



SUBMITTER butterfly

Rein Triefeldt, an artist from New Jersey, sets up his 60-pound solar-powered butterfly sculpture at Miami Beach Botanical Garden. The installation is part of the fifth annual 'Art In Bloom' exhibit, taking place at the botanical garden through the weekend. **PAGE 3.**

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AT THE MIAMI BEACH BOTANICAL
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Laura Jamieson, executive director of the Miami Beach Botanical Garden, said she expects thousands of people to visit the city-owned Garden to view the outdoor and indoor paintings and photography installations.

"We like art that is organic," Jamieson said. "The garden certainly lends itself to art of any form."

On Wednesday afternoon Rein Triefeldt, an artist from New Jersey, set up a 60-pound butterfly at the garden's patio.

The high-tech sculpture, cast in bronze, uses solar energy to flap its gigantic wings. It's valued at about \$30,000 and took two years to make, he said.

"When it's in a cocoon, the butterfly comes out wet, but dries in the sun so they can fly," Triefeldt said. "I don't know where the inspiration came from. I guess it evolved from flying machines I was making."

It will be the Botanical Garden's fifth Art In Bloom, held annually with the large Art Miami show taking place this weekend at the nearby Miami Beach Convention Center.



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GETTING READY: Jo-Ann Rauch helps artist Rein Triefeldt set up his solar-powered butterfly for the fifth annual Art in Bloom exhibit at the Miami Beach Botanical Gardens.