

Last year, Eastern Long Island Quilt Guild with the support of Quilts for Kids participated in a homage to Alice Summerville with **A Celebration of a Well Pieced Life** at The First Congregational Church of Riverhead the Sunday of Columbus Day Weekend, which coincided with the Riverhead Country Fair. Numerous, beautiful, varied quilts were draped over the pews in the sanctuary to view for free while soft inspiring music resounded from an audio system. Quilters were allowed to display their quilts for sale. The church had no interest in charging participants consignment fees. No exchange of cash occurred in the sanctuary, but quilts were purchased outside at a designated table. Set up was completed on Saturday from 10 am – 1 pm. A special display of Alice Summerville's quilts was displayed on the altar along with a description of her quilts and a synopsis of her quilting story and connection with the church. The event was memorable and profitable for the church, some participating quilters and the QFK Long Island Chapter. The church benefitted from the proceeds of a raffled quilt, connecting with the community and the enrollment of several new parishioners into their fold. Several of ELIQG members sold their quilts and a good amount of the QFK quilts were marketed as well. Positive remarks were aired by those who took advantage of the opportunity to see so many quilts in an outstanding venue.

The First Congregational Church of Riverhead [next to The Suffolk (performing arts theatre)] has a yearning to repeat this endeavor this year! It will occur on **Sunday, October 13, 2024**, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. rain or shine concurrent with the Riverhead Country Fair. The Eastern Long Island Quilt Guild will have a table at the fair right in front of the church this year. Please offer your assistance on the day of set up, your presence for supervision of the quilts the day of the exhibit and/or helping with the breakdown of the display to make this another successful event. Please promote this event and encourage friends, relatives, co-workers and neighbors to make the short trip to the Village of Riverhead and view/purchase the unique quilts. Those who have handicapped stickers can park in the lot off East Avenue north of the Methodist Church or the eastern most section of the bank parking lot on West Main Street. Van access is available on the south side of Main Street west of Griffing Avenue.

A tribute to quilters, who have received their angel wings and were members of QFK and ELIQG will be the focus of the altar display this year. If you would like a particular quilter to be represented, please fill out an entry form, provide a short, detailed description of the quilter's quilt, as well as a short narrative of the individual's attributes and relationship to ELIQG or QFK. Quilters who would like to display their quilts must fill out an entry form too. The **deadline** for either documentation is **September 28, 2024**. Many hands turn a job into a fun, memorable occasion! Thank you for your consideration of this request. Warmly, Brigitte Mazzaferro