

THE MARIA ROGERS Oral History Program

NEWSLETTER

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New Interviews

The Oral History Program added six 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 1,140 interviews in the collection.

OH 1133V: Lou Walther talks about Boulder in the 1920s, including Mason's Bakery, owned by her father; Broomfield in the 1960s; and her career as a local history and children's author. By Sally Bell.

OH 1138V: Bud Ames, co-owner of the Tonsorium Barber Shop describes how he became a barber and talks about his barbering career in Boulder. By Marvin Woolf.

OH 1139V: Cheryl Eden, co-owner of the Tonsorium, talks about her career as a barber, including how she became a barber in 1978 when woman barbers were unusual. By Marvin Woolf.

OH 1140V: Ray Johnson discusses the history of the CU Federal Credit Union, his involvement with it since its inception in 1951, and his 30 years as Chairman of the Board. By Jewel Wolcott. Filmed by Susan Becker.

OH 1141V: Karen Gerrity and Russ Wiltse. See "Featured Interview" box on this page.

FEATURED INTERVIEW



Learn about the history of the **Boulder Dairy Center for the Arts**, described by its first director **Russ Wiltse**, and current director **Karen Gerrity**.

This interview also includes a tour of the center by staff member Charmain Schuh. Interview by Shirley Steele, filmed by Liz McCutcheon.

OH 1143V: Jack Crouch, one of the founders of the University of Colorado's Shakespeare Festival, talks about the festival; its predecessor, the Creative Arts Festival; his philosophy of directing; and some of the many plays and actors he directed during his long career. By Shirley Steele.

New Projects

There are several new projects and collaborations in the works for the Oral History Program.

Anita Stuehler, a librarian at the Meadows Branch who also teaches Conversational English classes to

Boulder immigrants, plans to do a series of **oral history interviews with immigrants** about their experiences in Boulder.

Anne Marie Pois, an instructor in the Women's Studies Department at CU, will be teaching a class this fall in which students will conduct **oral histories with Boulder County women activists** in fields such as women's health care, domestic violence prevention, and peace and justice. Susan Becker will speak to the class about oral history techniques, and details are being worked out to make the Carnegie Library a repository for the interviews.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

The next Oral History Volunteer Meeting will be held on
September 6 at 9:00 a.m.
at the Carnegie Library.

Susan, Dorothy Ciarlo, and Wendy Hall have met with Steve Davis, director of the Rocky Flats Cold War Museum, and Hannah Nordhaus, the museum's oral historian, to work out a protocol for sharing the **interviews about Rocky Flats** that are being done by Hannah for the Cold War Museum and by Dorothy for the Oral History Program. This collaboration will increase the accessibility of both organization's interviews since the museum will use selected information from the interviews to create museum exhibits for the public, and Carnegie Library will archive and make available to researchers and other members of the public the entire contents of all of the interviews.

Other interviews to look for in the coming months: Gerry Caplan has interviewed former NIST director **Bob Kamper**; Liz McCutcheon has filmed an interview with **Jim Walker** about the

Walker Ranch; and Anne Dyni (with Liz filming) has interviewed barn restorer **Bill Bailey** and beekeeper

Tom Theobald.

Timely Interviews

At our August volunteer meeting, we watched portions of June Howard's interview with **Carmela Wolf**, and Shirley Steele's interviews with **Jack Crouch** and **Genevieve Crawford**. Each of these interviewees passed away not long after being interviewed—which points up the importance of the work our volunteers do in preserving people's stories. Jewel Wolcott has been concerned about some of the interviews we might "let slip away," so she has "come out of retirement" and begun interviewing again! At the meeting, we also watched a portion of Jewel's recent interview with **Ray Johnson**.

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