

# House Concert



Janie Meneely and John van Sante

Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> 2025  
112 Haverhill Street, Rowley MA

2:30 Arrival \* 3:00 Concert \* 5:00 Dinner \* Session 6:00 – 9:00  
Please Bring a dish to share, musical instruments, and B.Y.O.B

\$20.00 per person Admission  
40 Person Limit, please R.S.V.P. at [concert@maryandbob.com](mailto:concert@maryandbob.com) by June 7th

About Meneely & van Sante:

Singer/songwriter Janie Meneely, was born and raised on the Chesapeake Bay. She brings her nautical perspective to the world of folk music and storytelling, celebrating the maritime traditions of the Bay region. Her music captures the raucous ruminations of ne'er-do-well charter captains who encounter mermaids as well as more thoughtful ballads about the people who make a living "working" the water. Her songs often evoke the woman's perspective on the maritime industry.

Eight years ago, she partnered with Dutch-born guitarist and singer Rob van Sante, who lends his knack for melodies and flair for harmony to Meneely's compositions. Commonly seen performing with the likes of Alan Reid (of The Battlefield Band) or John Connolly (who penned the maritime favorite *Fiddler's Green*), Rob draws deep from the well of traditional music, adding his innovative guitar work as accompaniment or offering spellbinding a cappella renditions of gems he's collected during a lifetime of performing around the world.

Where Rob's taste is more eclectic, Janie has been writing and singing about Chesapeake people, places and history for more than 30 years, chronicling the stories of Bay watermen or poking fun at sailors' traditions. From the somber *Oyster Wife* (about the infamous oyster wars from the viewpoint of a woman waiting on shore) to the turn-about tale of ladies on the loose in *Twiddles*, her songs inform as much as they entertain.

Whether they sing about the past or the present, the Bay or Beyond, Meneely and van Sante are delighted to share a few hours of music, merriment and (sometimes) mayhem. Be ready to sing along.

Here's a YouTube clip of a fun little ditty called Toadfish:

<https://youtu.be/IJm9-YK1nlQ?si=4ohOuMEa0ApPPN3m>

Anthem, from a recent house concert in Wisconsin

<https://youtu.be/SZlxz5Xt5WM?si=Y8ou7ghGwszDWr9J>

Big Liz, Great North Folk Virtual Festival

[https://youtu.be/JBIYBKg9cg0?si=ju\\_XSiunPpaj3rwB](https://youtu.be/JBIYBKg9cg0?si=ju_XSiunPpaj3rwB)