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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Downtown Delaware Presents Prestigious Awards**

Awards luncheon honors extraordinary volunteers and partners.

**DOVER, Del.** (May 12, 2009) – Downtown Delaware, a resource center within the Delaware Economic Development Office, held an awards luncheon Monday to honor Delaware’s “Main Street Champions.” Tom McCarthy, DEDO Deputy Director, and Linda Parkowski, Director of Tourism, joined Diane Laird, Downtown Delaware’s State Coordinator in recognizing 14 downtown volunteers and partners from across the state who have gone the extra mile in supporting downtown revitalization efforts in Delaware.

“The Main Street Program is an economic development tool that encourages entrepreneurial opportunity in downtowns across the state,” said Diane Laird, Downtown Delaware’s State Coordinator. “Today we are pleased to celebrate the accomplishments of those who exemplify superior volunteer commitment and partnership with Delaware’s revitalization organizations.”

The awards were presented to individuals who best embodied Downtown Delaware’s mission of providing Delaware’s historic downtowns, communities, and small businesses with tools to revitalize their commercial districts, increase entrepreneurship and innovation, and enhance quality of place. This year’s recipients include:

**Main Street Delaware City**, Sarah Bucic

**Downtown Dover Partnership**, Gary Chaffee

**Downtown Dover Partnership**, Gregg Moore

**Downtown Dover Partnership**, Lisa Ratliff

**Greater Brandywine Village Revitalization, Inc.**, Urban Bike Project:

- Sarah Green - Executive Director/Mechanic
- David Hallberg, Treasurer/Head Mechanic
- Brian Windle, Secretary/Mechanic

**Middletown Main Street, Inc.**, Wendy Gentry

**Downtown Milford, Inc.**, Dan Bond

**Downtown Newark Partnership**, Marilyn Minster

**Rehoboth Beach Main Street:**

- Greg Ferrese
- Mel Craig
- Chuck Snyder

**Main Street Wilmington**, Will Minster

**Historic New Castle Alliance and Greater Brandywine Village Revitalization, Inc.**, Jonathan Justice  
**Delaware Main Street Partner**, Jim Waters

Also recognized at the event:

**Certified Main Street Managers:**

- **City of Newark**, Maureen Feeney-Roser
- **Downtown Milford, Inc.**, Beth Durham

**Great American Main Street Award Winner:**

- **Rehoboth Beach Main Street**, Fay Jacobs

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**About Downtown Delaware**

Downtown Delaware's mission is to provide Delaware's historic downtowns, communities, and small businesses with tools to revitalize their commercial districts, increase entrepreneurial opportunity, and enhance quality of place.

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