

Bonnie Buckner Reavis Named 2023 Marietta Citizen of the Year

ATLANTA (December 7, 2023) – The Cobb Chamber's Marietta Area Council has selected Bonnie Buckner Reavis as its 2023 Citizen of the Year. The Citizen of the Year Awards are given to honor an individual whose impact through the years will be recognized and regarded with pride throughout the area as a role model. These outstanding citizens are chosen for their definable, exceptional deeds, with which he or she have made their community a better place to live. Awards are given based on local area nominations. The 2023 Marietta Citizen of the Year award was presented at the Marietta Area Council luncheon at the Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel & Conference Center.

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A self-described serial entrepreneur, Bonnie Buckner Reavis is the owner of The Brickyard, a special event venue on the Marietta Square that launched in 2010. Reavis is also the founder of the marketing and advertising firm Zenith Design Group, named one of Atlanta's Top Ten Fastest Growing Woman-Owned Firms, a Top 25 Small Business of the Year by the Cobb Chamber and The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and a two-time recipient of the Business Community Service Award by *Georgia Trend*. In 2018, Reavis opened The Loft, a fine art gallery and event space on the Marietta Square.

Reavis serves as Executive Director of the Marietta Arts Council, a nonprofit group working to enrich the artistic and cultural landscape of the City of Marietta through advocacy, education, and public art. A graduate of Berry College, Reavis has been inducted into the

Academy of Women Leaders, and is a graduate of Leadership Cobb Class of 2010, and cochaired the Class of 2015. She was honored with the Ernest Barrett Award during her class year in Leadership Cobb. The Ernest Barrett Award is selected at the conclusion of each class year by the co-chairs for personal extra effort and commitment to excellence as a participant in the program.

Through her vision, determination and perseverance, the arts are celebrated in the city of Marietta. The Marietta Arts Council has progressed from a small, loosely organized group to a sound, stable, and growing organization that facilitates exposure to a variety of arts in the Marietta community. Throughout her 30 years in Cobb, Reavis has continuously contributed to the wellbeing of the Marietta community through her servitude and dedication.

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