



Garden Gates by Garth Edwards 2014

Artist

Garth Edwards

(Bio)



"I grew up in the burbs of Portland Oregon
There was a creek in the back yard.

Painted my first painting when I was 13 after seeing my brother paint
He's a filmmaker now.

In high school I was lucky and got kicked out of 2nd year algebra. I was ordered to the art room where I met a great art teacher who encouraged me.

At the same time I also had an English teacher who would read my attempts at prose and thought I had some talent.

I got interested in stained glass when I was a freshman in college
Switched to art from English - left college after two years.

Stumbled into glass blowing at Portland State, which I loved but wasn't good at
And I didn't have a thing to say with it.

Went back to flat glass. Took a class from a German designer
And immediately did the opposite of his teachings, he was too strong.

Though I did like the way he responded to architecture.

He cared and really worked on his designs.

In 1975 the Oregon art commission smiled on me and I got to make a leaded window for a food stamp office. Two cartoon weight lifters. I really liked getting paid up front plus I had to design a steel frame for the thing which forced me to work with welders.

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Garth T Edwards: <http://garthedwards.com/>



Sammamish
Community Garden
at the lower
Commons

These garden gates
will be replaced
with functional art



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July 14, 2014

Installation of the aluminum gates

Garth Edwards – Artist
Margaret Rosenow – Sammamish Art
Commissioner



July 20, 2015

This week, the City of Sammamish has 3 more pieces of art. The Sammamish Art Commission asked local artist, Garth Edwards, to design three gates for the community garden in the Lower Commons. This functional art is made of aluminum, which reflects the light from different angles.

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Sammamish Art Commissioner Margaret Rosenow, the project manager, was delighted when Garth showed her his first design for the gates and when he was willing to follow through, fabricate and install these beautiful gates.

The Sammamish Art Commission feels that not only the gardeners who rent a plot at this community garden, but all park users will appreciate these functional art gates, in lieu of just workable gates.

On a later date the Art Commission will have a ribbon-cutting event.



Artist Garth Edwards



Sammamish Art Commissioner Margaret Rosenow with artist Garth Edwards



PLEASE JOIN THE **SAMMAMISH ARTS
COMMISSION** IN THE GARDEN

Garden Gate Dedication

Saturday, September 19

8:45 a.m.

Lower Commons Community Garden

550 222nd Place SE, Sammamish

Ceremonial ribbon cutting by:

Sammamish **Mayor Tom Vance**

Hear **Artist Garth Edwards** speak about the inspiration
and materials used to create this unique gate.

Also, receive a potted Jumpseed (*Persicaria Virginiana*)

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Sammamish to dedicate Lower Commons Community Garden gate

- by [DANIEL NASH](#), Issaquah Reporter Staff Writer
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A gate designed by artist Garth Edwards has been installed at the Lower Commons Community Garden — *Image Credit: City Of Sammamish*

The Sammamish Arts Commission is planning a celebration to dedicate a new gate installed at the Lower Commons Community Garden.

The city arts group commissioned artist Garth Edwards to design and build the gate. He will be on hand at the ribbon-cutting ceremony to discuss the "inspiration and materials" that went into the portal, according to a city announcement.

The ceremony takes place 8:45 a.m. Sept. 19.

City officials opened the Sammamish Community Garden in May 2013 as a means to allow residents to grow their own produce. It holds 58 plots at 48 square feet each -- all of which were full as of August 2015.

A UNIQUE RIBBON CUTTING



Photo by Deborah Iverson; courtesy of the Sammamish Arts Commission

As the city of Sammamish's ceremonial scissors could not cut the ribbon at the Lower Commons Community Garden gate dedication, Sammamish Arts Commissioner Margaret Rosenow holds out bolt cutters for Sammamish Mayor Tom Vance to use Sept. 19 around 8:45 a.m.

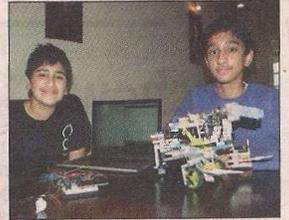
Artist Garth Edwards, who was commissioned to construct the gates, looks on. Edwards spoke about his work at the ceremony.

The commission paid the local artist \$8,000 to design and install the aluminum gates, which were installed July 14 and July 18.

The Lower Commons Community Garden is located off of 222nd Place Southeast.

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GARTH EDWARDS
Gate Commissioned By
The Sammamish Arts Commission

The gates are open



By Greg Farrar

The ornamental aluminum gates for the Lower Commons Community Garden were dedicated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 19, with Sammamish Arts Commission members, elected city officials, Parks & Recreation employees and artist Garth Edwards (in hat) on hand to celebrate the final touch on the garden, which allows residents to grow fruit and vegetables in several dozen raised planting boxes.



Project manager/Sammamish Art
commissioner: Margaret Rosenow

Mayor: Tom Vance

Artist: Garth Edwards

RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY SET



Megan Campbell, Issaquah/Sammamish Reporter

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-Daniel Nash



**Compliments of
The Sammamish Arts Commission**

Persicaria Virginiana

Jumpseed (*Persicaria virginiana*), unusual as a shade-tolerant member of a mostly sun-loving genus. Jumpseed is a perennial, named for its seeds which can "jump" several feet when a ripe seedpod is disturbed. It blooms as a long spike with very small dark red blossoms.



Margaret Rosenow
Garth Edwards

