

Photographer John Consoli faced his own artistic challenge: to capture in a single image an installation created by University of Maryland art students. Over the course of three weeks this past August, students learned about the Mariposa Center's purpose from its founder, Maritza Rivera; conducted research about the site; then developed and installed their final project.



A Site for Artistic Expression

Terry Nauheim, teaching assistant turned teacher, posed a challenge for students in a summer advanced drawing class. Create a site-specific installation at the fledgling Mariposa Center for Artistic Expression located in the College Park community of Berwyn Heights. In Spanish, the word *mariposa* means butterfly: an appropriate image for this community center that encourages emerging writers and poets. The seven students were asked to conceptualize individually and work collaboratively on a singular vision for the spaces assigned to them: two large display windows and the entranceway of the former railroad station. The result was a fanciful interpretation that reflects the building's heritage, its current use and displays artistic expression of its own. —DB