

Special Presentation



JUDGE NELSON BAILEY "Florida's Cracker Storyteller"

May 12, 2009 ~ 3:00 pm

Palm Beach County Vista Center

2300 North Jog Road – Room 1W-47 & 50

West Palm Beach

Judge Nelson Bailey has a passion for Florida history -- and for storytelling. For a number of years he was the only person listed in the Directory of American Storytellers as a teller of exclusively Florida tales. He frequently performs around the state as a "Florida Cracker Storyteller" of the late 1800s. In telling his stories he shares his knowledge of Florida's unique history and fascinating multi-cultural heritage. His performance may include tales of the state's Native-American mound builders prior to the 1500s; or of Spanish explorers, settlers, and ranchers in the 1500 and 1600s; or of Seminole traditions and of the Black Seminoles of the 1700 and 1800s; and finally, of Florida's "cow hunters" in the 1800 and 1900s and of today. He offers some surprising insights into Florida's forgotten role in American history. Judge Bailey is also a sitting Palm Beach County court judge for the 15th Circuit Court presiding at the little branch courthouse located at the southern end of Lake Okeechobee in Belle Glade.



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