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## For Kids

### LEGO Sculptures Dazzle at Fairchild Garden



Ever think of LEGO bricks, those rainbow-hued little plastic squares and rectangles, as an artistic medium? Well, Sean Kenney has, and the artist's mind-boggling creations are on display at [Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden](#) through August 28. The [Nature Connects](#) exhibition features 22 giant sculptures that Kenney built using some 700,000 LEGO bricks. Not to be missed are Kenney's monarch butterfly and hummingbird tucked amongst Fairchild's 83 acres of lush tropical plants. When you come upon his life-size gardeners busy tending a plot of vegetables, you just might think at a glance they are the real deal, complete with shovel and watering can. Walk further and look up; you'll marvel at a giant bubblebee buzzing in the air. Or you might stumble upon a birdbath where crimson cardinals seem to be splashing about.



A map marks the spots where sculptures are located and includes information on how many LEGO bricks and how many hours were needed to build each piece. An Ever-Blocks life-size LEGO building station is where kids and adults can have fun together building walls and make-believe houses with jumbo blocks.

Kenney has been creating art with LEGO bricks professionally since 2005, using only regular off-the-shelf LEGO pieces—no special colors or shapes. He starts with a drawing and miniature model, but if the final sculpture becomes very large, he has a team of builders to help. His finished artwork is fully glued, steel reinforced, durable and designed for tours. In fact, he's taken his sculptures around the world to Australia, Europe and Asia.

Aptly named [Nature Connects](#), the exhibition features artwork made of connecting plastic bricks and the designs of each piece connect to an element of nature. In addition to exploring the garden and sculptures, families find interactive activities, including building contests and scavenger hunts. For tickets visit [Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden](#).