

THE MARIA ROGERS
Oral History Program

NEWSLETTER

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New Volunteers

Welcome to new volunteers Nancy Hunt, Robyn Crispe, Pennie Magee, and Kathleen Salzberg. Nancy, a journalist; Robyn, a librarian; and Pennie, an anthropologist; all plan to conduct interviews for the program. Kathleen, a retired editor, will be transcribing interviews, starting with the Legacy of Missing Pieces interviews completed last year by Polly McLean's students at CU.

NEW INTERVIEWS

OH 1102V: Kate MacDonnell, age 10, talks about her experience with bilingual education at Washington School. Her father, Larry MacDonnell, discusses bilingual ed, water law, the drought of 2002, The Natural Resources Law Center, and Open Space in Boulder. By Marvin Woolf.

OH 1111V: George Reinert, born in 1918, talks about longtime Boulder institution Reinert's clothing store; other businesses he has owned, such as the Broken Drum Tavern and a ranch in Hidden Valley; and other family history. By Nicky Lee.

OH 1112: In this audio tape, recorded in 1999 before Betty Mosch's death, Betty and her son Al Mosch talk about her life in Nederland. By Beth Simmons.

OH 1113V A-B: Dale Johnson tells the story of painting the first big "C" on the Third Flatiron when he was a college student. He also details the history of Frostline Kits, a business he founded and ran from 1966-1978. By Gerald Caplan. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon.

OH 1115V: Carol Ellinghouse, water resources coordinator for the city of Boulder, discusses water sources; water rights and allocation; water planning; and the drought of 2002. By Nicky Lee.

Recent and Upcoming Interviews

Wendy Hall has interviewed long-time resident Arlyne Arndt, who worked as an accompanying pianist at CU and as an elementary school teacher.

Amy Fieling interviewed Nancy Tanaka about growing up on the Tanaka Farm.

Beth Simmons interviewed Vina Lloyd and Doug Gibney about Betty Mosch's life in Nederland.

Anne Dyni plans to interview Joy Buster, whose grandfather was a sheriff during the coal mine wars in Boulder County, and Jess Alexander, who is a farmer and ditch rider.

Nicky Lee will be interviewing Jack Rummel, long-time dentist in Boulder, president of the Rotary Club, and noted ragtime jazz authority.

Shirley Steele plans to conduct an interview on the former site of the Industrial Mine with some of the people who grew up in the Industrial Mining Camp.

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Jewel Wolcott plans to interview Ray Johnson, one of the founders of the CU Federal Credit Union.

Cameras, Cont.

Our latest thoughts on how to prevent playback glitches on interview tapes include:

1) the beginning and end of a tape are the areas most prone to malfunctioning. Advance the tape for about ten seconds before beginning an interview. Try to end an interview before you get to the very end of a tape or change to a new tape when there are still a few minutes left on the first tape.

2) If the cameras (and tapes) get very cold, the transition back to a warm environment may cause problems due to condensation. Avoid leaving the cameras in very cold places (such as in cars or un-

heated garages for several hours or overnight). If the camera does get very cold, experts recommend that you place it in a zip-loc bag before bringing it into a warm environment and let it warm up gradually over the course of several hours before using it again. The time needed simply to transport a camera to an interview should *not* cause problems.

OH on the Web

We are beginning to send letters to narrators who completed audio interviews in earlier years, asking for permission to include their interviews on the library's web site and giving them the opportunity to send in a photo to accompany their interview. Computer services hopes to have web access to interviews available by the end of this year.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Next Oral History meeting
Saturday, April 5
at 9:00 a.m.

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The public is invited to stop by
the Carnegie Library to listen to
or view any of our more than
1,100 interviews.

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IN BRIEF

At the March meeting, we watched the section of **Gerry Caplan's** interview with **Dale Johnson** in which Mr. Johnson most entertainingly describes painting the first "C" on the Third Flatiron—and the legal aftermath of that exploit.

SEEN ON AN ORAL
HISTORY WEBSITE:

"People have been listening to stories for millions of years, it's hard wired into our brains. People will choose a story over sex, over drugs, even over rock and roll."
(attributed to Scott Carrier)