

THE MARIA ROGERS Oral History Program

NEWSLETTER

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New Interviews

The Oral History Program added five new interviews to the collection this past month. Stop by the Carnegie Library to listen to and/or view these interviews—or any of the other more than 1,150 interviews in the collection.

OH 1145. Mary Sampson talks about being an African American woman living, working, and raising children in Boulder from the 1970s to the 1990s. Part of the “Voices of Black Women in Boulder County” project. By Megan Westerkamp. Audio only.

OH 1150V. Joe Barnhill discusses Barnhill Interiors, the interior design business that he and his wife Betty owned in Boulder for 25 years beginning in 1959. By Jewel Wolcott. Filmed by Susan Becker.

OH 1151V. Joyce and Kenneth Davies, who chaired PLAN-Boulder County, Inc. in the 1970s and 1980s, talk about some of the issues worked on by the organization, including growth control, Open Space acquisition, the development of the Foothills Highway, and the controversy about locating Systems Development Corp. (SDC) near Boulder. Joyce also talks about Historic Boulder projects, including efforts to save Central School, Highland School, and the Railway Depot. By Guy Errickson.

OH 1152V. Oakleigh Thorne, II, and Roger Olson talk about the founding of PLAN-Boulder County, issues the organization has pursued, effects of

FEATURED INTERVIEW



Open Space is on a lot of people's minds in October due to the upcoming election. Learn about the program's beginnings—the establishment of the Blue Line and the first Greenbelt campaign—in this interview with Bob McKelvey (OH 1153V) by Guy Errickson.

growth control and the Open Space program on Boulder, and many of the people who have worked with PLAN-Boulder and on environmental issues during the 1960s and 1970s. By Guy Errickson.

OH 1153V. Bob McKelvey describes some of the early issues worked on by PLAN-Boulder County, including his role in establishing the location of the Blue Line and in running a campaign to pass the first Greenbelt tax. He also describes life in Boulder during the 1950s and 1960s and discusses some of the current development and open space issues in Boulder. By Guy Errickson.

Upcoming Projects

It's taken several years for Dorothy Ciarlo to find former Rocky Flats workers who want to be interviewed about their work-related health problems, but this past month she has been able to interview two such people, and is in the process of setting up a third interview. Dorothy herself was interviewed by *The Daily Camera* about the oral histories she is doing for our program in collaboration with the Rocky Flats Cold War Museum.

Robyn Crispe hopes to interview one of the founders of Rocky Mountain Rescue. Nancy Hunt would like to schedule an interview with Len Barron, well known in Boulder for his portrayal of

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...for the next Volunteer Meeting
November 1 at 9:00 a.m.
at the Carnegie Library.

Albert Einstein as well as other creative and political endeavors.

Wendy Hall met with board members of Boulder's Special Transit Program. In honor of its 25th Anniversary, the board hopes to create oral histories of the organization by organizing small groups of Special Transit employees and riders who would like to be interviewed by our volunteers. If this project interests you please let Wendy or Susan Becker know.

The University of Colorado has approved our Oral History Program as a repository for oral histories that are being done this semester by students of Anne Marie Pois with Boulder County women who are social activists in areas such as health care, domestic violence, and peace and justice.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is interested in receiving training from

the Oral History Program so that its scientists can con-

duct interviews with some of the first employees of the Boulder Labs. The resulting interviews will be archived in the Oral History Program collection.

Interested in...

...interviewing Dugout Cleaners owner Bill Ellwood, biologist Joyce Gellhorn, or Tommy Thompson about the Science Lodge at Rainbow Lakes and skiing at Chautauqua? Ask Barbara Dolder or Susan for details.

Good Wishes

We all send good wishes to Anne and Jack Dyni. Jack has been quite ill, and Anne has taken a break from oral history until things improve. Anne, we miss you!

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