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**MARIETTA SHOWCASES 175 YEARS OF HISTORY AT THE
23rd ANNUAL MARIETTA PILGRIMAGE CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR**

Marietta, GA – Make our Christmas past, your Christmas present, with a visit to the **Marietta Pilgrimage Christmas Home Tour**, held December 5-6, 2009. Hospitality and a festive atmosphere greet visitors as they tour historic homes ranging from Victorian Mansions to a 1920's cottage, all located in the Church-Cherokee Street National Register Historic District. The **Merry Olde Marietta Tea Room** and a **Candlelight Tour** are added stops along this journey to “Christmas past.” The Tour is one of the designated events occurring as part of Marietta’s year-long 175th Anniversary Celebration. Pilgrimage hours are Saturday, 9am-6pm; Candlelight Tour, 7pm-9:30pm; and Sunday, 10am-6pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door for the day ticket. Sponsored by the Marietta Welcome Center & Visitors Bureau and Cobb Landmarks & Historical Society. This event was named as a 2009 Top Twenty Event in the Southeast and has been named as a Top 100 Event in North America. For more information, call 770-429-1115 or 800-835-0445 or go online at www.mariettapilgrimage.com.

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