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## ANNUAL YAARAB SHRINE CIRCUS AND FAIR

The largest Shrine Circus and Fair in North America is back for its 71st year! Packed with more excitement and thrills than ever, this year's Tarzan Zerbini Circus features several new acts including a magnificent Big Cat Extravaganza, Brian Miser- the Human Fuse, and Simon Arestov, the Comedy Strong Man. The Myers International Midway will add to the fun with several new attractions and amusement rides. Come be entertained and amazed, laugh at the Shriner Clowns, then fill up on all your favorite fair foods- corn dogs, funnel cakes and cotton candy, just to name a few.

"SNEAK-A-PEEK-RIDE-A-THON" on Thursday, May 2, \$15.00 unlimited rides (Only Carnival and food). Come enjoy the best ride special all week!!! and then the circus will be held Friday, May 3, through Sunday, May 12, 2013, all at Jim R. Miller Park, Callaway Rd., Marietta 30008. Monday through Friday the Midway opens at 5 p.m.; Saturday at 10 a.m.; Sunday at Noon. Circus Times: Monday through Friday: 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. (No 11:00 a.m. Circus Tuesday, May 7, and Thursday, May 9); Saturdays: 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Sundays: 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Gate Admission: Includes unlimited performances to the circus on any given day and access to the grounds for the Carnival Midway: Adults - \$10; Children - ages 6-11; \$6; Free for children 36" and under. Ride Tickets are \$1.00 each, all rides require more than one ticket. Unlimited Ride Specials: \$25.00 pay-one-price unlimited rides per person any day with paid admission. Parking: \$5 per vehicle.

Best Deal in Town! Purchase discount tickets at any Atlanta-area Walgreens from April 12, through the end of the Circus. Weekend Mega Pass- \$19.95 per person, good Friday through Sunday,

includes gate admission, circus admission and unlimited carnival rides for any one day from open to close. More than a \$15 savings from regular pricing. Weekday Mega Pass- \$14.95 per person, good Monday through Thursday, includes gate admission, circus admission and unlimited carnival rides for any one day from open to close. More than a \$20 savings from regular pricing. Visit [www.circus2013.com](http://www.circus2013.com).

## MARIETTA'S FARMERS' MARKET

It is back in full force, the hustle and bustle of the Farmer's Market on the Square in Marietta. On Saturdays, 60 plus vendors sell their wares on North Park Square between Schillings and the Strand. On Sundays, some 30 vendors come back between the hours of 12 and 3.

This is the place where you can find Georgia grown, made or produced vegetables, cheeses, breads, eggs, local honey (good for allergies), baked goods and milk every weekend. A couple of the local restaurants also have booths:

A great big thank you to Johnny and Susie Fulmer for investing the time and effort into making the Marietta Farmer's Market such a success. This is the 11th season and has become popular beyond everyone's wildest dreams. Visit them at [www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.net](http://www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.net) and like them at <http://www.facebook.com/mariettasquarefarmersmarket> for up to date information.



## ART WITH HEART FUNDRAISER

What happens when you combine Marietta's leaders, local artists, homeless children and a good helping of plain old generosity? You get the 2nd Annual Art with Heart Fundraiser. This year's proceeds will support the OFH Kids program that supports homeless children in Cobb County Schools.

Brenda Bryant of Paint the Town To Go and Sue Webb, business developer with The Cobb Chamber created this unique event. It grew out of Brenda's desire to become involved in the community and use her business & talent to support local causes. "I had a vision for being able to use this business to bring people together through a shared evening of expression with painting and being able to give back"

That's how it began, and then the idea caught on quickly as some of Marietta finest were contacted and asked to participate. {OFH} Our Fathers Hands, a local non-profit serving the homeless was chosen to be the benefactor of the event. Brenda and Sue both know Linda Oviatt the Executive Director of Our Fathers Hands and have seen the work they do.

This one-night event will be a lot of fun and they are hoping to raise the \$10,000 needed to fund the children's programs. Each of the celebrity artists will have their paintings auctioned at the end of the evening along with art that has been donated. 12 of Marietta's top leaders in the community will do live painting, and a jazz band, food and beverages add spice to the night. The fun starts at 5pm on Friday night May 3rd at Arts of Cobb, just off the Square. Live auction is at 7:30PM. It's a free event and open to the public.

It's really not about the art, the fun or even the celebrities, it's about the kids and everyone can be confident that they really are making a difference. For our Celebrity Artists it's a matter of giving back and letting people know about the work that is being done in this community to help those in need. Pictured above: Brian Buckalew helps auction off artist Cassandra Buckalew's painting.



## FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK

Held the first Friday of the month, April-October, Art Walk is a free, self-guided tour to Marietta's diverse art scene. Art galleries, museums, cultural venues, restaurants and boutiques host artists within their stores and are open 5pm-9pm. The next date is Friday May 3. Look for an official Art Walk banner in the window to identify the participating venues. Pick up an Art Walk map, which denotes what locations are featured and what artists will be spotlighted and choose your own route. Maps of the venues are available at each participating merchant, the Marietta Visitors Bureau, at the Art Walk sandwich board signs and online at [www.artwalkmarietta.com](http://www.artwalkmarietta.com).

