

## Community in Action for Art

**On June 8th 2006**, Mayor Ray Stephanson joined the students of the North Middle School Art and Technology clubs to celebrate the completion of an exciting project for the Riverside Neighborhood and Garfield Park. The students in the art club created paper relief tiles with Artist in Residence, Dan Cautrell. During the same time period the students of the technology club created video interviews of the different participants in the project. All students were recognized for their contribution and the videos were shared at the celebration. Over 80 guests enjoyed presentations by the artist, the mayor, and representatives of the Riverside Neighborhood Association (RNA), and the Puget Sound Center. For this project RNA gathered funding from Starbucks and other sources for youth to design and create what has become metal art panels depicting playful and historical images of our neighborhood park. These panels have become an important component of the newly designed historical river rock entrances to Garfield Park. A big thank you to all the groups and individuals that helped pull this project together, including Ms. Cynthia Gaub and Ms. Kathryn Christensen.



Some of the people helping in this project include,

**Hal Gausman:** Assistant Superintendent of Everett Parks;  
**Susan DiPietro** and **Wendy Becker:** Everett's Cultural Arts Commission;  
**Colleen Welsh**, and **Brian Fitch:** Principal and Vice-Principal of Garfield Elementary;  
**Glenda Anderson:** Greater Everett Community Foundation, [greatereverettcf.org](http://greatereverettcf.org);  
**Bob Thronsdon:** Instructor at Sno-Isle Skill Center;  
**Anthony Gladis:** Manager at QFC Starbucks Coffee and Starbucks Loves Parks;  
**Kelly Mitchell, MJ Donovan-Creamer, Rachael Vitous** and **Katrina Lindahl** of the Riverside Neighborhood Association;  
**Dave Dilgard:** Everett Library Historian;  
**Cynthia Gaub** and **Kathryn Christensen:** teachers and artists at North Middle School;  
**TechREACH Club** and **The Puget Sound Center**;  
and our artist in residence **Dan Cautrell**.

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Garfield Park encompasses eight acres with four entrances, one at each corner. Everett Parks and our neighborhood agreed each entrance should have an independent theme: playful, historical, environmental, and sports oriented. These help define our park layout, which has multiple uses. Our plan personalizes and brings artistic flair to the perimeter designed by the Everett Parks.