

THE MARIA ROGERS  
**Oral History Program**  
NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2003

**And the Winner Is...**

**...EVERYONE.** On January 4, we held an awards breakfast, celebrating the work of you, our Oral History volunteers, during 2002. It was another record-setting year for the Maria Rogers Oral History Program. Seventeen program volunteers completed interviews, volunteers who were not able to interview came to meetings to offer valuable historical information and encouragement, and several interviews were donated by community members. Five volunteers worked behind the scenes with Susan, cataloging, filing and doing other administrative tasks to keep the program's records up-to-date. The results:

- There was a 53% increase in the number of volunteer hours donated to the program last year, for a total of 1,170 hours.

**NEW INTERVIEWS**

**OH 1100V:** Dr. Bill Harrison, who practiced large animal veterinary medicine in the Longmont area from 1942 to 1984, describes his veterinary practice and education, as well as his work for Shortie Lohr. By Anne Dyni. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon.

**OH 1101V:** Mydra Miller, a potter who works in porcelain, talks about the process and development of her art. Includes a demonstration, tour of her studio, and displays of her work. By Marvin Woolf.

**OH 1104V:** Recording of a meeting of the Superior Historical Commission at which the results of a survey of 32 historic houses in Original Town Superior were presented. By Shirley Steele. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon.

**OH 1105V:** Wally and Karen Waligorski talk about the Superior Historical Commission: its founding, structure; and current and planned projects. By Shirley Steele.

- There were **SIXTY** interviews completed and submitted during 2002—a new record!



*Mydra Miller, a porcelain potter, demonstrates technique. (OH 1101V)*

In spite of the fact that every single OH member plays a part in making the program a success, we did give out our second annual “quantity awards.” For interviewing, awards this year went to: Marvin Woolf (3rd place, with six interviews), Anne Dyni (2nd place, with fourteen interviews), and Shirley Steele (1st place, with seventeen interviews). The videography award went to Liz McCutcheon, who filmed seventeen interviews last year.

Wendy and Susan also want to say thank you to Carnegie staff members Mary Jo Reitsema, Mary Ruth Duncan, and Marti Anderson who support the program in so many ways including, but definitely not limited to, cataloging, answering questions, and checking cameras in and out.

Anyone who attended our celebration can tell you that a highlight of January's meeting was the now-traditional making of an Oral History New Year's Resolution by Nicky Lee. See the box on the other side of this newsletter for details.

**NEXT MEETING**

Saturday, February 1  
9:00 a.m.



## Interviews:

Beth Simmons submitted a 1999 audio interview with Al and Betty Mosch.

Joanna Sampson interviewed artist Barbara East. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon, the interview features video of many of Ms. East's drawings and paintings.

Shirley Steele interviewed Bill Autrey, whose father managed the

### New Year's Resolutions

At our January meeting, Nicky Lee and Wendy Hall engaged in what can only be called competitive resolution-making, otherwise known as "egging each other on."

- Wendy resolved to do "as many interviews as Nicky."
- Nicky resolved to do 6 interviews in 2003.
- Nicky, eager to earn one of Wendy's famous homemade pies, got Wendy to promise that if Wendy did not make her quota of 6 interviews, she would make Nicky a pie.
- Not to be outdone, Wendy also got Nicky to agree that if Wendy exceeded her quota, Nicky would get "a pie in the face."

Place your bets folks.

Industrial Mine Company Store.

Roland Wolcott suggested an interview with Boulder dentist and well-known ragtime piano player Jack Rummel. Nicky Lee plans to interview him. (That's one, Nicky!)

history. Meticulously kept scrapbooks that document the club's history provide a wealth of background material for interview preparation. Talk to Susan or Wendy if you are interested in this project.

Is there a volunteer who would like to interview members of the Hypatia Club in March? This long-time Boulder women's club is disbanding, and we would like to document it's

## IN BRIEF

Welcome to new volunteer **Amy Fieling**. Amy has been trained and has watched a dozen interviews as models. She is eager to start on her own interviews.

At January's meeting, we watched portions of **Beth Simmons'** interview with OH volunteer **Joanna Sampson** and **Anne Dyni's** interview with **Alan Cass**.

Wendy announced that four new volunteers have been trained to **scan photos** for the Carnegie's virtual photo collection.

The Carnegie Library has received a donation of 70 boxes worth of **Ricky Weiser's papers**.

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The public is invited to stop by the Carnegie Library to listen to or view any of our more than 1,100 interviews.