Marietta Cobb Museum of Art invites you to join their Open Studio on Friday, May 3. Open Studio is free to the public. We invite knitters/crocheters/fiber artists to work on a project(s) at the museum, from 5 - 9 p.m. during Art Walk. All ages are welcome! There will also be a lecture from 7-8 that night by the Chattahoochee Handweaver's Guild. Call Katie

for more information-770 528 1444 x16. Visit [www.mariettacobbartmuseum.org](http://www.mariettacobbartmuseum.org) to learn about our community Yarn Bombing project.

While you are at Art Walk be sure to visit 2Rules Art Gallery, Avery Gallery, dk Gallery and JKing Artworks above Australian Bakery.

For more information, call the Marietta Visitors Bureau at 770-429-1115 or visit [www.artwalkmarietta.com](http://www.artwalkmarietta.com).

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old March 13th.  
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birthday with friends  
tumbling around  
at the Gymnastic  
Academy of Atlanta.  
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Erin! Love, Mom,  
Dad and Chad.



#### JAIDEN

Happy 9th  
birthday Jaiden! We  
hope you had a great  
time celebrating  
with your family  
and friends. We are  
so happy you came  
into our lives! We  
love you so much.  
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Mommy, Daddy, Leo and Nee



#### KAILANI DEEDON

Happy 8th  
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darling, Kailani. We  
are so proud of you  
and all that you have  
accomplished. We  
love you very much.  
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Daddy and Samson

### RECYCLE NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES

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at the Marietta Educational Garden Center  
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building 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE

Don't forget the deadline for applying for  
the Marietta Tree Keepers NeighborScapes  
Grant 2013 is deadline: April 30, 2013.  
Check out our website at [www.mariettaga.gov/committees/treekeepers](http://www.mariettaga.gov/committees/treekeepers) for the  
application form.

### READERS: THIS IS YOUR NEWSPAPER SO SEND GOOD NEWS

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births, birthdays, engagements, weddings,  
anniversaries. No charge, just get your  
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### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Congregation Ner Tamid, a Union for  
Reform Judaism (URJ) member synagogue, will  
have an Open House for its Religious School  
on Sunday, May 5, 10am-12pm at Mountain  
View Prep, 2320 Baker Road, Acworth. You  
are invited to come meet some of the teachers,  
students, parents from classes from PreK-12,  
including Hebrew, and Confirmation and our  
Rabbi, Tom Liebschutz. The 2013-14 school year  
begins late August. Congregation Membership is  
not required in the first year of enrollment. Need-  
based scholarships are available for those who  
qualify. For more information e-mail [education@mynertamid.org](mailto:education@mynertamid.org)

### YARD SALE

In Carriage Oaks Saturday, April 20. 9:00am  
- 1:00pm. This is a neighborhood yard sale. All  
participating homes will have a balloon on their  
mailbox.

The Carriage Oaks neighborhood can be  
accessed through two entrances - one off of  
Whitlock directly across from Marietta High  
School, and one off of Burnt Hickory about 1/4  
mile north of Polk St.

### GSO 5K

It's time to party and run at the 4th  
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black tie post race party! Formal attire  
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May 11 at 7:00 pm.

The 2013 Georgia Symphony Orchestra  
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the serious competitive racer and the occasional  
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your business to other hard working professionals  
from a wide range of industries. Meetings are  
held every Tuesday morning @ 7:30 AM at North  
Metro Church 2305 Ernest W. Barrett Parkway  
Kennesaw, GA 30144. Call Dave Amsler 770-  
335-1030 for details. [dave@daveandtammy.net](mailto:dave@daveandtammy.net)

### DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Marietta DAV general meeting is the first  
Monday of the month at 6:30pm. The meeting  
is held at 1/4 mile West of the Big Chicken; 995  
Roswell St., Marietta, GA 30060. We welcome  
all veterans and may be contacted at 678-388-  
1568 or email: [rich@eagle2art.com](mailto:rich@eagle2art.com) and [www.davchapter6.com](http://www.davchapter6.com).

### PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GRP

The Marietta Prostate Cancer support group  
has moved their meetings from the American  
Legion hall to the Kennestone Cancer Center.  
The meeting is open to the public and is held  
on the second thursday of each month from 7  
to 8PM. It is held in the Radiation Conference  
Room, Lower Level- Kennestone Cancer Center,  
320 Kennestone Hospital Blvd., Marietta 30060.  
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This April, the Artists Market highlights Songbird and Twig, creator of handcrafted, re-purposed glassware products and porcelain ornaments. In 2012, Robin Ferrill, owner of Songbird and Twig, debuted her newest line of re-purposed glassware. With 28 billion glass bottles ending up in landfills yearly, Ferrill envisioned the brilliantly colored and uniquely shaped bottles could be transformed, and “upcycled” into beautiful food serving vessels, wind chimes, and bowls that are works of art, each with its own personality. Songbird and Twig originally got its start by creating limited edition ornaments of Atlanta area churches, including First Baptist Church of Marietta and Smyrna First Baptist. Each ornament is handcrafted limited edition.

