Caren Neile

*Storyteller, Scholar, Author*

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**Programs Available**

**Only in Florida! Your Story, Yourself**
Florida history isn't something that just happens to other people. Based in part on Dr. Neile's book *Only in Florida* (History Press), you will learn how to tell your own story and that of your family, in workshop or performance/lecture format, or as part of a friendly competition.

**Short Takes: A Grab Bag of Old Florida Stories**
From the Ghost of Bellamy Bridge to the Ashley Gang, Florida history is brimming with fascinating characters and memorable events. Enjoy lively interpretations of some of the better-known Florida tales of lovers, criminals, and celebrities, as well as others you might not have encountered. Stories performed are based on Dr. Neile's book *Florida Lore* (History Press).

**Your Florida Story, Made to Order**
Care to host a professional performance of the story of your town? Is there a person, event or group you want to honor? Simply provide the material and sit back while a veteran storyteller/scholar does the rest, creating and performing a show for your community to keep and treasure.

**The Story of Olive**
Olive Chapman Lauther came to South Florida as a child in the late 19th century. Her story, which includes swimming with baby alligators and feasting on wild pigs for Thanksgiving dinner, was captured in her engaging 1963 book *The Lonesome Road*. Olive's experience comes to life—complete with “flying” bugs—in this lively and informative performance of her delightful and unusual early life and the birth of a remarkable city: Delray Beach.