

THE MARIA ROGERS  
**Oral History Program**  
NEWSLETTER

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**NEW  
INTERVIEWS**

**OH 1030V A-C:** Richard Sigismund talks about his involvement in hard rock mining and UFO research, in addition to giving an extensive tour of his renowned flower garden. Interviewed by Jon Raese. (Video)

**OH 1031V A-B:** In this interview, LaVern Johnson takes viewers on a tour of the Lyons Redstone Museum. She also discusses Lyons history, political issues, businesses, and recreation development. Interviewed by Anne Dyni; filmed by Liz McCutcheon. (Video)

**OH 1034V:** David Hight discusses the history, growth, and philosophy of McGuckin Hardware, a Boulder institution since 1955. The interview includes a comprehensive tour of the 60,000-square-foot store. Interviewed by Marvin Woolf. (Video)

**November Interviews**

November was quite a busy month for our growing corps of interviewers.

- Anne and Liz continued the series of interviews they are doing jointly for the Boulder County Parks and Open Space Department and the Oral History Program by interviewing Stuart Anderson and John McKenzie.
- Shirley did her first interview, which was with Claire Mathews. Ms. Mathews' Italian immigrant family has been living in this area since 1886.
- Marvin interviewed Dick McLean and Gerald Harrison together.

On November 7, quite a few of our volunteers collaborated on a series of interviews of past directors of the Boulder Planning Department, who were in town for a celebration of 50 years of planning in the city:

- Nicky interviewed two past City of Boulder planning directors: Nolan Rosall, who was planning director from 1975 to 1979; and John T. Morris, who was the first planning director for the city, back in the 1950s.
- Dorothy interviewed Frank Gray, who was planning director from 1978-1981.
- June interviewed Garner Stoll, planning director from 1991 to 1993.



*LaVern Johnson  
knows everything  
about Lyons' history  
(OH 1031).*



*Welcome to Richard  
Sigismund's lush flower  
garden (OH 1030).*

- Tiffany, completing her first interview, interviewed William Lamont, who was planning director in the early 1960s.
- Guy interviewed Ed Gawf, who was planning director during the 1980s and early 1990s.

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

Volunteer Meeting:  
Saturday, January 5  
9:00 a.m.

## Welcome to...

We extend a hearty welcome to Sally Bell, who attended her first Oral History Volunteer meeting in November. Sally's background is in journalism. She moved to Boulder about a year ago from Texas, but previously lived here while attending CU. She has a passion for learning about Boulder and Boulder history.

## Virtual Photo Library

The Carnegie Library is beginning to build a virtual library of historic photos—photos that will be available for viewing online but are not physically held in the collection. If

you encounter an interviewee who has interesting photos that he or she would temporarily lend for scanning, they can be added to this virtual collection. They would be “watermarked” so that they could not be printed out by viewers. Talk to Wendy for further details.



*Dave Hight talks about the origins, the development, and the philosophy of McGuckins Hardware (OH 1034)*

## IN BRIEF

Camera tip from Marvin: when filming outdoors in bright light, you will be able to see the image better if you switch from using the screen monitor to the eyepiece (use the “monitor/finder” button on the top, right side of the camera).

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Guy will offer an “Advanced Camera Training” session for OH volunteers in January. Contact Mary Jo for details.

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The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston asked our program to donate copies of interviews to be used in a class that will train oral history interviewers. We sent interviews by Joanna Sampson, Dorothy Ciarlo, Betty Anderson, Ann Bramhall, Anne Dyni, and Marvin Woolf.

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A reminder about our policy for making interview copies for interviewees: we automatically send one copy of the interview to one interviewee as a “thank you.” Instructions for how to make additional copies and a permission letter are available from Susan.

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