Of the many festivals and markets around town, the Marietta Square Artists Market is a favorite for Songbird and Twig.

“The Marietta Square is such a wonderful location for both artists and citizens alike,” says Ferrill. “And the Artists Market is the perfect place for a family to have some great Saturday fun and fellowship and to experience the works of some incredible local artists. I am so fortunate to be able to participate.”

The Marietta Square Artists Market is held on the 2nd and 4th Saturday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm of each month until November. It is conveniently located on Mill Street between Church Street and the railroad tracks. The Artists Market features talented and unique artists from all the arts. Spend the day taking in all that Downtown Marietta has to offer and top it off by shopping local at The Artists Market; the perfect place to find locally handcrafted gifts and artworks.

For more information about how to participate in the market, visit [www.ArtistsMarketMarietta.com](http://www.ArtistsMarketMarietta.com) or contact Connie Nelson, [Connie@ArtistsMarketMarietta.com](mailto:Connie@ArtistsMarketMarietta.com).

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**SITE-BASED WAITING LIST OPEN**

**WALTON RENAISSANCE ON HENDERSON**

The Marietta Housing Authority, in partnership with Walton Communities, is pleased to announce that the site-based waiting list for Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) for admission to Walton Renaissance on Henderson (formerly Henderson Arms Apartments) is open effective April 1, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. The 150 newly-renovated apartment homes

for seniors 62 and up are now in the final stages of completion and will be ready for occupancy beginning in October 2013. The community, located at 55 Henderson Street, Marietta, GA 30064, will provide a quality living environment for seniors and features such amenities as a library and computer-equipped media center, fitness center, hair salon, theater, a large multi-purpose gathering and game room and planned social, educational and cultural activities. Special rental assistance will be provided to income eligible applicants through the Project-Based Rental Assistance program funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. These are reserved for seniors aged 62 and older and who meet applicable maximum income requirements.

Applicants can obtain preliminary applications for Walton Renaissance on Henderson apartments at the offices of the Marietta Housing Authority, 95 Cole Street, Marietta, GA 30060; or by calling 770-419-5115 and leaving your name and address. A preliminary application will be mailed to you at the address provided. Eligible applicants will be placed on the site-based waiting list and will be ranked in the order in which completed applications are received. Preliminary applications will be accepted until further notice.

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## SPRING PLANT SALE AT THE ROOT HOUSE



Want to buy a plant and have a master gardener tell you how to grow it? Mark your calendar for Cobb Landmarks and Historical Society's annual Spring Plant Sale, truly a Marietta spring tradition. Aided by the good advice of master gardeners, you can learn how to design attractive flower pots for patios and decks. As an extra bonus, plants suitable for containers will be available for purchase. Scheduled

for Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4, the sale will be held at the Root House Museum and Garden at the corner of Polk Street and North Marietta Parkway, just off the Marietta Square. On hand will be Cobb County Master Gardeners, offering for sale a wide variety of shrubs, Perennials, and heirloom tomato plants. Hours for the event are 10 to 5. Since these plants come from the best perennial nursery in Georgia, come early, as the best plants go fast. The wide variety of plants for sale will range from those favored by the Victorians, to new and unusual varieties, to "Pass Along" plants from the finest gardens in town. So, whether you want to be the first on your block to have the latest introductions or simply want to share in the gardening bounty of some of Cobb's finest gardeners, you'll find this a must-attend event. An added bonus to attending this event is the opportunity to explore the Root House's historic garden. Featuring Victorian varieties such as China roses, oxeeye daisies, and sweet-smelling Chinaberry tree, this garden provides a glimpse back to the garden of the 1850s. Tours will be available for the Root House as well; see the restored circa 1845 home of William Root, Marietta's first pharmacist, offering an accurate depiction of middle-class urban life in Marietta in the 1850s. There will also be several lectures by Master Gardeners and tastings throughout both days.

## MARIETTA COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS

The Marietta Council of Garden Clubs invites you to their monthly meetings. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced gardener looking to get involved in community projects, all are welcome. . The next meeting of 2013 is on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 9:30am. Come and socialize and listen to this month's program on "Gardening for Butterflies". The speaker is Debra Stockton, a Master Gardener. The meeting also informs you on what the garden clubs are doing in the Marietta area. The meeting will be held at the Marietta Educational Garden Center, 505 Kennesaw Ave, Marietta, GA, 30060, 770-427-3494.

## KIWANIS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Marietta and Lost Mountain Golden "K" Kiwanis Clubs are holding their 18th Annual Kiwanis Youth Charity Golf Tournament at the Eagle Watch Golf Club, Woodstock, on May 15, 2013. The tourney is held to support local Kiwanis activities, events and programs directly for all levels of schools and other benefits. Over 50,000 hours of community service was contributed by Kiwanis members last year. Over 20 local organizations benefit directly from the tourney. Persons interested in contributing to the event or joining the Kiwanis are asked to contact Joe Van Horn, Jr, at 404-358-1432 or Jim Farley at 678-227-9340. All sponsorships or donations will be gratefully accepted.

