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SEPT. 18TH PERFORMANCE OF "GO, GRANNY D!" TO BENEFIT TOMPKINS CORNERS CULTURAL CENTER AND THE BEACON SLOOP CLUB

Currently touring nationwide, actress Barbara Bates Smith and musician Jeff Sebens will present "Go, Granny D!" on Monday, September 18, at 7 pm at Tompkins Corners Cultural Center, 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. Admission is free, with a hat pass for donations, which will benefit the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center and the Beacon Sloop Club. For tickets or more information: www.tompkinscorners.org.

Touting "You're never too old to raise a little hell," the 90-year-old Doris "Granny D" Haddock blazed a 3200-mile trail across America in 2000 for campaign finance reform, precipitating the passage of the McCain-Feingold Act. She continued her bipartisan reform efforts in countrywide voter registration drives, issuing her final challenge in 2010 at age 100: "Democracy is a running game. You huddle and you go back in. You keep going."

"This show totally rocks!" said Quaker Pastor Philip Raines of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Blog reviewer Michelle Grasty wrote, "This show will make you laugh and think and beg for more." Sponsor Felecia Shelor said, "A full house of Liberals and Conservatives all loved the play." "This fabulous show based on Granny D's memoirs brings her to life!" proclaimed her press secretary Maude Salinger. From the Daily Kos: "You will laugh and you will cheer," was penned by Palo Alto's Elizabeth Kasensky.

Barbara Bates Smith, noted for her Off-Broadway adaptation and performance of "Ivy Rowe" from Lee Smith's Fair and Tender Ladies, has toured for twenty-five years with the works of Lee Smith. She has been active in the NAACP's Moral Monday reform movement in North Carolina, even as an arrestee, in the spirit of Granny D's efforts to reclaim our democracy. For a decade, Jeff Sebens has accompanied her shows with a variety of hammered dulcimer, lap dulcimer, guitar, and banjo music. More information is on her website: www.barbarabatesmith.com

The Beacon Sloop Club was founded in 1969 as an all-volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of the Hudson River. The organization hosts three annual festivals and operates the sloop Woody Guthrie, which provides free sails on the Hudson River for the public. For more information and to become a member, visit

www.beaconsloopclub.org.

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center is a not-for-profit organization that purchased the historic Methodist church at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road in Putnam Valley in 2015. Since then, presentations include concerts, family events, weekly T'ai Chi classes, Cajun jams, Open Mic night and a local Farmers Market on Friday afternoons all summer long. For more information about this and other upcoming events, see their website at www.tompkinscorners.org or their facebook page at facebook.com/tompkinscorners, or email info@tompkinscorners.org or leave a message at 845 528-7280.



Doris "Granny D" Haddock, Barbara Bates Smith



Jeff Sebens and Barbara Bates Smith
