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**The Delaware Historical Society's 2019 Delaware History Makers Award**  
*Transforming Delaware through Philanthropy*

*Twelfth Delaware History Makers Award Dinner to be held on May 7, 2019  
at the Queen/Delaware History Museum*

**Wilmington, DE April 22, 2019** – The Delaware History Makers Award recognizes individuals and/or entities that have made extraordinary and lasting contributions to the quality of life in Delaware, our nation, or the world. The theme for the 2019 program is *Transforming Delaware through Philanthropy*.

In its twelfth year, the Delaware History Makers Award Committee has chosen to recognize Gerret and Tatiana Copeland for their longstanding commitment and unmatched generosity towards numerous nonprofit organizations in Delaware and the surrounding region. For more than three decades, the Copelands have made transformational contributions that have had wide-ranging impact on the community. The Copelands' vision and their commitment to animal welfare, art, education, healthcare, history, music, and the environment are exemplified by their loyal support of countless organizations, including:

Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art, Brandywine Valley SPCA, Canine Partners for Life, Christiana Care Health System, Delaware Art Museum, Delaware Center for Horticulture, Delaware College of Art and Design, Delaware Historical Society, Delaware Humane Association, Delaware Symphony Orchestra, Delaware Theater Company, Fund for Women at the Delaware Community Foundation, Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay, The Grand Opera House, Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, Longwood Foundation, Longwood Gardens, Mt. Cuba Center for Piedmont Flora, Multiplying Good (formerly the Jefferson Awards Foundation), OperaDelaware, Planned Parenthood of Delaware, Stockings for Soldiers, Tatnall School, and the University of Delaware.

The Copelands have contributed their time, counsel, and resources, and their magnanimity has rippled through every aspect of our community, enhancing the quality of life for everyone in the region. The Copelands embody the spirit of the **Delaware History Makers Award** by making extraordinary and lasting contributions to the quality of life in Delaware.

The **Delaware History Makers Award Ceremony** begins at The Queen, 500 N. Market Street at 6 p.m. The Copeland String Quartet will give a short performance before the Award presentation. Following the ceremony, guests will walk next door to the Delaware History

Museum and Old Town Hall to celebrate with live entertainment, wine and beer, wine and food pairings, and buffet dinner.

All proceeds from the event support the Delaware Historical Society's award-winning educational programs and exhibitions. For tickets go to [dehistory.org/historymakers](http://dehistory.org/historymakers).

The **Delaware History Makers Award** began in 2007 and annually recognize individuals who have made extraordinary and lasting contributions to the quality of life in Delaware, our nation, and the world. **Past honorees include:** Ed and Peggy Woolard, Vice President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Toni Young, The Hon. Pete du Pont, Ken Burns, Harold R. "Tubby" Raymond, Dr. Carol Hoffecker, Rev. Roberto Balducelli, Rev. Canon Lloyd Casson, Ellen Kullman, The Hon. Michael N. Castle, Bryan Stevenson, Rod Ward III, The Hon. Andre Bouchard, and Sam and Mariah Calagione.

### **About the Delaware Historical Society**

The Delaware Historical Society owns and operates the Delaware History Museum; the Jane and Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage; a nationally recognized Research Library; Old Town Hall; Willingtown Square, four 18th-century houses surrounding a picturesque urban courtyard located in downtown Wilmington; and the National Historic Landmark Read House & Gardens located in New Castle. For more information, call (302) 655-7161, email [deinfo@dehistory.org](mailto:deinfo@dehistory.org), or visit [www.dehistory.org](http://www.dehistory.org).

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