

THE MARIA ROGERS Oral History Program

NEWSLETTER

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New Interviews

Five new interviews are available for patrons to use. Stop by the Carnegie Library to listen to and/or view these interviews—or any of the other more than 1,000 interviews in the collection.

OH 1164V. Tim Holeman, policy advisor in environmental issues to Governor Roy Romer at the time of the FBI raid of the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant, talks about the raid, environmental safety issues at the plant, and the role of the Governor's office in improving safety, regulatory oversight, and advocating for the closure of the plant. Also describes steps taken to protect Broomfield's water supply from radioactive contamination. By Hannah Nordhaus. Transcribed by Kathleen Salzberg.

OH 1167V A-B. Jerry Haynes discusses his 40-year career at Rocky Flats, including work in radiation monitoring and health & safety management; the management styles of the various contractors who ran the plant, and major events in the life of the plant. By Hannah Nordhaus.

OH 1172V A-B. Laura Johnson talks about her 38 years of work at Rocky Flats, including administrative work for the president of Rockwell during the time of the FBI raid. She also describes many positive aspects of the Rocky Flats work environment. By Hannah Nordhaus.

FEATURED INTERVIEW



Mary Axe, co-founder of the Dushanbe Sister City Project, was interviewed in the Boulder-Dushanbe Teahouse. (See OH 1177V A-B.)

OH 1176V. Mary Blue, who was honored in 2003 as one of the Boulder County Women Who Light Up the Community, talks about her extensive involvement as a volunteer for many non-profit and governmental organizations, including RTD, Ecocycle, the St. Vrain School District, the Longmont Chamber of Commerce and the Colorado Supreme Court Nominating Commission. By Shirley Steele.

OH 1177V A-B. Mary Axe, co-founder of the Dushanbe Sister City Project, talks about the project, Dushanbe's gift to Boulder of a Teahouse, and the plans for a gift from Boulder to Dushanbe of a Cyber Cafe. Filmed on location at the Teahouse. By Nicky Lee.

Oral History News

Check out Mary Jo Reitsema's delightful display, just inside Carnegie's entrance, about the Newlands Addition in Boulder. In addition to showcasing photos of the Boulder neighborhood at a time when it looked very different from today, the display includes Newlands' history written by OH volunteer June Howard and references to oral history interviews that were conducted with Newlands' residents by June and volunteer Nicky Lee.

**Next volunteer meeting
Saturday, April 3
at 9:00 a.m.**

Boulder History Museum intern Sarah Beggs attended our last meeting to tell us about an upcoming exhibit at the history museum that will focus on Diversity in Boulder. Oral History volunteers provided information about long-time, non-white families that have been part of the county's history and suggested names of people for her to contact.

Twenty people attended Anne Dyni and Liz McCutcheon's excellent presentation about how to interview, record, and film oral histories of family members.

Much to our dismay, Liz McCutcheon has moved to Massachusetts, at least through June. We are devastated to think of carrying on without her superlative services as Oral History's "camera trainer" and "freelance videographer." For all interviewers in search of a videographer, however, there is light at the end of this dark tunnel: Rocky Thompson is available to film interviews, both straightforward

and complex. Contact him (contact information is on the volunteer list) to inquire as to his availability for when your particular interview is scheduled.

Susan Becker is now adding summaries, transcripts, and sound files of all new interviews that she processes to the Digital Archive / OH Online system. The system is fully functional within the Carnegie Library. Internet access to summaries and transcripts is scheduled for April, with sound access to follow later this year.

Volunteers' Report

Doris and Arthur Olsen collaborated on their first interview, with Lafayette resident Jean Mellblom about the Lafayette Library mosaic mural and Lafayette history. ■ Shirley Steele interviewed Linda Shoemaker of the Brett Foundation. ■ Robyn Crispe interviewed both Maggie Casey, co-owner of Spindles, Shuttles and Skeins, and artist Jane Muheim.

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