



North Carolina Arboretum in Asheville, NC, Features LEGO® Creations by Sean Kenney

The North Carolina Arboretum in Asheville, NC, is excited to welcome back the widely popular traveling exhibit, *Nature Connects®: Art with LEGO® Bricks* by Sean Kenney, on view through Nov. 1, 2020.

Featuring 16 larger-than-life-size sculptures placed throughout the Arboretum's gardens and created with nearly 500,000 LEGO Bricks, this family-friendly exhibit draws inspiration from the living world and combines art, play and science to create an inspiring intersection of education, entertainment and the environment. New sculptures include a five-foot tall colorful peacock, giant dragonfly, bonsai tree and more!



Work by Sean Kenney

In describing the exhibit, Kenney said, "I hope that you can look at *Nature Connects* and appreciate both nature and the sculptures as something beautiful, and I also hope you're inspired to go home and create something wonderful yourself."

For more than 30 years...cultivating connections between people, plants and places...amid a 434-acre public garden, The North Carolina Arboretum is located within the Bent Creek Experimental Forest just south of Asheville and adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway at Milepost 393. Surrounded and crisscrossed by forested coves and meandering creeks in the botanically diverse Southern Appalachian Mountains, The North Carolina Arboretum is set in one of the most beautiful natural settings in America.

The Arboretum was established as an affiliate of the University of North Carolina System by the State General Assembly in 1986, nearly a century after Frederick law Olmsted, the Father of American Landscape Architecture, first envisioned a research arboretum as part of his legacy and plan for George Vanderbilt at Biltmore Estate.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call 828/665.2492 or visit (www.ncarboretum.org).



Work by Sean Kenney

Kenney is a nationally-renowned, award-winning artist and "professional kid" who use LEGO pieces to design and create contemporary sculpture for high-profile clients, major corporations, and venues around the globe. The *New York Times* calls Kenney's work the "artistic elite" of LEGO-building. He has been featured in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, BBC news, PBS Arts, ABC World News, HGTV, Wired, ELLE, and more. Kenney has four internationally-touring exhibits and is the author of 7 best-selling inspirational children's books.

Asheville Gallery of Art in Asheville, NC, Features Member Exhibition

The Asheville Gallery of Art in Asheville, NC, will present *Vistas, Vibes and Visitors*, featuring works by member artists, on view from Aug. 1 - 31, 2020.

The exhibit is a multi-artist show that highlights the diversity of our members'

art and celebrates all that makes Asheville great.

We named this show after everything that best encapsulates what Asheville means to us as artists. We live in a corner

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