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