

THE GYPSY COWBELLE WORKSHOP SERIES

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The Modern Day Homesteader

Inspired by two of America's last remaining homesteaders and Miss "V"'s fourteen-year stay on their remote Wyoming ranch, "*The Modern Day Homesteader*" is a unique and engaging one-hour documentary incorporating slides, narration and music. Told through the eyes of a young greenhorn, this heartfelt presentation will rekindle memories for some and offer new imagery for others as it chronicles the oft-forgotten lifestyle of pioneers who settled the West. Upon request, a short musical performance and an open discussion will bookend the show.

Homespun Instruments

Great fun for all ages, this interactive workshop is designed to bring out the artist in everyone. Participants join in on traditional tunes, playing a variety of "household" instruments ~ from washtubs and scrub boards to spoons and saws, and every shaker, bell and drum in between. The focus is on the



creativity of making music and instruments. Some sing old favorites while others learn them anew and a grand time is had by all!

The Essentials of Songwriting

Hailed as 'the quintessential Wyoming singer/songwriter,' Miss "V" shares her techniques to assist and encourage students of all ages as they develop songwriting skills and hone lyricism. Focusing on the creative process and the artistic use of language, this program is an excellent forum for students interested in an introduction to songwriting, as well as for those who wish to polish their current repertoire.



Trails West

This program focuses on the unique and exciting era which followed the conclusion of the Civil War. From Tie Hacks and Cowhands to Pioneers and Outlaws, the colorful characters that helped shape American history come to life through stories and songs, as The Gypsy Cowbelle conducts a tour through the era of exploration and settling of the American West.

Mares' Tales ~ A Celebration of Women's History

March is Women's History month, but this concert will be enjoyed any time of the year by those interested in a rich collection of ballads and anecdotes, chronicling some of America's leading ladies. Whether she is a 'mail-order' bride, maritime legend, renegade or trailblazer, the heroines of these tales will not be forgotten!