## RESEARCH STUDY PARTICIPANTS WANTED

Coastal Biologic Solutions will be running a small research study within the next few months. We are looking for people who have strong negative reactions to smells, such as perfumes, scented candles, and plug ins, as well as exhaust, asphalt, cleaners, etc. The study will involve a history, and the filling out of a short data form, and a one month supply of a new natural medicine designed to safely eliminate such reactions. If you are such a person and wish to participate, please contact Dr. Jeffrey Comanor at 770- 427-0119. Please mention "research" when you call. There is no charge to participate.

## PRAYER BREAKFAST

Tickets are on sale now for the 29th Annual Cobb County Prayer Breakfast being held Thursday, May 2, 2013 (National day of prayer). The breakfast will be at the Cobb Galleria Centre in Atlanta, GA beginning at 6:30am. Chuck Bengochea, President and CEO of the Original HoneyBaked Ham Company of Georgia will be the keynote speaker. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$250 for a table of ten. For more information email [ccprayerbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:ccprayerbreakfast@gmail.com) or call 678-384-3342. Visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/CobbCountyPrayerBreakfast/](http://www.facebook.com/CobbCountyPrayerBreakfast/)

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## CDBG DAYDAY CELEBRATED AT NOBIS WORKS REWORX CENTER

The Cobb County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Office, in conjunction with Nobis Works hosted a CDBG Day on Thursday, April 4 at the Nobis Works Reworx Center, located in the Cobb International Business Center at 7000 Cobb International Boulevard in Kennesaw, Georgia.

In an effort to highlight the tremendous success of the CDBG Program in Cobb County, the celebration also highlighted the Nobis Work's Reworx Center impact on the community and featured a tour of the recycling facility in Kennesaw. Since 2002, Nobis Works has received more than \$1 million in CDBG funds. Since the Reworx program began in 2009, 71 new fulltime jobs have been created, with more than 60 percent of the workforce comprised of persons with disabilities or barriers to employment.

"The Cobb County CDBG Program Office administers a variety of federal grant programs through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The three major programs administered are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the Home Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant (formerly the Emergency Shelter Grant) Program.

For more information about CDBG and the Cobb County program, please call the Cobb County CDBG Program Office at (770) 528-1455. For more information about Nobis Works and Nobis Works Reworx, visit <http://www.nobisworks.org/>.

## RAISING FUNDS FOR MUST, WHILE HAVING FUN

As part of a major community project, The Rotary Club of Marietta hosted a Golf Classic to raise money for MUST Ministries. The March 25th event at Marietta Country Club included over 77 golfers and numerous Rotary member volunteers. The golfers were real troopers for the cause as the weather couldn't have been any colder to spend a spring day on the course. The high temperature for the day was 45 degrees and the high winds gave a new meaning to achieving a whole in one.

The Rotary Club was able to raise over \$17,000 at the Golf Tournament which will help fund a major renovation of the Loaves and Fishes Community Kitchen. The current small kitchen features one burner and a tiny prep area, yet serves more than 83,000 meals a year to those in need. The Rotary Club of Marietta, in conjunction with the Rotarians in East Cobb, will be devoting themselves to remodeling the kitchen this spring, including expanding the area and replacing some of the outdated equipment.

The total commitment of \$50,000 in materials and labor from the Rotary Clubs has required several fundraisers.

## WHY THE WEAK MUSCLES YOU DON'T KNOW YOU HAVE ARE DOING YOU HARM

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When you reach out and pick up a cup of coffee, it proves two things about your muscles- that the nerves that fire those muscles are working, and that the muscles in your shoulder arm and hand are contracting to do the task you've asked of them.

However, there is one very important thing that the motion won't tell you: that your muscles are performing at their optimum contraction level. If they are failing to do so, you are being set up for injury. Few people have heard of muscle inhibition and facilitation. Facilitation means that when you ask your voluntary muscle to fire, it fires to its full strength, depending on your tone and muscle mass. Inhibition is when you tell your muscle to fire, the nerve endings fail to fire all the muscle bundles at once, leaving the output significantly reduced- in essence you have partial muscle failure.

Alright, so what does partial muscle failure do? Well for one thing- your joints are designed to work within a balanced set of muscles. When one or more of these muscles is weak (inhibited), that joint is not working right. An unbalanced joint produces negative force vectors, and over time can begin to wear inappropriately, beginning the process we know as osteoarthritis. Aside from the joint, muscle unbalance causes tendon strain, leading to tendinitis, ligament inflammation, more weakness, and easier injury.

Muscle inhibition is a condition that is very difficult to figure out for yourself. Unless you are a high performance athlete, who realizes right away that something is wrong, chances are you will not notice until you begin to have obvious weakness or pain.

