



Hall of Fame

HILLARY NEEDLE

PRESIDENT ◊ HILLARY NEEDLE EVENTS, INC.

Hillary Needle, president of Hillary Needle Events Inc., has more than 20 years of senior management expertise in event planning. Her experience includes serving as the director of development for the American Heart Association and then, for eight years, she was an executive vice president at a prominent event-planning corporation active in fundraising event management for not-for-profit organizations. Hillary created Hillary Needle Events Inc. in 2009 to bring her creativity, passion and dedication directly to clients.

Hillary brings organizational skills and staffing knowledge for a broad spectrum of special events that include: large galas, golf outings, networking receptions, food tastings, fashion shows, art auctions and educational symposiums. Hillary is successful in developing and implementing strategies that help organizations brand and grow existing events in addition to building an event from concept to celebration.

In 2013 and 2015, Hillary was named one of the Top 50 Most Influential Women in Business by Long Island Business News. In 2017 and 2018, LIBN also featured Hillary in its Who's Who in Women in Professional Services issues. In 2015, Hillary was selected as a "Long Island Power Woman in Business" by the Queens Courier Newspaper and Schneps

Communications.

Hillary is a graduate of Hofstra University with a bachelor's in Communications-Journalism. She is proud to give back by serving as president of The Lawrence Herbert School of Communications Alumni Association and as an active member of Hofstra's Women In Leadership Committee.

Hillary is also an artist whose oil paintings have been featured in several exhibitions. She is a member of the Art Guild of Port Washington, the Huntington Arts Council and the Long Island Museum's LIMarts: A Collaborative Arts Group.

What inspires you, and why?

I am very fortunate to have surrounded myself with a network of incredibly strong, smart and successful women with different careers and skill sets. I value their individual perspectives on work, family and how to best grow into the woman you are meant to be. They inspire me every day.

What's the best advice you have received in business that you wish to pass on to our readers?

The best advice I received in business is to follow your instincts and to know when to say "no," which is difficult to do, especially when growing a business.



Listening to your inner voice is the real key to success.

Tell us something about you most people don't know.

I'm an emerging artist working with oil paints. My dad, who is also an artist, encouraged me to paint by gifting me with an easel and paint supplies. I started painting less than two years ago and my work has already been featured in several exhibits. I have no professional training, yet somehow, it comes naturally. It's always been there but I needed the push to find it.