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## Community news in brief

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### Senior Poets Laureate competition open

Entries are being accepted for the 18th annual National Senior Poets Laureate Poetry Competition for American poets age 50 and older. Deadline is June 30.

Winning poems of state senior poets laureate will be named in July and writers chosen will compete for a \$500 prize and title of 2010 National Senior Poet Laureate in September.

Robert E. Gallamore of Rehoboth Beach won the 2009 Delaware Senior Poet Laureate Award with his poem "Sayings Old and New, Borrowed and Blue." Winner of the 2009 National Senior Poet Laureate Award was Patricia Frolander, 66, rancher from Sundance, Wyo.

For more information and rules, go to [www.amykitchenerfdn.org](http://www.amykitchenerfdn.org).

### Museum highly rated as a wedding venue

The Delaware Museum of Natural History received a 2010 Bride's Choice Award as a top ceremony and reception venue from WeddingWire, the nation's leading wedding technology company.

The annual Bride's Choice Awards recognize excellence in quality and service in the wedding industry as determined by reviews from more than 500,000 newlyweds. Awards were given to winners in 19 different.

The museum, at 4840 Kennett Pike near Greenville, also is a site for fundraisers, birthday celebrations, corporate parties and other events. For more information, go to [www.weddingwire.com](http://www.weddingwire.com)

### Carl Schnee given the Muriel E. Gilman Award

Carl Schnee is this year's recipient of the 21st Century Fund for Delaware's Children Muriel E. Gilman Award. The award was established as a tribute to Muriel Gilman for her efforts to improve the lives of children. Schnee received the award at the organization's annual breakfast fundraiser March 10 at the University & Whist Club in Wilmington.

Schnee is chairman of the Ferris School Art Committee and serves with the Juvenile Justice Collaborative. He was chairman of the New Castle County Juvenile Detention Center Committee that planned and constructed the Center. As chairman of the Juvenile Re-Entry Program, he helped transition youth into the community from the Ferris School. He also served as chairman of the Children's Advocacy Center of Delaware and served as a member of the Delaware Collaboration for Youth. In 2007, Schnee and his wife, Doris Schnee, received the J. Thompson Brown Award from Children and Families First

### Nonprofit leadership award goes to Sears

The Delaware Community Foundation's President and CEO Fred C. Sears II was honored with the Good Neighbor Ujima Non-Profit Leadership Award by State Farm Insurance on Feb. 17 at the baby grand in Wilmington. The second annual State Farm event honored members of the community for leadership and volunteer service to the black community.

Serving as the keynote speaker was Dr. Lillian M. Lowery, Delaware's Secretary of Education. Raye Jones Avery, executive director of Christina Cultural Arts Center received the Educator Award and the Rev. Richard Avant, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Dover, was recognized with the Faith-Based Leadership Award.

In honor of the award recipients, State Farm will make monetary donations to the nonprofit organizations of their choice. They will also award a scholarship to graduating senior, JaQuan Moss, who has volunteered numerous hours in the community through Delaware Futures.

### **Pritchett receives lifetime achievement**

Maurice Pritchett, a retired educator who has mentored local children for more than 40 years, has received the 11th annual Robert A. Kasey Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award by board members of Connecting Generations.

Pritchett was principal of Bancroft School for 30 years and attributes his success to his childhood mentors.

The award was presented at the Connecting Generations "Swing Into Spring" event March 13 at the Delaware Center for Contemporary Arts on the Wilmington Riverfront. For information, go to [www.connecting-generations.org](http://www.connecting-generations.org) or call 656-2122.

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