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

Marietta, GA – The Marietta Square is painting with a new brush with the return of First Friday Art Walk for the second session in 2010 - August 6, September 3, October 1. Because Art Walk has become so popular, the hours have been extended and the new hours are 5pm-9pm. First Friday Art Walk is a free, self-guided tour to Marietta’s eclectic art scene. Art galleries, museums and merchants host artists within their stores. 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 and behind Cool Beans.

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. Remember to have your map stamped at each participating location and be entered for a grand prize – a “Hip to be Square” package.

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 5pm-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 or the Ghosts of Marietta website, 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. 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