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Fairview and E.S. Brown's Joyce Perdue-Smith Receives Governor's Award for the Arts and Humanities

Executive Director is among thirteen individuals recognized for their contributions to the state's 'civic and cultural vitality'

Rome, GA – October 7, 2015 – The [Fairview and E.S. Brown Heritage Corporation](#) is pleased to announce that Chairman and Executive Director Joyce Perdue-Smith is a recipient of the fourth annual Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities. Governor Nathan Deal announced the thirteen recipients of this year's awards, which recognize outstanding individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to Georgia's civic life and cultural community, at a ceremony held at the state capitol yesterday. The awards were presented in partnership with Georgia Council for the Arts and Georgia Humanities.



“The individuals that make up Georgia’s arts and humanities communities cultivate, grow and sustain our state’s vibrant cultural offerings, making Georgia a great place to live, visit and do business,” said Governor Deal.

Nominations were submitted from throughout the state. Governor Deal added that the thirteen recipients represent “a diverse group of individuals and organizations that have laid the groundwork for Georgia’s growing creative industry through innovative programs, community collaboration and long-term financial commitment.”.

The mayor of Cave Spring, Rob Ware, nominated Perdue-Smith for the award. Mayor Ware said she “has successfully led a movement to raise county-wide awareness about the rich African American history of education in Northwest Georgia.” Perdue-Smith’s father was the principal at the Fairview School in the 1950s. Perdue-Smith’s rediscovery of this forgotten school has uncovered a valuable

history that has shaped the city of Cave Spring. The subsequent preservation project is inspirational.

Perdue-Smith has served on several boards and committees to promote the region's culture and history, including the Cave Spring Historical Society and Alton Holman Heritage Arts, Inc. "Her achievements as an entrepreneur, college professor and corporate leader have made a significant contribution to enriching lives and communities in Georgia," said Ware.

For more information about the Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities, please visit <https://gov.georgia.gov/press-releases/2015-10-06/deal-honors-contributors-arts-and-humanities>.

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