

# “Strolling through the Bluegrass”

With Vernon and Kitty McIntyre

## *An Opportunity to Learn, Hear and Try-out Bluegrass Instruments*

Bluegrass music is a uniquely American music created from the wide variety of styles, instruments, and rhythms brought to the US by the early settlers. The lively sound of the music has recently been brought into the national spotlight by the hit movie, **Oh Brother, Where Art Thou**.

‘Strolling through the Bluegrass’ is a comfortable conversation with Vernon and Kitty about the typical bluegrass instruments, fiddle, banjo, guitar, and mandolin. The audience will enjoy hearing Vernon and Kitty play each instrument. A sample of each instrument is also passed through the audience so each person can try their hand at playing. Cut-a-way models of the guitar and the fiddle allow people to see the inside structure of the instruments. Vernon’s piccolo banjo and double neck guitar are always favorites. A civil war era banjo, a lute, and a lap dulcimer complete the instrument list.



Vernon McIntyre is uniquely suited to take someone ‘Strolling through the Bluegrass’. He is a walking history of the music. He has traveled the road as a performer since the early 1960s and has played at innumerable venues across the US and Canada. He has played on stage with most of the founding artists and talked backstage with them personally. His knowledge of the history and lore of the music and it’s instruments is encyclopedic; every performance conveys his fascination with the music and the instruments. Vernon’s wife, Kitty, and her fiddling polecat, Rody LaPew, add a touch of humor with their trick fiddling grande finale.

**Program Details:** Approximately 60 minutes; 40 to 50 students with adult supervision (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders)



*Examples of the unique instruments presented during Strolling through the Bluegrass*

### **SCHOOL PROGRAM**

### **“Strolling Through the Bluegrass”**

**Price: \$400 within 100 mile radius of Sidney**  
Pricing good through May, 2010

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