It takes a highly skilled, well trained, and clinically experienced doctor to quantify this condition, and take the proper therapeutic steps to begin correction. There is a little known specialty called clinical or applied kinesiology. It is an interdisciplinary specialty applied by different types of practitioners to their own areas of expertise. When you visit a doctor who is also an expert in clinical kinesiology, you will almost always be surprised to find that parts of your body that you thought were working properly are not. You will also likely be shocked to find that the change from an inhibited to a fully strong, facilitated muscle, can do so much to quickly reduce pain and improve function. It can often explain why you haven't been getting better no matter what you've tried.

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The third annual HH'art, was presented by Hickory Hills PTA, recently. It is a community arts collaboration between local, professional artists and the students of Hickory Hills Elementary Arts Academy, a Marietta City School.

Artists work with students to create an original piece of artwork in the artist's style, culminating in a gallery showing and silent auction at the Marietta Cobb Museum of Art Martinis and Music event on Friday, April 26, 2013.

This year's artists included Johnny Walker, photographic arts, Laura Surace, Claire Dunaway Cyr, Darby Jones, Jill Alford and Katie Bush. New this year, Hickory Hills Art Teacher, Amanda Quay, directed the work of two original pieces in collaboration with every student at the school.

Pictured is a photo of Johnny Walker working with fourth grader James MacPherson. Mr. Walker had a great lesson in photography for the students and then allowed them to use his camera to capture their "perfect" shot. And James was responsible for getting a bicycle rack installed at the school. This was a special project for Johnny as he attended Hickory Hills Elementary School.

Pictured at right is photographic first place winner: Kaylie Vincente.



### TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD AT THEATRE IN THE SQUARE

Young Actors Playhouse presents Harper Lee's classic American masterpiece, "To Kill a Mockingbird". This timeless, coming-of-age story centers around a close family in rural 1935 Alabama and how their lives are forever changed by the controversial trial of a black man accused of attacking a white girl. Performances are April 19th - 28th at 7:30 and 3:00pm. Presented at the Theatre in the Square, 11 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta GA 30064. Tickets are \$10.00 - \$15.00. For more information, visit [www.youngactorsplayhouse.com](http://www.youngactorsplayhouse.com) or call 678-910-0780.

### TASTE OF MARIETTA

More than 70 vendors will showcase their best dishes, including Italian, seafood, steak, BBQ and desserts, which range in cost from 50 cents to \$5, at the 20th annual Taste of Marietta Sunday, April 28 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on the Marietta Square.

At last year's event, more than 100,000 people hit the streets to sample their favorite foods. This year, the award-winning festival will surround the Square to accommodate the crowd.

Back again this year, Food Truck Alley, showcasing popular gourmet food trucks. This isn't just about food - it is a family festival with outdoor entertainment all day, cooking demonstrations and a Kids Alley complete with moonwalks, sand art and strolling characters. And for the bigger kids, this is a chance to meet some of the Atlanta Braves and Atlanta Hawks.

Admission is Free. Parking is available in lots around the square (except church lots), the Cobb County parking deck, and Marietta Middle School. Park there and catch a free ride to the square and back on the Historic Marietta Trolley. The Marietta Square Farmers Market will be closed Sunday, April 28 to make room for the festival. The market will be open Saturday, April 27 and return to North Park Square Saturday, May 4. More info: Marietta Visitors Bureau at 770-429-1115 or visit [tasteofmarietta.com](http://tasteofmarietta.com)

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The Kennesaw/Big Shanty Festival is host to one of the largest Arts & Crafts Shows in North Georgia. Visitors and residents alike will be able to browse through over 250 booths of the Southeast's finest artisans featuring a wide variety of beautiful and unusual items. Plus 25 food booths,

Over 60,000 people are expected to attend the Festival this year. The heart of downtown Kennesaw and the Southern Museum, home of that awesome iron horse, the "General", serve as the central location of this annual festival. There will be a Civil War Encampment during the festival featuring the lifestyle, uniforms, and firearms of the Civil War era.

To kick off the festivities – A PARADE – will start at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 20. The Parade features fabulous floats and proud marchers – over 2,000 youngsters alone representing every sport association and school in the area, plus the winners of Little Miss Cobb Beauty Pageant along with the winners of the Master, Miss, and Mrs. Kennesaw Pageant and Allatoona, Kennesaw Mountain and North Cobb School Bands. The Kennesaw/Big Shanty Festival is held in downtown Kennesaw on both sides of Main Street (Highway 293) and is co-sponsored by the City of Kennesaw and the Kennesaw Business Association (a non-profit organization). The hours of operation are 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM on Saturday, April 20 and 12 Noon - 5:00 PM on Sunday, April 21. Admission is FREE. For more information email [todmiller@jrmmanagement.com](mailto:todmiller@jrmmanagement.com) or call 770-423-1330.

## GLOVER PARK CONCERT SERIES



2013 Glover Park Concert Series To Begin The Glover Park Concert Series kicks off the 2013 season on Friday, April 26 at 8 p.m. in and around the park in downtown Marietta. The Series will continue throughout the summer, with concerts scheduled for the last Friday night of each month through September (with the exception of the August concert, it will be held on the 4th Friday).

