

# THE MARIA ROGERS Oral History Program

NEWSLETTER

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## New Interviews

Six new interviews are available for patrons to use. Stop by the Carnegie Library to listen to and/or view these interviews—or any of the other more than 1,000 interviews in the collection.

**OH 1155V A-B.** Rancher, real estate developer, and gravel miner **Charlie McKay** talks about his interactions over the years with people and agencies in charge of the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant, including legal disputes about permits for mining and development. By Hannah Nordhaus.

**OH 1166V A-B.** **Rod Hoffman** describes his work at Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant as an instrument designer, a product engineer, and a classifier. He also discusses the plant's various contractors and events such as the 1969 fire and the FBI raid. By Hannah Nordhaus.

**OH 1168V A-B.** **George Barrie**, a former machinist at Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant, describes a glovebox accident that resulted in him ingesting plutonium/americium and talks about his current illnesses and his inability to obtain compensation for his illnesses. By Dorothy Ciarlo.

**OH 1170V and 1171V.** In these two related videos, beekeeper **Tom Theobald** demonstrates the processes of refining wax removed from his beehives

## FEATURED INTERVIEW



**George Barrie describes a Rocky Flats glovebox accident that resulted in the ingestion of plutonium. See OH 1168V.**

(1170V) and creating dipped candles from the beeswax (1171V). By Anne Dyni. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon.

**OH 1175V.** **Catherine Grimes**, who has lived on Pleasant St. in Boulder since 1917, describes her childhood and displays photographs of family members from the early 20th century. By Shirley Steele.

The photographs also may be viewed online through the Boulder Public Library web site in the Catherine M. Grimes virtual Photograph Collection.

## Interviewing Opportunities

Wendy Hall is looking for a few Oral History interviewers to work with her on a project to create interviews that will document Boulder County's **Special Transit** program. These interviews—with the program's founders, drivers, and riders—will be used as part of a 25th Anniversary show about the program in April and a celebration of the program in the summer. If you would like to be involved, contact Wendy or Susan.

Linda VanDervort, Conservation Easement Specialist with the **City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks Department**, would like to work with an interviewer who would be interested in interviewing several elderly people who live on agricultural prop-

**Next volunteer meeting  
Saturday, March 6  
at 9:00 a.m.**

erties east of Boulder (in the White Rocks area). The people she has in mind have long family histories in the area. One, for example, comes from a family who homesteaded in the area; another worked as a farrier for ranchers in South Boulder County. If you are interested in this project or would like to find out more, talk with Susan.

We are still looking for interviewers for Bill Coburn (Coburn Development), Laurie Clark (Boulder Ballet), Mary Jane Marlow (Art Cleaners), and Marion Rayback (Rayback Plumbing Supply).

### **Volunteers' Report**

Anne Dyni and Liz McCutcheon will be presenting a talk at Carnegie titled **"Take Time to Listen: Preserving Family Memories."** Geared toward teaching people how to do oral history interviews with family members, the talk also would be interesting for any

of our volunteers who would like a refresher in oral history interviewing and filming techniques. It will take place on Tuesday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m.

**Planned interviews:** Robyn Crispe has scheduled an interview with Maggie Casey, one of the owners of Shuttles, Spindles and Skeins. Marvin Woolf plans to interview Dr. Max Greenlee. Beth Simmons is hoping to do an interview with botanist William Weber. Shirley Steele has an interview with philanthropist Linda Shoemaker scheduled.

### **Our Community**

Our condolences to Wendy Hall, whose father passed away this month.

Jewel Wolcott continues to be incapacitated by hip problems. We know she appreciates receiving cards from her Oral History friends.

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