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Geena Clonan: Founding President of the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame

In 1993, while working as the Managing Director of the [Connecticut Forum](#), Geena Clonan of Fairfield realized there was a gaping hole in our state – namely, there was no organization or venue that collectively celebrated the achievements of the many, many Connecticut women who had made groundbreaking contributions locally, nationally, and internationally.

After consulting with the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca, NY, Geena and her team set about changing that, and in May 1994, established the [Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame](#). Since then, 115 women representing eight different disciplines have been inducted into the Hall – women like Gov. Ella Grasso, opera singer Marian Anderson, Mohegan anthropologist Gladys Tantaquidgeon, and abolitionist Prudence Crandall, to name just a few. In November 2017, three women who have distinguished themselves in law enforcement and military service will be inducted. Their stories, and those of the other inductees, are beautifully told in the “Virtual Hall” on the organization's web site.



Under Geena's 20+-year leadership as Founding President, the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame remained true to its mission “to honor publicly the achievements of Connecticut women, preserve their stories, educate the public and inspire the continued achievements of women and girls.” Says Geena: “It has been personally rewarding and one of my proudest pursuits in community service to tell, through the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame, the inspirational life stories of Connecticut women who, today and throughout history, are making a difference in the lives of women, children, and families here at home, around the country, and across the globe.”

A graduate of the Union Institute and University and Wesleyan University, from which she earned an MASL in Sociology/Cross-cultural Studies, Geena remains on the Board of Trustees of the Hall of Fame while devoting full-time energy to her own company, Las Lomas, through which she is a consultant and spokesperson for non-profit initiatives.