

THE MARIPOSA PROJECT

Una celebracion de la migracion / A celebration of migration

For the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, Miranda's Hearth is coordinating The Mariposa Project: una celebración de la migración / a celebration of migration.

Inspired by Favianna Rodriguez's "Migration is Beautiful" project in 2012, The Mariposa Project celebrates the natural and beautiful process of migration as embodied by the annual 3,000 mile migration of the Monarch Butterfly.

The Central Mariposa is designed by Anna Dugan, a Filipina American mural artist and illustrator based in Salem, MA. The goal of Anna's work is to spark happiness in the people who view it and for the fellow Filipinos to see themselves represented in their community. Watch this video of Anna creating her own huge Mariposa out of recycled jeans!

The Mariposa Project: Making the Mariposa Sculpture

<https://youtu.be/O5-rxmsljTo>

Miranda's Hearth is working with the community to make their own Mariposas at home that reflect on their stories of migration whether it's personal, familial, or ancestral.

During these times of social distancing and staying home, the Mariposa Project has adjusted for the community. As students work on their own butterflies, parents and teachers can be part of it as well by making their own pins or following the event on Facebook. Miranda's Hearth on Facebook has updates on the overall project. There are creative workshops for Mariposa as well as others! There is also a how to video for making your own mariposa pins on Youtube:

#JustMakeSomething -- At Home: Recycled Mariposa Pins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lFej6ZABfRc>

Anna created a coloring page out of the central Mariposa design for students to use as a template (or for fun) if desired! (Attached at the end of this packet.)



MARIPOSA *FOR THE PARENTS AND TEACHERS*

Sylver Faustino is a Portuguese American artist in Salem that fell in love with the metaphor of celebrating migration and culture. They worked with Miranda to extend the project to the diverse and youthful audience of Horace Mann Laboratory School. Sylver is concentrated on the creativity, inclusion and education of the next generation. They hope to encourage students to be part of their environment and art community, in or out of school.

Sylver is going to design a sculpture of the Earth with representations of migration and culture for the Mariposa Project. The sculpture is to include all of the butterflies designed by the students of Horace Mann Laboratory School. At a later defined date (due to the current social distancing) the sculpture will be presented to the school as their own sculpture to place, along with an opening night of the entire Mariposa Event.

-The idea is to construct a butterfly, limited to a size of 2-3 inches so that many can attach to the sculpture easily. Characterize your butterfly/butterflies with cultures that have interested or effected you, or are a part of you.

-The earth is one and only, and loves being clean. Let's celebrate the upcoming Earth Day by trying to use sturdy but managable recycled materials such as:

- plastic water bottles*
- aluminum soda can*
- photographs that define who your family is/where you come from
- cardstock (old holiday/birthday cards are perfect)
- paint
- nail polish (works great on the plastic bottle)
- write a haiku or short poem about your family to glue on the wings.

*Be careful cutting these materials, as they can slip and scratch your skin.

You can see the idea of this project from a few different angles. You can have a chance to be inspired by the activity whether it be the science of butterflies, the social studies of cultures, art and community, current events and even literature.

Sylver will be hosting zoom parties to teach the connection and metaphor of this project and the communities and cultures around us, they will also tell jokes, see students' butterflies and encourage creativity as they build their Earth portion of the sculpture!

Please contact Sylver for questions, ideas and participation at sylverfausttyart@gmail.com. Sylver welcomes any form of communication during this isolating time.



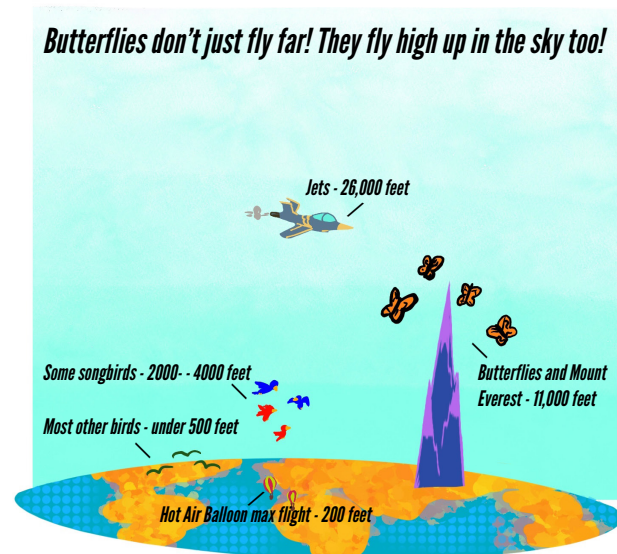
MARIPOSA *FOR THE STUDENTS*

WHAT IN THE CHEESE-GOO IS A MARIPOSA?!

The mariposa, or butterfly, is symbolic in nature and our community. Mariposa is said to come from the expression “Mari, posa(te)” which means “Mary, alight!” which is included in many songs and games for children.

EVERY YEAR, MILLIONS OF BUTTERFLIES MIGRATE UP TO 3000 MILES FROM COUNTRIES LIKE THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, MEXICO AND MANY MORE. SOME TAGGED MONARCH BUTTERFLIES HAVE BEEN RECORDED TO FLY 250 MILES IN ONE DAY!

THAT'S ABOUT THE DISTANCE OF 3700 POKEMON STADIUMS LINED UP!



Answer these questions and submit them to sylverfausttyart@gmail.com or your teacher for a surprise!

1. Are humans migrators? What are examples of human travels that are similar to a butterfly's travels? (Ex. refugees, immigrants, explorers of the 15th century or even cross country homes on wheels.)
2. How does that compare with the sudden isolation of humans right now? What would happen if we isolated butterflies?
3. Where do you think/know your family migrated from? Where do you think you will go when you grow up?

Remember: You can be cultured and not know your nationality.
You can also know all about your nationality and not be cultured.

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Color in the mariposa designed by
@annadidathing, cut it out, and send it in!



<http://mirandashearth.com/mariposa>



Mariposa Haiku Activity

LINE 1: 5 SYLLABLES

LINE 2: 7 SYLLABLES

LINE 3: 5 SYLLABLES

**FLY PORTUGAL HIGH
FOLLOW MY MOTHER'S EYE
ON MY FATHER'S WINGS**

Examples of butterfly cutouts from plastic and aluminum!

