

THE MARIA ROGERS Oral History Program

NEWSLETTER

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New Interviews

Four 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. New interviews listed here are filmed in digital video. Summaries and transcripts for our oral histories are available online at www.bpl-carnegie.org/oralhistory.

OH 1255V. Charlotte Michener Krasnoff, designated Social Worker of the Year for 2004, describes the many cutting-edge social work programs and mental health services that were created during her tenure as coordinator of Outreach Programs at the Boulder County Mental Health Center from 1965-1979. By Shirley Steele.

OH 1259V. Beekeeper **Tom Theobald** demonstrates the harvesting of honey at his Niwot bee fields, including discussion of tools and tricks of the trade, bee behavior, and dealing with bears. By Anne Dyni. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon.

OH 1266V. In this last of a series of five sessions, beekeeper **Tom Theobald** demonstrates the extraction and bottling of honey in his Niwot “honey house.” He also discusses small-scale vs. large-scale commercial beekeeping, and demonstrates the use of a 1930s wax press. By Anne Dyni. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon.

OH 1253V. Jerolyn and Rich Holland describe growing up in Boulder in the 1940s and 1950s, and talk about their careers as teachers in the Boulder Valley School District. By Marvin Woolf.

FEATURED INTERVIEW



Charlotte Michener Krasnoff, 2004 Social Worker of the Year, talks about her career in OH 1255V.

Flats Cold War Museum, Dorothy Ciarlo and Hannah Nordhaus continued interviewing people who have been involved with Rocky Flats, with Nancy Nachman-Hunt joining their interviewing team toward the end of the year. And a fascinating set of 26 interviews with Boulder County women activists for social change was contributed by the members of a University of Colorado class taught by CU Women’s Studies professor Anne Marie Pois. The rest of our new interviews were completed by fourteen different oral history volunteers.

On January 8th, members of the program gathered for a “**thank you**” breakfast, at which Dorothy won one of Wendy’s coveted homemade pies for having contributed the most interviews in 2004. Unfortunately, Dorothy was in Hawaii at the time, so we all ate part of her pie and sent what was left home with second and third place winners Anne Dyni and Marvin Woolf. (Dorothy will get a pie in February!) The volunteers who had filmed the most interviews (Liz McCutcheon), transcribed the most interviews (Kathleen Salzberg), and worked the most volunteer

2004 Roundup

The Maria Rogers Oral History Program registered a staggering **111 new interviews in 2004**, thanks to our marvelously productive volunteer interviewers and several collaborative oral history projects. Anne Dyni continued to contribute interviews in collaboration with the Boulder County Parks and Open Space Department. In collaboration with the fledgling Rocky

**Next volunteer meeting
February 5
at 9:00 a.m.**

hours (Barbara Dolder) went home with pots of miniature irises.

We think it is safe to say that “a good time was had by all,” especially during the hilarity caused by Wendy Hall and Nicky Lee’s traditional sparring over their **oral history New Year’s Resolutions**. Last year, Nicky and Wendy each resolved to do six interviews. While neither of them kept their resolutions, Wendy clearly came closest, as she completed five interviews in 2004 (a personal best!), while Nicky completed none (partially due to extenuating circumstances). Nicky’s sure-fire resolution for 2005, born of her commitment “not to make any resolutions that I can’t keep,” is to “do as many or more than I did last year.” Hmm... you do the math on that one! (Thanks to Rocky Thompson for helping Nicky cleverly formulate her resolution.) Not to be outdone, Wendy has resolved to do twice as many interviews as Nicky. Okay, Nicky, make her work for that one! Oh, and Marvin Woolf, his mouth full of Wendy’s pie, resolved “to eat more in 2005!”

Other Program News

Welcome! We extend a warm welcome to four volunteers who have begun (or expressed an interest in) transcribing interviews: Dana Dasch, Dee Baron, Joan Podgorski, and Connie Merz.

Thank You! We are very pleased to report that both Chris and Cathy Rogers and the McDonnell Family Foundation have made additional grants to the Oral History Program’s endowment. The extra money will allow the endowment to fund some additional management hours for processing the many, many interviews created by our very active program. We are extremely grateful for the Rogers’ family’s continuing support of the program.

Keep up the good work! We have a GREAT team of volunteers. Wendy and Susan are looking forward to another exciting and interesting year of work with all of you.

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