

Sept. 11 Design Finalists

A design team made up of two members of the Nassau County district attorney's office and an art student from Nassau Community College is among three finalists to create a county memorial to victims of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

Daniel Looney and Kenneth Kunken, both assistant district attorneys, and Anna Blazejczyk, an art student, were named finalists yesterday along with Keith Striga of Striga G.A. Architects of Valley Stream and Frank Esposito of Artistic Expression & Design, in Northport.

"We wanted to create a monument that captured the American spirit," Looney said.

"This was not just an attack on three sites, but an attack on one nation."

Last year, during the county's Sept. 11 vigil, Nassau County Executive Thomas Suozzi said the county would hold a memorial and design contest.

Each design submitted had a central theme that in-

corporated two steel girders recovered from Ground Zero, water and direct or indirect light, and each included the names of victims from Nassau County who died in the attack.

The memorial will be built at Eisenhower Park and the design will be selected at the end of this month, county officials said.

The construction of the memorial could cost more than \$100,000. The county is seeking donations to pay for it, and so far has raised about \$18,000.

Suozzi said yesterday that he did not want to rush the project, so he moved the anticipated completion date back a year to Sept. 11, 2004.

"We want to create a place people can see and reflect, have some quiet time," Suozzi said. "I am so overwhelmed by the time, thought and care that went into the designs."

The designs are on display at the Nassau County Aquatic Center in East Meadow.