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2009 First Friday Art Walk Concludes This Friday

Marietta, GA – On October 2, the First Friday Art Walk will unveil its final appearance for 2009. 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 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. Be one of the first 100 to return with the completed map (with at least 15 locations) to Art Walk Headquarters and receive 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. 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. First Friday Art Walk will be held rain or shine. Parking is available on the Square, in the Mill Street lots and in the Cherokee Street Parking Deck (free that evening). Admission to the Art Walk is free.

First Friday Art Walk will return in the Spring of 2010. Watch for upcoming details. For more information, call the Marietta Welcome Center & Visitors Bureau at 770-429-1115 or visit www.artwalkmarietta.com.