

GUS WORTHAM MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN

Title: Gus S. Wortham Memorial Fountain

Artist: Cannady, William T.

Date: 1978

Medium: Bronze Pipes

Location: Buffalo Bayou Park



The Gus S. Wortham Memorial Fountain was donated to the City of Houston by the Wortham Foundation and American General Life Insurance. It dates from 1978 and is the work of Houston architect and long-time Rice University professor [William T. Cannady](#).

Inspired by a similar fountain in Australia, it consists of a central bronze shaft sprouting multiple bronze sprinkler pipes coated in lacquer which create a dandelion-like spherical spray of water. Due to its impressive design and iconic location on Allen Parkway, the fountain is instantly recognizable to Houstonians and is a favorite spot for dog walkers.

Mr. Cannady is a native Houstonian, an Eagle Scout, and a former U.S. Marine, and has had an architecture

