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***The Marietta Square is Experiencing an Art Renaissance  
With First Friday Art Walk***

Marietta, GA – The Marietta Square is painting with a new brush with First Friday Art Walk. Held the first Friday of the month, April-October (with the exception of July), Art Walk is a free, self-guided tour to Marietta’s eclectic art scene. Art galleries, museums and merchants host artists within their stores and are open 6pm-9pm. Look for an official Art Walk banner in the window to identify the participating venues. Choose your own route or begin from the Art Walk Headquarters Tent in “Artists’ Alley” – an intimate exhibit of juried artists showing a wide variety of styles. The Alley will be in the Courtyard and Alley by the Marietta Welcome Center & Visitors Bureau, 4 Depot Street. There will also be performance artists based throughout the Square.

Pick up an Art Walk map, which denotes what locations are featured and what artists will be spotlighted. Maps of the venues are available at each participating merchant, the Marietta Welcome Center & Visitors Bureau and online at [www.artwalkmarietta.com](http://www.artwalkmarietta.com). Remember to have your map stamped at each participating location. Return the completed map (with at least 15 locations stamped) to Art Walk Headquarters by 9pm and your name will be entered into a drawing for a “Hip to be Square” package including passes to attractions, dining experiences and a \$100 gift certificate redeemable at any participating merchant on the Square.

The Historic Marietta Trolley will make it easier to get to all the Art Walk stops. They're running a free shuttle service that evening from 6pm-8pm. Trolley stops are marked by flags around the Square and can be found on your Art Walk Map. At 8pm the Historic Marietta Trolley Company and Ghosts of Marietta will be combining for "Scary-etta," the trolley ghost tour. The tour leaves from the Trolley Headquarters, 131 Church Street. For more information about "Scary-etta" visit the Trolley website, [www.mariettatrolley.com](http://www.mariettatrolley.com) or the Ghosts of Marietta website, [www.ghostsofmarietta.com](http://www.ghostsofmarietta.com).

Parking is available on the Square, in the Mill Street lots and in the Cherokee Street Parking Deck (free that evening). For detailed information about parking, visit our website, [www.artwalkmarietta.com](http://www.artwalkmarietta.com). Admission to the Art Walk is free. First Friday Art Walk will be held rain or shine. For more information, call the Marietta Welcome Center & Visitors Bureau at 770-429-1115 or visit [www.artwalkmarietta.com](http://www.artwalkmarietta.com)