7" x 4"
2. 1 piece Velcro 3 1/2" (sew-on type)
3. Stuffing



- stuff it. 4. Stuff it.
5. Sew the opening closed.

Doll Pattern and Instructions: Contact Judy Wollman_

Publicity

Facebook Mary Ellen Orchard

Contact Mary Ellen for social media communication.

LIQS Website Anna Hanrahan

BOM section!

LIQS.org is now going to offer information on external BOM projects. Many instructors and companies are offering BOMs sooner and in greater number than usual and a lot of us could use a new project.

This can be a great resource for all of us. However, we need your participation and how well this works is dependent on you!

If you know of any BOM projects that you think might be of interest to members, contact Anna. If you send her a project with an imminent registration deadline, please give her a heads up. New listings will be posted at the beginning and middle of the month.

More Stuff to Do At Home

Directory of webinars, quilting events and teachers

<http://www.globalquiltconnection.com>

Live sale from Chestnut Bay Quilting

Hi, My name is Patty Cline, I used to live on Long Island and had a long arm quilting business in my home at that time. I vended a few of your shows in the past as Chestnut Bay Quilting. I now own a brick and mortar quilt shop in Caledonia in western NY, still called Chestnut Bay Quilting. We do a live sale we call the Friday Frolic typically on the last Friday of each month. If you think this is something your members would be interested in, please share this information with them, we are happy to ship orders! Here is our registration information: goo.gl/forms/DYPn3Dw86FAcJPif2 If you are able to join us live, our next Frolic is Friday, October 30th starting at 7:00pm on the Chestnut Bay Quilting Facebook page. Thanks! Patty. pattycbq1313@gmail.com

Basics - fabric, thread sets, batting, tools, patterns

<https://www.connectingthreads.com>

Precuts of the week, flash sales (sometimes they have items sold out elsewhere)
<https://www.fatquartershop.com>

Modern and unexpected, weekly specials
<https://www.stashfabrics.com>

Whimsical, simple pattern ideas, weekly giveaway drawing
<https://www.hawthornesupplyco.com>

Art Gallery Fabrics - cheat sheets, free patterns, modern & traditional
<http://artgalleryfabrics.com>
<https://liveartgalleryfabrics.com/quilters-cheat-sheets/>

Knit quilted blanket
<https://www.yarnspirations.com/on/demandware.static/-/Sites-master-catalog-spinrite/default/dwfb79f7fa/PDF/BRK0502-012597M.pdf>

Podcast about Isaac Singer
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3csz2x8>

Glasnost and Folk Culture Exhibit online August 4, 2020 - February 14, 2021
Exhibit at International Quilt Museum in Nebraska
<https://www.internationalquiltmuseum.org/exhibition/glasnost>
Photos of quilting cultural exchange program between USA and Russia during 1990s
Glasnost, the quilts on exhibit, and a short video about the cultural exchange program.



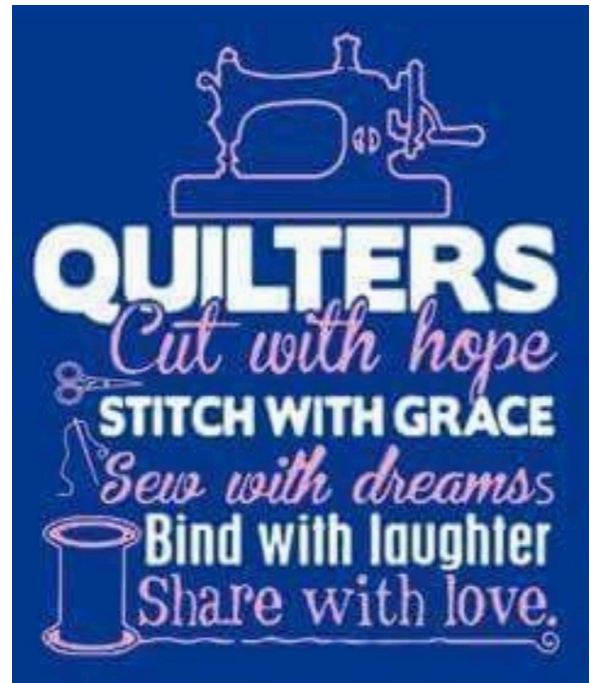
Happy Birthday
to October and November Members!!

