

Christmas by Candlelight

The Marietta Restoration Associates will hold their annual Christmas By Candlelight tour this Sunday, December 3rd. The tour will start at 2:00 PM and last until 7:00 PM.

A new house on the tour this year is the residence of Pascal Cantona and Lee Milbourn at 234 E. Market Street. This home/antique shop features a Christmas tree decorated with early German ornaments, a Shaker table, and an 18th Century English Architectural corner cupboard with unusual butterfly shelves terminating in hand-carved brackets.

On the second floor is an Issac Broome portrait, circa 1860. This artist painted the U.S. Capitol dome pediment. In the downstairs hallway are a Connecticut Gothic church chair and a meeting house pew.

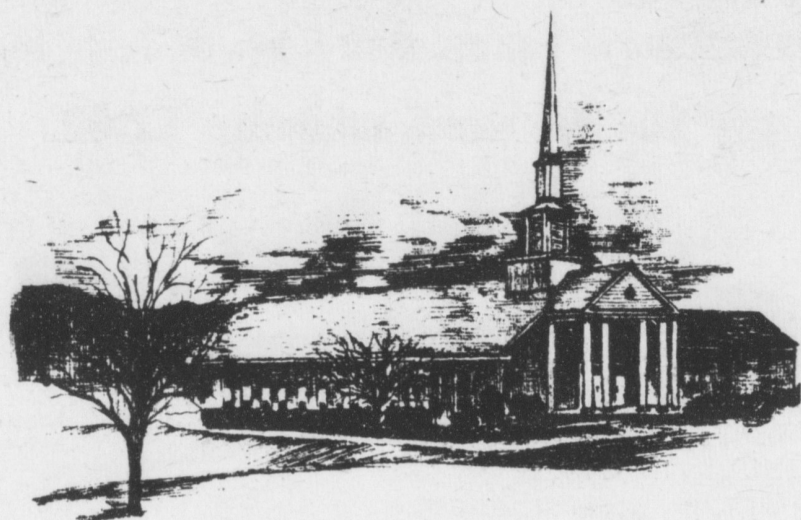
Both Pascal and Lee are excellent pianists; a concert piano dominates the living room. The piano lamp is a signed Sicardo pottery piece. An incense burner of stone mined in England is said to have captured the fancy of a Chinese emperor who saw it (Ch'ien Lung). There is a Japanese ink work by Uchiyama Sumi-E.

A kidney-shaped pool sits in the upper gardens, surrounded by Italian cypress trees and bamboo.

This 100-year-old building will soon house the Lady Sylvia Harlech Museum. (The late Lady Harlech was the wife of an English ambassador to the U.S. The museum will house mechanical toys.)

The two owners are toy experts and have exhibited their collection at many antique toy shows.

The Congregational Bible Church on Route 441 was built in 1965, but it is of Colonial design. Music will be played there during the tour. Guests are invited to tour the lower level, which houses a library and a nursery. The pastor of the church is the Rev. James Bashore.



Odilia and Jack McDonald are the owners of a restored Georgian farmhouse on Old River Road, west of Marietta. It was built in 1826 by John Musser; it features architectural moldings, beaded chestnut panelling, a wine cellar and four fireplaces. A second brick building is joined to the original one by courtyard full of rhododendrons and azelias.

The Marietta Community House at 264 W. Market Street was renovated and furnished by the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Hiestand. In memory of their son, Benjamin, who was killed in World War One, they made the house a memorial to all Marietta veterans. The adjacent gym was built by the people of Marietta.

Refreshments will be served at the Community House by members of the Marietta Lions Club and their wives.

A real log house is on the tour this year. It is located at 251 W. Market Street. It was built in the early 1800's, and is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Reich. They will display their collection of doll houses.

The home of Mrs. Pierre deVity on Center Square was restored by her sons, Renaud and John. This home features a spiral stair case which goes right up to the third floor. The house was built in 1800 and has an interesting garden. Symbols of Advent and Christmas will be displayed here.

The Kniesley's home at

Gay and Walnut Streets is a good example of a Victorian Gothic cottage. The porch is of interest for its vertical siding and wooden ornaments. The owners have made many improvements, but without destroying the historical value of the building.

The oldest movie house in the county, and the one that shows the oldest movies—the Marietta

Theater—will run films continuously during the tour; they are free to those holding tour tickets. The Marietta Theater houses the nation's fourth largest pipe organ.

At 107 W. Market Street stands Riverhills Associates building, built in 1840. It was extensively damaged in a fire recently, but has been rebuilt without major structural changes, successfully blending the old and the new in detailed work. It is now an apartment building, each apartment sharing in the central chimney.

The Victorian residence of James and Sally Cahalan on the S-bend (known as the Musselman Mansion, after its original owner, ironmaster Henry Musselman), is noteworthy for its iron grillwork. The house dates from the early 19th Century.

The Union Meeting House at Walnut and Waterford is a current project of the Restoration Associates, and is the process of restoration. It was built in 1818. A map of the original floor plan will be on display.



The stately mansion of Tom and Clair Lavin, at 316 East Market, has been theirs since 1974. Many sections have been added onto this Victorian house over the years. Clair's Chateau Art is inside, and works of art by her and her friends will be on display. The furnishings are contemporary.

The home of Doug and Patricia Spath, at 687 E. Market, was built in the 1890's by Abraham Cassel. It features original woodwork and pegged hardware, wide floor boards, and a fireplace in the kitchen. Art work by

Bonnie Reitz is hung around the house.

You can start the tour at any one of the locations. A brochure and map is included in the ticket price of \$3.00. Tickets can be had at all stops.

In connection with the Christmas by Candlelight Tour, there will be a presentation of a Christmas musical, *King of Love*, at 8:00 in the English United Presbyterian Church, on the night of the tour. The director of this musical is Mrs. Gerald Libhart, and it will be performed by the Marietta Community Chorus.

The Marietta Restoration Associates were organized in 1965, and have been very active ever since. Current officers of the group are: Ken Ross, president; Mrs. William Landis, vice president; Mrs. Robert Lombard, secretary; and Mrs. Robert Vanderslice, treasurer.

