

MANY THANKS TO The North Kingstown Arts Council

...and with gratitude to the members of the NK COVID Memorial Council:
Nancy Sherman, Gerry Gabrowski, Kathleen McCarthy, Kim Page,
Deb Sabo and Donna Vanderbeck.



DEDICATION + UNVEILING

Old Meeting House lawn

107 Boone Street, North Kingstown, RI

Saturday, June 5, 2021 – 7:00PM

We grieve.

We honor.

We remember.

"On this solemn occasion, we reflect on their loss and on their loved ones left behind. We, as a Nation, must remember them so we can begin to heal, to unite, and find purpose as one Nation to defeat this pandemic." - President Joe Biden

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A multitude of thanks to Suzanne Mancini at
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for cutting out and helping to stitch our flags.

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A message to the community:

*Though you cannot push pause on grief,
a feeling that something has been left undone can interrupt the grieving process.*

Since the beginning of 2020, our nation has had to carry the unbearable loss of our citizens due to COVID19. No one could have prepared us for the burden of such an avalanche of grief for so many of the people we've loved. Due to safety regulations we as a community have been unable to gather and process the impact of so much sorrow, and still every day we are bombarded with the addition of more names to our roster of the dead, without the familiar and comforting ritual of a final goodbye.

How does a community come together to share their unfathomable losses?

During his televised National COVID Memorial, President Joe Biden said "To heal, we must remember." I deeply believe that.

Working with the support of the North Kingstown Arts Council, I envisioned a space where together as a community we would be able to safely gather and share our grief. Honor our loved ones. And remember their impact on our lives and our town.

It's my fervent wish that together we might all find some small solace in this public gathering and memorial garden of flags. As COVID19 continues to affect our community, we'll continue to honor those no longer with us.

~ Nancy Rafi, North Kingstown COVID Memorial Chairperson



Melancholy by Albert Gyorgy

***What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments
but what is woven into the lives of others.***

—THUCYDIDES



SPEAKERS PROGRAM

Welcome
Opening reflection
Grief through the artist's eye
The Community Responds
The Impact of Sorrow
Families and friends remember

Nancy Rafi, NK Covid Memorial committee
Pastor Sharon Baker, NK United Methodist Church
Nancy Sherman, NK Arts Council
Kim Page, North Kingstown Town Council
Christine Miller, Beacon Hospice
open mike

~ Invitation to light a candle in remembrance ~

*Harp played by **Mary King***

Closing reflection

Kyle McDonald, Minister, Ananda RI



***There is nothing I can say.
But I will stand here all the same with you,
my heart broken open with yours
& remember what we have lost.***

—KAI SKYE FLYINGEDNA.COM