October: Susan Acevedo, Ruth Bechtold, Rita D'Alonzo, Jeannette Glover, Joan Koloski, Marie Martin, Mush Masters, Janet Miller, Margaret Mitchko, Mario Mulea, Eileen O'Connor, Gail Savold, Mary Ann Sexton, Nancy Sporn

November: Betty Belford, Kathyleen D'Amour, Anita Hayes, Beverly Johnson, Barbara Kessler, Carmela Kundrath, Leslie McCarthy, Mary Jane Miller, Helga Pfeffer, Marie Vaccaro

Sunshine and Shadows.....Carol Irwin
From Carol: I miss everyone! Wishing everyone continued good health.

Condolences to the family of Carol Ebron, who passed away on October 6.
Wishing a full recovery to Dorothy Zale who broke her hip.



Thoughts

The Way We Live Now

- Gelato rules
- Getting through those UFO's
- Quality time with pets

*News items, short articles, and
suggestions are always welcome.
Contact the Editor.*

Thoughts (continued)

I Just Want to Iron (Part 1)..... Mary Ellen Orchard (Reprinted with permission from M.E.)

It was really simple: I needed a new cover for the ironing board. Ironing is a dying art, apparently. The most logical thing to do to get a new cover is to go to big box stores. Well, check off those failures. I left the stores with nothing (well, nothing that had to do with ironing, anyway).

People are into knit clothing now so no one really irons. It seems the dry cleaner is the new washing machine. Knits are great fabrics don't get me wrong. Who doesn't love a favorite tee-shirt? Better yet, who doesn't sleep in a great tee-shirt!? But, some of us also wear cotton weave shirts or blouses and they need to be ironed, even the ones that swear they are able to go straight from the dryer to your desk. What desk they had in mind baffles me: With the wrinkles still left on them I'm thinking, coal miner's, Antarctica scientist's, Peruvian craftsman's....

Oh, this would be so easy. Online is a plethora of things you never knew you really needed. First I had to know the size of the ironing board I have (who measures these things?!). And, where did I put the tape measure? Half an hour later I knew the size of it and also the drawer that held four tape measures. Now for the purchase: hold me back

Attention Classified entries: Ads will appear for one newsletter issue, and subsequently removed. For further information, please notify the Editor.

Classified

For Sale: Fig Sewing Cart

\$50

23w x 16h x 12.5d (inches)

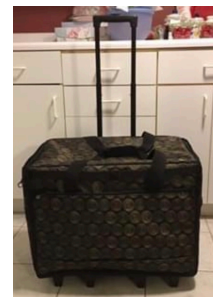
Sturdy, ball-bearing wheels. Extended height wheel set, steel frame construction.

Top load or front load option, stabilizer strap inside.

Fully collapsible for easy storage.

Highest grade tapestry fabrics, inside and outside accessory pockets.

Contact: Roberta



Classified

For Sale: Grace Q-Zone Hoop Frame for domestic machine max 19" throat quilting machine.
\$700 or best offer

Comes with grace G 2 series carriage, leader cloth, 4 bungee clamps and speed control for Juki TL2010Q. The Grace Q-Zone hoop is 4 1/2 foot.

Buyer is responsible for shipping or pick up.

Contact: Safeen Castellano

For Sale: Cameo-Silhouette

\$100

Brand new, never been used.

Contact: Nancy LaRocca

FREE: Singer sewing machine in wood cabinet.

Not in working condition, needs loving home.

Contact: Nancy LaRocca

For Sale: Bernina 1260

\$1,000 or best offer

Excellent condition, original owner, all it came with, plus a few extra things for quilters.

Contact: Anita Hayes

Wanted: Sewing and quilting services, to completely transform 1950s-60s vintage embroidered cotton squares, 53"x 53," into a throw size quilt. Requires backing fabric, batting, optional border, stitching. Creative ideas are welcome to create a special piece to honor the sentimental value of this handiwork. Willing to negotiate for fair pricing.

Contact: Carol Peise



from screaming at all the choices I had. I swear, I only wanted ONE cover and I didn't really care what it looked like (except no wild prints, there's no need to get dizzy at 7:30 a.m. when the day hasn't really started yet and the caffeine buzz hasn't kicked in yet)...

(Part 2 in next issue)



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The Long Island Quilter's Society, Inc. is a non-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 E. Merrick Road, Freeport, NY.