

## LYNN RUEHLMANN

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Lynn Ruehlmann was bitten by the storytelling bug after having spent years in the theater where she was named “Best Actress in a Comedy” by Folio. Since 1990 she has made storytelling her professional focus. She performs for schools and adult organizations, everywhere from Virginia to Michigan to Alaska to Georgia to Connecticut. For many years she worked with Young Audiences of Virginia, who awarded her Artist of the Year. The Virginia Commission for the Arts has awarded her grants for her programs every year since 2002. She teaches workshops for teachers and students. She taught storytelling for Old Dominion University’s Early Childhood Education Department and for CORE Knowledge Conventions in Anaheim, California, and in Boston, Massachusetts. She has been a guest on numerous NPR programs. Her recording, “Spy! The Story of Civil War Spy Elizabeth Van Lew,” won a “Storytelling World” and a Parents’ Choice Award. Her new CD, “It Happened in the White House: True Tales of the Eight Virginia Presidents and Their Wives” was named 2008 Storytelling World Winner. Her background in English and Theater combined to prepare her for creating and performing her own storytelling programs of historical stories, myths, folklore and personal stories.