The concerts are free of charge but if you're looking for a "front-row seat," a limited number of tables can be reserved -- \$45 for tables of six and \$55 for tables for eight. Tables reservations are taken on a first come basis and may be reserved the first working day of each month online at [www.mariettaga.gov/concerts](http://www.mariettaga.gov/concerts).

April 26: Kurt Thomas Band (Party Rock and Country); May 31: The Glow Band (Variety and Classic Rock); June 1: GSO Jazz; June 28: Atlanta Pleasure Band (R & B); July 26: The Grapevine (Beach Music and Oldies); Aug. 23: A1A (Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band); Sept. 27: Kasper and the 911 Band (Soul and Motown) Blankets and lawn chairs may be set up in the park after 4:00 p.m. Personal tables are not permitted in the park, however they may be set up on N. Park Square after 6:00 p.m. Bring a picnic dinner (beer & wine is permitted) or dine in one of the many fine restaurants located on the square.

Pictured is well known, Georgia artist, Sandra Anderson's rendition of the concerts on the square. This painting is on the Concert poster. If you would like to see more of her works visit [www.sandraandersonart.com](http://www.sandraandersonart.com)



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April is National Child Abuse Prevention month. In honor of that, SafePath Children's Advocacy Center, along with the Cobb Safety Village and Radio Disney, will host "Safety Rules Rule" Family Fun Day. The event will be held 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 20, at the Safety Village, 1220 Al Bishop Drive, Marietta. This event is free and open to the public. Families are invited to learn the "Eight Rules of Safety" and be entertained by Radio Disney's live DJ. There will be interactive games, Radio Disney prizes and dancing. For more information, call SafePath at 770-801-3465.

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Cobb County prides itself on being fiscally conservative and judiciously utilizing tax dollars. We are seeing many positive economic indicators for our recovery, benefitting from a comeback based on proactive financial decisions made years ago, consistent budget cutback, and, an increase in revenue.



Cobb County Government finished 2012 in excellent shape. A small budget surplus is being used to fill public safety positions, upgrade county court computer systems and pay off debt. At the six-month mark in the budget year expenses and revenues are right on target.

In December, always mindful of keeping taxes as low as possible, the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted for a 5-year plan to reduce property taxes to pre-recession levels. This year, the millage rate is projected to be lowered .2 mills from 7.72 to 7.52. Further, a .20 decrease each year is planned for the next for years, with a .10 decrease in the fifth

year.

With very conservative budgeting, we have been able to set aside a 12% reserve (about \$38 million) for unforeseen expenses or revenue shortfalls versus our policy of 9%, better preparing ourselves for such contingencies.

The nation's top three bond rating agencies, Fitch Ratings, Moody's, and Standard and Poor's, recently confirmed the county's strong financial standing. Fitch assigned its highest rating for tax anticipation notes issued to Cobb and affirmed our "AAA" rating on bonds issued by Cobb Solid Waste Management Authority. Moody's assigned Cobb's TAN offering at the highest rating possible and re-affirmed our "AAA" rating on general obligation debt. We also earned the highest score for short term rating from Standard and Poor's.

The job market continues to grow in Cobb. In 2012 15 major business announcements were made with more than 1,600 new jobs unveiled. We expect greater growth in 2013. Economic development experts are reporting a significant uptick in companies seeking information about doing business in Cobb.

Real estate activity is an excellent indicator of growth and we are on the comeback. New home and resale inventory supplies are declining, resulting in increasing building permits. Residential and commercial permits issued have increased and revenues associated with new home construction and sales continue to rise.

We are excited about positive signs of Cobb County growing. Some growth is due to the actions we have taken to reduce spending while still offering exceptional services. As we continue to work together as a community, we will continue to make Cobb County one of the premier places to live, work and play.

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Pictured above: The Wendy Bunch Team /REMAX Pure l-r Wendy Bunch, Jennifer Ree, Charda Bishop, Margie Medlin, Colleen Wadman, Nikki Shinall. Tom Heyer. Rear left to right: Kevin Neel, Glenn Field.

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### "JOY IN HEAVEN"

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A court-appointed attorney was assigned a client who had been accused of criminal trespass. The attorney probed his client with some general questions of background. He asked if he had any previous arrests or convictions. The man ashamedly said, "Yes, sir. I've got quite a few." The thorough attorney then asked, "Any felonies?" The man indignantly replied, "No sir! I specialize in misdemeanors!"

We're much the same way. As Christians, we acknowledge the sin in our lives, but our sins aren't felonies, are they? No way! The sin that we do, well, it's excusable. It's not awful. We're not really that bad. There are others whose sins are way worse than ours. Even when we acknowledge that sin is sin, and acknowledge that our sin is probably just as bad as others' sin, we still typically want mercy for ourselves and justice for others.

