

THE MARIA ROGERS Oral History Program

NEWSLETTER

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New Interviews

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Eight new interviews are available. This month's new interviews are:

OH 1222. Susan Caskey discusses her job as volunteer coordinator for Boulder County Safehouse. She describes the mission of Safehouse, the various roles that volunteers fulfill, and talks about the effect of working at Safehouse on her own life. By Myra Wehde. Transcribed by Sandy Adler. Audio only.

OH 1296V A-B. Claire Mathews did administrative work at Rocky Flats from 1955 to 1960 and from 1975 to 1995, including work in the Medical Department and the Health Effects Department. She speaks about safety and security measures at Rocky Flats, describes health screening procedures and programs, and addresses policies and conditions for women. By Nancy Nachman-Hunt. Transcribed by Sandy Adler.

OH1297V A-B. Don Getman worked at Rocky Flats from 1961 to 1990 in positions that ranged from janitor to building manager. He discusses many of the buildings at Rocky Flats, safety at the plant, the Life Is Fragile campaign, the mission of the plant in relation to the Cold War, the cleanup after the 1969 fire, the FBI raid, and the protesters. By Nancy Nachman-Hunt. Transcribed by Sandy Adler.

FEATURED INTERVIEW



Pioneering rock climber of the 1960s, Huntley Ingalls, talks about his first ascent of The Titan in Utah and the second ascent of The Diamond on Long's Peak in an interview by Robyn Crispe, OH1337V.

cleanup. By Hannah Nordhaus. Transcribed by Sandy Adler.

OH 1337V. Huntley Ingalls describes his participation in many historic rock climbs of the 1960s that pushed the envelope of what was then considered possible, including climbs of The Titan and Castleton Tower in Utah and a climb of The Diamond, on Longs Peak. He also discusses the allure and satisfactions of rock climbing; how climbing has changed since the 1960s; and climbing safety, including accounts of several accidents. The interview includes video of photos included in a 1962 National Geographic article about the climb of The Titan and video of slides in the personal collection of the interviewee. By Robyn Crispe. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon. Transcribed by Joan Podgorski.

OH 1338V. Mary Jane Foley describes growing up in North Boulder during the 1950s, when the area was much more rural in character. She also discusses disputes between the North Boulder Association and the city of Boulder concerning annexation and

Next volunteer meeting
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at 9:00 a.m.

water issues; the formation of the Boulder Rural and Suburban Volunteer Fire Department; the apportioning of water through the ditch system, in general; and the Silver Lake Ditch, in particular. By Wendy Hall. Transcribed by Joan Podgorski.

OH 1339V. Robert Ellingwood talks about his father, mountaineer Albert Ellingwood, as well as his own involvement in mountain climbing through the Colorado Mountain Club. He also discusses his family; the development of South Boulder; his career in geology and in mathematics, which he taught at CU-Boulder from 1952 to 1997; and his involvement with the University Festival Chorus. By Wendy Hall.

OH 1351V. Starting in the mid 1950s, **Marcia Thomas** was an actress with the Boulder Nomad Theater group. In this interview, she shares her memories of the theater and her personal experiences in acting in specific plays. She discusses costumes, auditions, directors and how the Nomad Theater

developed. She recalls some of her lines and bits of stage business. She talks about the Nomad in terms of its being a community enterprise, bringing together people with different skills, interests and backgrounds to the benefit of the larger community. By Shirley Steele.

Annual Oral History Celebration

We hope that all of our volunteers will be able to join us for our annual celebration of the past year's oral history work on Saturday, January 21, at 9:00 a.m. at the Carnegie Library. We will have an expanded breakfast; announce statistics about the past year's work; and give out light-hearted awards to volunteers in all categories, including the coveted homemade pie, baked by Wendy, to our most prolific interviewer. Additionally, Wendy is hoping that someone will challenge her with a New Year's resolution, á la Nicky Lee, now that Nicky is no longer with the program (if you don't know what this means, ask Susan!). Happy New Year to all!

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