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National Women’s Hall of Fame Induction Sept. 14, 2019
Rose O’Neill, artist and activist to be included

Seneca Falls, NY: - In celebration of the 100th year anniversary of Women’s Right to Vote in NY, The National Women’s Hall of Fame will host a weekend celebrating the achievements of American Women in the birthplace of the Women’s Rights movement in the U.S. The highlight of the weekend is the induction of ten women into the Hall of Fame for their historic achievements. “We are pleased to add these American women to the ranks of inductees whose leadership and achievements have changed the course of American history,” said Betty Bayer, Ph. D., the Hall’s President.

The National Women's Hall of Fame will celebrate the inclusion of these extraordinary women into the ranks of the inductees at the biennial induction ceremony on September 14, 2019 at the magnificent del Lago Resort & Casino, located outside of Seneca Falls, NY.

The 2019 class of inductees were nominated by the public, judged by an interdisciplinary team of experts across the nominees’ fields, and selected for their invaluable contributions to American Society in the areas of the arts, athletics, business, education, government, humanities, philanthropy, and science.

Rose O’Neill (1874-1944) Rose O’Neill was a well-known artist, suffragist, and businesswoman. In 1896, O’Neill got one of her cartoons published in Truth Magazine, and thus earned the title of “America’s First Woman Cartoonist.” The next year, she was hired by Puck Magazine as the first woman cartoonist on its all-male staff. She remained the only woman staffer for six more years, and hundreds of her illustrations for Puck depicted themes of women’s empowerment. Most famous for her Kewpies comic strip, O’Neill produced work for more than 50 magazine publishing companies, wrote and illustrated short stories, poems, children’s books, and novels, marched in New York suffrage parades, donated her art for use in the National Woman Suffrage Association’s suffrage posters and
postcards, and participated in many fundraising activities for the suffrage cause.

Fellow 2019 Inductees:

**Gloria Allred**, Attorney & Activist

**Angela Davis**, Professor & Activist

**Sarah Deer**, Professor, Lawyer & Advocate

**Jane Fonda**, Actress & Activist

Nicole Malachowski, U.S.A.F. Ret., Activist

Louise Slaughter, Former Member of U.S. Congress, Advocate

**Sonia Sotomayor**, U.S. Supreme Court Justice

**Laurie Spiegel**, Composer

Flossie Wong-Staal, Biologist

About the NATIONAL WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

The National Women's Hall of Fame was founded in 1969 and is the nation's oldest membership organization and museum dedicated to honoring and celebrating the achievements of distinguished American women. In pursuit of its mission of “Showcasing Great Women...Inspiring All,” the National Women’s Hall of Fame honors the women of the past, relates the history of women’s struggles, prepares the women of the future and serves as the voice celebrating the value of women.

Situated in Seneca Falls, NY, the birthplace of women's rights, the Hall tells women's stories by focusing on the leadership lessons from its inductees throughout American history. The Hall is in the process of revitalizing the former Seneca Knitting Mill as its new home with the plan to create a vibrant, state-of-the-art facility serving as a leadership center and an educational venue where visitors can discover and be inspired by the stories of great American women. For information about our 2019 inductees, please go to [https://www.womenofthehall.org/introducing-2019-nwhf-inductees](https://www.womenofthehall.org/introducing-2019-nwhf-inductees). For tickets to induction: [https://www.womenofthehall.org/event/2019-induction-weekend/](https://www.womenofthehall.org/event/2019-induction-weekend/)

* This list of the 2019 class of inductees to the National Women’s Hall of Fame contains only the names of those nominees whose attendance at the Seneca Falls Induction ceremony is confirmed at this point. Additional inductees may be announced pending scheduling and travel confirmation.

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