In our day, we still have some of the same attitudes about who the wrong people are to associate with, and Jesus still confronts this kind of attitude. Barbara Brown Taylor imagines a contemporary version of the scene in Luke 15:1-10: "So if I were putting together a sinners table...it might include an abortion doctor, a child molester, an arms dealer, a garbage collector who smells like spoiled meat, a young man with AIDS, a Laotian chicken plucker with a white hair net, a teenage crack addict who cannot seem to find his mouth with his spoon, and an unmarried woman on welfare with five children by three different fathers. Did I miss anyone? Don't forget to put Jesus at the head of the table, asking the young man to hand him a roll, please, and offering the doctor a second cup of coffee before she goes back to work.

If that [scene] offends you even a little, then you are almost ready for what happens next. Because what happens next is that the local ministerial association comes into the restaurant and sits down at a large table across from the sinners. The religious authorities all have good teeth and no dirt under their fingernails. When their food comes, they hold hands to pray. They are all perfectly nice people, but they can hardly eat their hamburger steaks for staring at the strange crowd in the far booth. But none of those is the heartbreaker [to them]. The heartbreaker is Jesus, sitting there as if everything were just fine. Doesn't he know what kind of message he is sending? Who is going to believe he speaks for God if he does not keep better company than that?"

Jesus finishes The Parables of the Lost Sheep and Coin by saying, There's more joy in heaven over one sinner's rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue. Those celebrations? That's the kind of party God's angels throw every time one lost soul turns to God. Amen. (Rev. Sam Storey is a Retired Minister of The United Methodist Church. Contact at: samdawg66@gmail.com.)

### LOVE A BUNCH ~ COME TO BRUNCH

MAY 4, 10-Noon. Sponsored by 10 Women of Hope. The Brunch will be held at Zion Baptist Church, 165 Lemon St., Marietta. Keynote speaker is Rona Roberts, PhD and author of "Greater Acts than These. Wear your favorite "stylin' shoes" Prizes to be awarded. Tickets are \$20 and available at the door.

### BECOMING SATISFIED SPIRITUALLY

DR. BILL ROSS, PASTOR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MARIETTA.

It is called a "sugar high." For many families it occurs after Easter, Halloween, and Christmas. The source is a vast amount of candy and sweets associated with the holidays and the allowances we make for this one time to consume more sugar than normal.

When the inevitable happens, we have a burst of energy with euphoric feelings, only to crash a few hours later.

Many people crave a spiritual high! We look for a mountaintop experience, a weekend spiritual retreat, or a revival that will bring us closer to God. It is quick and easy. Truth is, such spiritual events are like a sugar high; we have a burst of energy with euphoric feelings. Our hope is this will last forever. The reality is most last a few weeks.

My mom would say, "Do not eat candy before meals!" She knew that it would ruin the meal. I would get a sugar buzz and then not feel hungry. Candy masks the fact that your body needs minerals, proteins, and vitamins. It satisfies your hunger but it does not provide the nutrition your body requires to be healthy.

Jesus calls us to follow him. He teaches about the way of life. He even goes as far to say that we are to pick up our cross and follow. When we take a moment to examine His teachings we discover He offers to us an abundant life, not a euphoric feeling or a wonderful moment.

To be satisfied spiritually is a journey, a daily walk, following the teachings of Jesus, growing in our relationship with God.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**THUR APRIL 18 YARN BOMB @ MCMA.** 6-8 FREE Workshop at Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art. Come learn how to knit or crochet on Thursday April 18 from 6-8. We are planning on covering the museum with knit and crochet items to create a community art installation. Even if you are a beginner, you can contribute. Clean out your closets, trunks, craft rooms and donate unwanted (you know you will never finish) goods to this fun project. All yarn bomb donations are due to the museum by June 1. Contact Katie at the museum by calling 770-528-1444. More information is available at <http://www.mariettacobbartmuseum.org/yarn-installation.html>. The Museum is located at 30 Atlanta St., SE, Marietta, 30060.

**FRI-SUN APR 19-21 GWTW Movies & Memorabilia** The Marietta Gone With the Wind Museum Celebrates 10th Anniversary in Marietta with special event Movies & Memorabilia. Special guests who have confirmed their attendance are actress Anne Jeffreys, author Anne Edwards, cast members Patrick Curtis, Greg Giese, and Mickey Kuhn, and Wilbur Kurtz III. The festivities will include interviews, Q&A's and autograph signings with the celebrities along with other planned activities. Event details are available at [www.gwtwmarietta.com](http://www.gwtwmarietta.com) and on Facebook. The museum is open Mon-Sat, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 770-794-5576

**SAT-SUN APR 20-21 BIG SHANTY FESTIVAL** The Kennesaw/Big Shanty Festival is held in downtown Kennesaw on both sides of Main Street (Highway 293) and is co-sponsored by the City of Kennesaw and the Kennesaw Business Association (a non-profit organization). The hours of operation are 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM on Saturday, April 20 and 12 Noon - 5:00 PM on Sunday, April 21. Admission is FREE. For more information email [todmiller@jrmmanagement.com](mailto:todmiller@jrmmanagement.com) or call 770-423-1330.

