



Raging Grannies unConvention 2018

August 2 - 5, 2018 in Rochester, New York

Our theme: *Wherever women gather, failure is impossible.*

What: The unConvention is an opportunity for Raging Grannies to learn, share, and reinvigorate ourselves as we continue to advocate for social justice. We aspire to hold an UnConvention once every two years.

When: The 2018 Raging Granny unConvention will begin on Thursday, August 2 (check in to the hotel after 3 pm EDT) and conclude on Sunday, August 5 (depart by noon.)

Where: The 2018 unConvention will be held in Rochester, New York, former home of many activists including Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass. The unConvention will take place at the Holiday Inn Rochester Downtown overlooking the Genesee River with a side trip to historic Seneca Falls. Book your flight into the Rochester International Airport (ROC) or take a train to the Amtrak station.

How to Register: Fill out the Registration Form and mail it with a check for **\$265** U.S. dollars for U.S. grannies or **\$265** Canadian dollars for Canadian grannies, payable to **Rochester Raging Grannies**. Mail to:

Peggy Dempsey
140 Fernboro Road
Rochester, NY 14618

Room Reservations: To reserve a room at the Holiday Inn Rochester Downtown, call toll free 1-877-834-3613 or 585 546-3450. The special code for our event is: RGC. The cost per person for a shared room for a total of three nights is \$169.29 US; this special room rate is only available if you reserve by July 1. If you have a roommate, only one of you should call and make the room reservation. If you don't have a roommate but would like to take advantage of the shared room rate, please circle the appropriate box on the Registration Form.

Raging Grannies 2018 unConvention Registration Form

Please fill out this form in your very best and neatest print handwriting and return it with your registration fee of **\$265** (checks made out to Rochester Raging Grannies, in American or Canadian funds) **by May 31, 2018**. After May 31, the fee will be \$300. Mail form and check to:

Peggy Dempsey
140 Fernboro Road
Rochester, NY 14618

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

E-mail _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone _____

Location of Gaggle _____

Food allergies or special dietary needs: _____

Expected arrival in Rochester:

Airline _____ Flight Number _____ Arrival Time _____

I request granny housing coordinator, Marcia Reaver, to **assign me a roommate** to share a room at the Holiday Inn. Each shared room has two queen beds. Yes

I agree to have my photograph taken at the Photo Shoot and shared digitally. Yes No

Please share my contact information with other unCon attendees. Yes No

Signature _____ Date _____

Reminders:

- Remember to call the Holiday Inn to reserve your room (1-877-834-3613)
- A passport is required for entry into the U.S.

2018 Raging Granny unConvention Details

Primary Venue

Our primary venue is the [Holiday Inn Rochester Downtown](#) at 70 State Street in Rochester, NY. The hotel overlooks the Genesee River. Most of our meetings, meals, and activities will take place in the hotel's meeting rooms, making for a convenient and comfortable stay. The guest rooms at the Holiday Inn are spacious, quiet, and recently renovated. There is a heated outdoor pool, a fitness center, and free wi-fi. A free shuttle bus to and from the airport and train station is available.

Fees

The unConvention Registration Fee of \$265 (U.S. or Canadian) covers all meals from Thursday night through Sunday morning, transportation to activities and the Grand Rage, meeting room fees, and general unConvention expenses. You will need to make a reservation to stay at the hotel which will cost an additional \$169.29 U.S. for three nights in a shared room. If you drive a car, there will be a \$4/day parking fee.

Schedule

Expect plenty of time to network with and learn from other grannies, which is, after all, one of the reasons we like to get together. On two evenings, gaggles will have a chance to share highlights of their gaggle's activities with the entire group. We plan time for exploration, relaxation, learning, reflection and of course, lots of laughter.

A detailed schedule with workshop choices will be emailed to you prior to the unConvention. Current highlights include:

Thursday	Check in Optional afternoon tour of the Susan B. Anthony House Reception and dinner
Friday	Memorial Service Morning and afternoon workshops Granny Marketplace open Banquet Granny "Show & Tell" part 1
Saturday	Group Photo Tour of Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls Grand Rage Granny "Show & Tell" part 2
Sunday	Business Meeting General Session Farewells

Memorial Service

The Montreal Grannies have offered to conduct a brief and meaningful memorial service to honor and remember those grannies who have died since the last unConvention (August 2016). Contact Sheila Laursen, sheila.laursen@bell.net to contribute information about a Gran whom you would like to honor.

Granny Marketplace

If your gaggle would like to have table space at the Granny Marketplace, please contact Elaine Johnson at reedelaine68@gmail.com or (585) 281-3102. Gaggles that offer items for sale at the Marketplace are requested to donate a portion of their proceeds to the Travel Assistance Fund.

Granny Show and Tell

Granny gaggles will share songs/skits/whatever on Friday and Saturday nights. Come prepared!

Travel Fund

In 2010 a Travel Assistance Fund was established to enable Grannies to attend the unConvention if travel expenses would otherwise prohibit their attendance. **Gaggles are asked to contribute** to this fund every two years (\$100 is the suggested amount). Laurie Granger of Eugene, Oregon, is the Granny who is administering the Travel Fund this year. Please send contributions to the Travel Fund made out to "Laurie Granger" to:

"Granny" Laurie Granger
3275 Glen Mar Avenue
Eugene, OR 97405

Grannies who need financial assistance in order to travel to the unConvention may fill out an application by May 1, 2018. Funds will be distributed to meet those requests, depending on the amount of money in the fund. You will find an Application for Travel Assistance on the next page.

Questions?

Rochester Granny Robyn Laird can answer your questions about the 2018 unConvention or she will be able to point you in the right direction.

Robyn Laird
lairdrobyn@gmail.com
585 678-6991

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REQUEST FOR TRAVEL ASSISTANCE FUNDS

REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY **MAY 1, 2018**

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Gaggle _____

Location of
Gaggle _____

Your Mailing Address

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail Address

I request assistance from the Raging Grannies Travel Assistance Fund in order to attend the 2018 UnConvention in Rochester, New York, from August 2 through August 5, 2018.

I understand the available Funds will be distributed among all Raging Grannies who apply, and that the amount received may not cover my full travel costs. I am requesting the following amount:

Check the amount you are requesting:

\$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$150 _____ \$200 _____ Other _____

Funds will be disbursed by check in U.S. dollars before May 30, 2018.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this form **NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2018** TO:

"GRANNY" LAURIE GRANGER
3275 GLEN MAR AVENUE
EUGENE, OREGON 97405

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