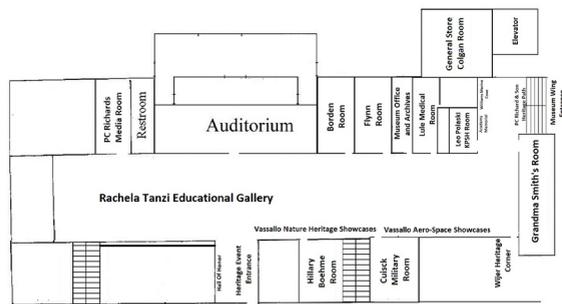


MISSION STATEMENT

Established in 1994, The Leo P. Ostebo Kings Park Heritage Museum launched after the closing of one of the country's largest, oldest, most medically significant occupational therapy mental hospitals located in Kings Park. With a gathering of some high school students, retired KPHS English/History teacher Leo Ostebo and two other towns' people, the only school community managed museum in the United States is the continuous result of almost 25 years. There are several plaques and awards that attest to this and to those who have been continually active in volunteering and providing resources, such as money, time, and energy to create this amazing community landmark. Along with Leo, these individuals saved this town's history and heritage and planted deep roots to strengthen the future. For every person inscribed there are 4 - 5 times as many volunteers who have provided numerous helping hands moments.

Developed, maintained, and cultivated for educational purposes, the Leo P. Ostebo Kings Park Heritage Museum's mission is to preserve the town's rich historic past and educate the youth, the community and the public. The museum, under the supervision of the KPCSD, has maintained independence by soliciting no funds or work from the school district. The museum has become an educational path denoting how we arrived at what we are today. May this path always indicate nothing but the best!



MUSEUM GARDENS

The Museum Gardens have been established by the citizens of King Park to beautify its entrance. It is the site of Patriots Park - Kings Park's Memorial of World Trade Center.



HILLARY BOEHME ROOM

This room is named for one of the first important museum town supporters. It contains many different toys from the past, communication items, radios, phonographs, cameras, typewriters, telephones, projectors and more.



P.C. RICHARDS MEDIA CENTER

This computer center, named for one of the museum's most influential supporters, is used for archiving artifacts and information, as well as, to teach and train students in programing skills. The museum website is built and maintained by the students.



AUDITORIUM

The newly renovated performance center of the museum Heritage Events and the Ralph J. Osgood Intermediate school building, built in 1928.



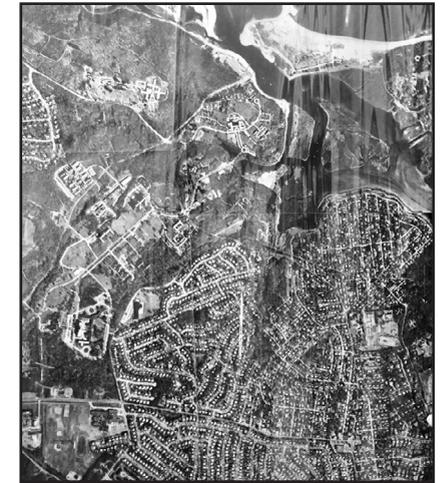
LULE MEDICAL ROOM

The room named for the town's first and only Visiting Nurse, Mary Lule and housed in the former RJO School Nurse's room. The exhibit highlights the medical professionals who made this area a leading center for people care. This room is dedicated to all the hospital and town doctors, dentists, nurses and pharmacists of Kings Park, with homage to Dr. Bonadio, Dr. Cleary, Dr. Roman and many others.



HALL OF HONOR

The Lobby contains an aerial view of Kings Park from 1994. It was a gift from Baldassano Architects. The Lobby also contains plaques honoring those who served our country and the 270 years of police attached to this town.



RACHELA TANZI EDUCATION GALLERY

Featuring changing exhibits, the showcases also include permanent exhibits like the Vassallo Grumman Aero -Space and the Natural Heritage displays and the Revelatory War Platt and Ft. Slongo displays and more.



FLYNN FAMILY ROOM

The room is named for the generations of the Flynn Family who've helped build the business community of Kings Park. This room exhibits items of the KPF, as well as, the Stattel Farm history and more.



CUSICK ROOM

When there was a town history question to be answered all roads led to John Cusick's home. For that and for the numerous memorabilia items donated by John and Alice, this room bears his name. The room centers on the town's connections from the revolutionary war to today's conflicts.



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SMITH ROOM

Marion Smith Lederman was a direct descendent of Obadiah Smith, whose house still stands on St. Johnland Road. Within a month of the Museum's opening, Marion began donating treasures from the Smith household history. Pictures, family trees, books, tools, and one-of-a-kind memorabilia items adorn this room because of her generosity. Marion also gave us verbal memories. Her story of Katy, the one-time slave, is a town classic. Her heritage roots went deepest, and we have her to thank for sharing them with us.

The room also includes the Stattle farm memorabilia, and a variety of items showing how life was in the past.



BORDEN FAMILY ROOM

The Borden Room is named for Miles Borden, the school Superintendent. Kings Park historian, author of several books and a long-time member of the Kings Park Fire Department. The room contains school and sports memorabilia.



POLASKI ROOM

Named for the former historian and author of a book on State Hospitals, this room exhibits items of the Kings Park State Hospital and its community.



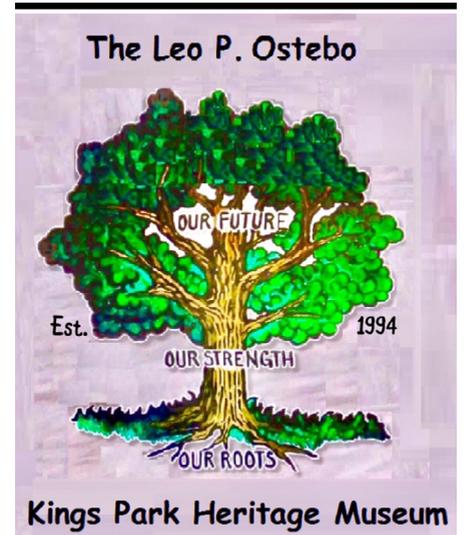
COLGAN ROOM

Because of his occupation as a landscape designer and his clients on the North Shore of Long Island, Peter Colgan accumulated a great many American artifacts. Pete donated several hundred items, large and small, to this fledgling museum. Among his many donations were the Model A auto, the player piano and a spinning wheel. The room also includes the old Kings Park Post Office a General Store, farm equipment and fishing gear used in the adjoining Nissequogue River - named after the original inhabitants The Nissequogue Indians.



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