**FRI, APR 26 "Martinis & Music"** (5:30 - 8:30pm) at the Marietta Cobb Museum of Art featuring the music of Boozer McLure and friends - 5:30 - 8:30 Cash Bar, light hors d'oeuvres. Free to members \$8 for guests. You may purchase Membership at the door. for more information visit our website [www.mariettacobbartmuseum.org](http://www.mariettacobbartmuseum.org) or call 770-528-1444.

**FRI, APR 26 "Glover Park Concert Series** The Glover Park Concert Series (8-10pm) featuring Kurt Thomas Band (Party Rock & Country) The concerts are free of charge however a limited number of tables can be reserved -- \$45 for tables of six and \$55 for tables for eight. Blankets and lawn chairs only may be set up in the park after 4 p.m. No Personal tables in the park, instead they may be set up on North Park Square after 6:00 p.m. Bring a picnic dinner (beer and wine are permitted) or dine in one of the many fine restaurants located on the square.

**SAT, APR 27 "Slow Art Day"** at the Cobb Marietta Museum of Art" (11am-1pm) Pack a lunch and join us at the Museum. Guests are invited to come and look at specific pieces of Art Work and discuss those works over lunch. For more information call.

**SAT APR 27 Marietta Square Artists Market:** Where All the Arts Come Alive! The Marietta Square Artists Market is excited to begin its 3rd annual market season, opening April 13th, 2013. This year, the market will highlight vendors of all the Arts from painting, printmaking, digital art, and sculpture to ceramics, jewelry, installation art, and more! The Artists Market is a juried, open-air market located on Mill Street between Church Street and the railroad tracks, just across from the Marietta Square Farmers Market. Visit the Marietta Square Artists Market every 2nd and 4th Saturday from April to November, 9:00am to 2:00pm, rain or shine. All fine artists are encouraged to apply! All works must be handcrafted by the artist. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and may be submitted to Connie Nelson, Market Manager: [Connie@ArtistsMarketMarietta.com](mailto:Connie@ArtistsMarketMarietta.com).

**SUN, APR 28th "Taste of Marietta"** (11am-7pm) The entire Square will be closed. We're expecting 60-70 restaurants and will have Bubba Burger Kid's Alley and Sports Corner sponsored by Sports Radio 790 the Zone featuring the Atlanta Braves, the Atlanta Hawks, the Atlanta Thrashers and more. There will be entertainment throughout the day on 3 different stages. Restaurants interested in participating should contact Theresa Jenkins at the Marietta Welcome Center, [welcomem@bellsouth.net](mailto:welcomem@bellsouth.net). For general information check out our website at [www.tasteofmarietta.com](http://www.tasteofmarietta.com).

**THU MAY 2 Prayer Breakfast 6:30AM.** Tickets are on sale now for the 29th Annual Cobb County Prayer Breakfast being held Thursday, May 2, 2013 (National day of prayer). The breakfast will be at the Cobb Galleria Centre in Atlanta, GA beginning at 6:30am. Chuck Bengochea, President and CEO of the Original HoneyBaked Ham Company of Georgia will be the keynote speaker. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$250 for a table of ten. For more information email [ccprayerbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:ccprayerbreakfast@gmail.com) or call 678-384-3342. Visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/CobbCountyPrayerBreakfast/](http://www.facebook.com/CobbCountyPrayerBreakfast/).

**FRI & SAT. MAY 3 & 4 Spring Plant Sale** at the Root House. 10 to 5. Corner of Polk Street and North Marietta Parkway, just off the Marietta Square. On hand will be Cobb County Master Gardeners, offering for sale a wide variety of shrubs, Perennials, and heirloom tomato plants. Come early, as the best plants go fast. The wide variety of plants for sale will range from those favored by the Victorians, to new and unusual varieties, to "Pass Along" plants from the finest gardens in town. There will also be several lectures by Master Gardeners and tastings throughout both days.

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**FRI MAY 3-SUN MAY 12 SHRINE CIRCUS** The circus will be held Friday, May 3, through Sunday, May 12, 2013, at Jim R. Miller Park, Callaway Rd., Marietta 30008. Monday through Friday the Midway opens at 5 p.m.; Saturday at 10 a.m.; Sunday at Noon. Best Deal in Town! Purchase discount tickets at any Atlanta-area Walgreens from April 12, through the end of the Circus. Weekend Mega Pass- \$19.95 per person, good Friday through Sunday, includes gate admission, circus admission and unlimited carnival rides for any one day from open to close. More than a \$15 savings from regular pricing. Weekday Mega Pass- \$14.95 per person, good Monday through Thursday, includes gate admission, circus admission and unlimited carnival rides for any one day from open to close. More than a \$20 savings from regular pricing. Visit [www.circus2013.com](http://www.circus2013.com).

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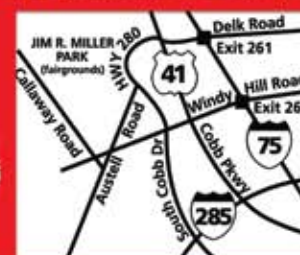
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