

## Sculpture art beautifies Quaker Bridge Mall's hub space in Lawrence



Sculpture art by Rein Triefeldt depicts a dragonfly, butterfly and sunflower at Quaker Bridge Mall Thursday, April 21, 2016, as runway fashion models strut in the background during a "Grounds For Shopping" event. SULAIMAN

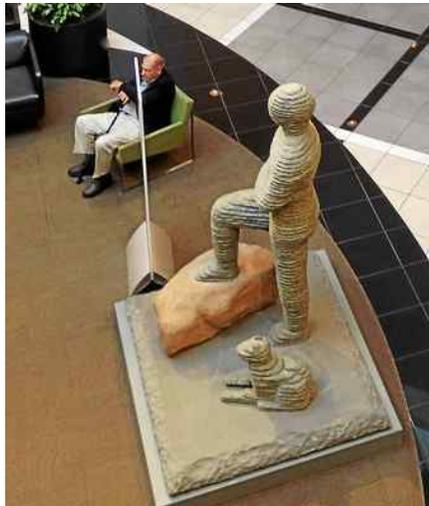
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**LAWRENCE >>** Trenton artist Rein Triefeldt received compliments from children and adults as the public viewed a set of his nature-themed sculptures unveiled Thursday evening at Quaker Bridge Mall.

"With public art, this is what it's supposed to be — with the public," said Triefeldt, 55, who had designed a solar dragonfly, butterfly and sunflower sculptures that will be displayed at the mall's center court for the next three years. "If it makes the people happy, all the better," he said. "I've done stuff all over the place. I've designed solar-power sculptures to power municipal buildings."



A sculpture set called "Daniyyel with Dog" by Israel native Boaz Vaadia is unveiled Thursday, April 21, 2016, at Quaker Bridge Mall in Lawrence. SULAIMAN ABDUR-RAHMAN —

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Another sculpture set that was unveiled at Quaker Bridge Mall on Thursday was a piece by Israel native and internationally recognized sculptor Boaz Vaadia called "Daniyyel with Dog."

Quaker Bridge Mall's marketing and business development director Christopher Dudley said the sculpture presence in the mall "enhances the shopping mall," saying the mall is "always looking for ways to enhance the ambiance and experience for shoppers."

The Thursday launch event was the result of a collaboration between the mall and Grounds For Sculpture, the renowned sculpture and garden park based in Hamilton Township.

"Malls are a place of commerce, and they are also a place of public gathering," said Gary Garrido Schneider, executive director of Grounds For Sculpture. To have a selection of Triefeldt's and Vaadia's sculptures placed at the mall "is a more subtle way of making their work accessible," Schneider said.

"Something like this is nice," Lawrence resident Cleyton Duke said Thursday during the two-hour "Grounds For Shopping" event, which featured music and runway fashion models strutting their stuff in the presence of Triefeldt's sculptures in the mall's center court. Vaadia's sculpture set was placed at the mall's Lord & Taylor court. "It's a nice event," Duke said.

"This is very good. I like it," said Trenton resident Izz Jaber, 24, who had gone to the mall to dine at the food court and was "surprised" to see the art and fashion display.

"We are an artistic family," said Triefeldt's wife Laurie Triefeldt, who will be releasing her second adult coloring book in August. "I think the Trenton environment for arts is fantastic. That's why you have the Grounds For Sculpture," she said. "It is wonderful we are able to come to the mall and share the arts."