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## **THE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION & THE CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND PRESENT DIRECTIONAL KIOSKS DOWNTOWN**

The Bainbridge Island Downtown Association, in partnership with the City of Bainbridge Island, is pleased to present two new directional kiosk art installations along Winslow Way.

The kiosks were designed and fabricated by Island metal sculptor, Garth Edwards. Edwards is a long-time Bainbridge Island artist responsible for public art installations across the United States, including Kansas City, Austin, and Phoenix. In Seattle, his work can be seen at the Children's Theater, and beautifully covering manholes downtown.

Island architect, and longtime BIDA board member, Will Langemack, and former BIDA Executive Director Cris Beattie first conceived of the idea to help visitors find their way around the downtown. With the addition of Edwards to the team, the concept of simple signage grew into an opportunity for integrated public art. As Edwards says, "Most of my work isn't, but if I can do something utilitarian, that's great."

The kiosks are located along Winslow Way, one at Harbor Square, and the other in front of American Marine Bank. One side displays a directional map with a listing of all storefront businesses downtown, and the Bainbridge Island Downtown Association is currently developing plans for the other side, which will likely display information about community events downtown.

The directional map is designed to complement the Bainbridge Island Downtown Association's *Walkabout Guide*, 80,000 copies of which are distributed annually to Seattle hotel concierge, the Seattle Convention and Visitors Bureau, Peninsula-wide tourist information sites, ferries and ferry terminals, the Seattle Cruise Line Terminal, Main Street™ communities across Washington State, and to our Island businesses, Chamber of Commerce, and lodging accommodations.

The kiosk in front of American Marine Bank can be temporarily removed should this be necessitated by the Winslow Way streetscape project, and the kiosk has been incorporated into the new streetscape design. The kiosks were also designed to be adapted for digital signage in the future.

### **PHOTOS:**

Please see attached photos of kiosks in both locations (AMB and Harbor Square). Photos as indicated are courtesy of Don Willott (credit should be given).