

THE MARIA ROGERS Oral History Program

NEWSLETTER

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Catherine Long Gates still uses this tractor to cultivate the fields of Long's Iris Gardens. Gates describes the history of the business and talks about iris farming in the midst of a city in OH 1107V A-B.

Recent and Upcoming Interviews

Shirley Steele has interviewed author Elinor McGinn, who recently published the biography *A Wide Awake Woman: Josephine Roche in the Era of Reform*.

Nicky Lee interviewed Boulder Water Resource Coordinator Carol Ellinghouse about Boulder water policy and the current drought. The next interviews that Nicky has planned are with Marty Miles, whose grandfather was the first Italian immigrant to settle in Boulder; and with Pam Leland, one of the founders of the Boulder Arts Cooperative. (Go, Nicky!)

Wendy Hall has several interviews planned, but in the interests of keeping Nicky guessing, she is not divulging when or with whom they are scheduled!

Marvin Woolf interviewed John and Katherine Barrett, one of the first residents of Carolyn

Heights, about the landscaping of their property and about John's many years of work for IBM. Marvin also is planning a "point-counterpoint" type of interview with two interviewees who have

NEW INTERVIEWS

OH 1103V: Al Mosch and Neill McDaniel describe Betty Mosch's predictive powers, including her ability to dowse for water and her aid to NASA during the Apollo 13 and 14 missions. By Beth Simmons.

OH 1106V: Al Mosch discusses the construction of his parents' house, his father's death, and his mother's life in Nederland, including changes in Nederland over the years. By Beth Simmons.

OH 1107V A-B: Catherine Long Gates discusses the history and operation of Long's Gardens, beginning with J.D. Long's arrival in Colorado in 1898. Includes a tour of farm buildings, video of historic photos, and a detailed discussion of iris cultivation. By Shirley Steele. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon.

OH 1108V: John and Katherine Barrett discuss their house and its landscaping in Carolyn Heights; John's work for IBM since 1965; and the history of manufacturing at IBM-Boulder. By Marvin Woolf.

OH 1109V: Bill Autrey delves into the genealogy of the Hake and Autrey families and describes his childhood in Superior as the son of the manager of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Co.'s company store. By Shirley Steele.

OH 1110V: Eric Johnson describes citizens' successful efforts in 1998 to defeat a proposal that would have allowed a gravel quarry to be created near Eldorado Springs. By Kirk Petersen.

differing views of the results of city planning efforts in Boulder.

Video Project

Liz McCutcheon and Shirley Steele are collaborating on a project to put together a documentary about what it was like to grow up in the Industrial Mine mining camp outside of Superior in the 1930s and 1940s. They are picking the most interesting parts of Shirley's interviews, which they will weave together with an overlay of narration and music. Plans for the video include showing it on public television, at a presentation at the Carnegie Library, and talking with teachers about including it in the third grade Colorado history curriculum.

Cameras Cautions

Some of the cameras are continuing to exhibit

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

The next Oral History meeting
will be
Saturday, March 1
at 9:00 a.m.

some disturbingly quirky behavior. Both OH-2 and OH-4 have acted up in the play-back mode in the past month. Both seem to be working fine now, but please be on the

lookout for problems and report them to Susan or Wendy if any occur. Always try out your camera at home the night before an interview and do a sound and video check on site before starting an interview. (After doing the check, you can rewind the tape so that the check won't appear as part of the interview).

And don't forget to turn your microphone on before the interview and off at the end of the interview!

IN BRIEF

At the February meeting, we watched portions of **Marvin Woolf's** interview with porcelain potter **Mydra Miller** and **Shirley Steele's** interview with **Catherine Long Gates**.

Wendy pointed out several **grant opportunities for funding film projects** (a potential offshoot of oral history projects). You can find the listings under Media Arts in the latest issue of *Boulder Arts Resource*, available at the main library.

We welcome new volunteer **Michele Cohen**. A realtor by profession, Michele has close ties to the arts community and looks forward to interviewing people involved in the arts.

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