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### ***The Marietta Square is Painting a New Picture With 2009 First Friday Art Walk***

Marietta, GA – The Marietta Square is experiencing an art scene renaissance with the return of First Friday Art Walk. The 2009 dates are April 3, May 1, June 5 and August 7, September 4, October 2. 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 and are open 6pm-9pm. New this year is “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. You can browse and purchase that special piece of art.

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). At each Art Walk stop, you’ll have your map stamped. After you finish the Walk, you can turn your completed map (with 10 locations stamped) into the Art Walk Headquarters – the dk Gallery, 25 West Park Square – for a free gift bag.

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. 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).