

# THE MARIA ROGERS Oral History Program

NEWSLETTER

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## New Interviews

**Thirteen new interviews are available for patrons to use.**

Stop by the Carnegie Library to listen to and/or view these interviews—or the more than 1,200 other interviews in the collection. Summaries and transcripts for our oral histories are available online at [www.bplcarnegie.org/oralhistory](http://www.bplcarnegie.org/oralhistory).

**OH 1203V A-B. Edward Putzier** talks about his work in radiation monitoring at the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant, including the challenge of creating new instrumentation and protective equipment for people working with uranium and plutonium.

**OH 1209V A-B. Ed McNamara** discusses his career in product engineering at the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant. Topics include pit design and testing; security, health and safety at the plant; the 1969 fire; and what it was like to work there, day-to-day. By Hannah Nordhaus.

**OH 1218. Yolanda Arredondo** describes her development from University of Colorado student to political activist during her seven years of working for Boulder County Safehouse. By Lindsay Leonard, for the Activist Women of Boulder Oral History Project. Audio only.

**OH 1250V. Bob Haines** describes working as a firefighter for Rocky Flats from 1953 to 1958, including his experience of helping to put out the 1957 fire in the filter banks. By Hannah Nordhaus.

## FEATURED INTERVIEW



**Rock climber Beth Bennett talks about her role in the sport during the 1970s, as well as more recent developments. (OH 1260V)**

researching genetic components of alcoholism. By Robyn Crispe.

**1261V. Bill Weaver**, who moved to Boulder in 1948, talks about his long career in real estate development and building in Boulder, and his more recent work of designing sandstone signs and plaques for the University of Colorado. By Arthur Jaeger. Filmed by Marvin Woolf.

**OH 1262V. Neil King**, in an addendum to his first oral history interview (OH 0655), talks about how the subdivision where his house is located was an impetus for the Blue Line Amendment, as well as telling stories about growing up in Boulder during WWII. By Marvin Woolf. Transcribed by Dee Baron.

**OH 1263V. Shelly Schlender** talks about her family; her involvement in print and radio journalism, especially her work for KGNU; and her interest in nutrition, including her involvement with a nutrition

**OH 1258V.** Interviews with **Special Transit riders and drivers** about the many ways in which Special Transit helps its clients. Includes a demonstration of using the wheelchair lift on a Special Transit van. By Wendy Hall.

**1260V. Beth Bennett** discusses her role as a pioneering woman in the sport of rock climbing, beginning in the 1970s, as well as her career as a scientist at CU

## Next volunteer meeting

April 2

at 9:00 a.m.

education group at the Family Learning Center. By Marvin Woolf.

**1265V. Harold Steele** talks about the Steele family farm that was homesteaded by his great-grandparents. He also describes his childhood on the farm and the Ryssby school, which he attended through 10th grade. By Anne Dyni. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon.

**OH 1267V. Dr. Robert McFarland** talks about his involvement in the antinuclear movement with regard to nuclear power plants and Rocky Flats. Includes discussion of his 1980 run for Congress as a Citizens Party candidate. By Hannah Nordhaus

**OH 1274V. Ann Cooper**, recipient of the 2004 Pac-esseters Award for community service, talks about the many Boulder nonprofits with which she has worked, her career in real estate, and the experiences of minorities in Boulder. By Shirley Steele.

**OH 1277V A-B. Dick Hicks; Mike Holubec, Jr.; and Red Southern** talk about the history of the Left Hand Men's Club, the Niwot Boys' Baseball League, the Niwot Volunteer Fire Department, and Niwot Nostalgia Days. By Anne Dyni. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon.

### Oral History Volunteer News

The program has acquired **dual microphones** for all of the OH cameras so that both interviewees and interviewers can wear lapel microphones. This new equipment will equalize the volume of the two voices on tape. For now, both the old and the new microphones are in each case. If any volunteers need help learning to use the new microphones, please ask Susan. Also in the cases are new battery testers—no more fading batteries in the microphones.

**Welcome to new volunteers** Pat and Trina.

Liz, Jewel, and June: **Feel better soon!**

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