

# THE MARIA ROGERS Oral History Program

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## New Interviews

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This month there are **nine new interviews** available, described below.

**OH1240. Mariagnes Medrud** discusses her family background; living in Minidoka, a Japanese internment camp in Idaho, during WWII; her participation in the anti-war movement in Boulder during the Vietnam War; and her work with non-profit organizations in Boulder and with the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. By Courtney Spencer. Transcribed by Sandy Adler.

**OH 1361V. Laurie Farmen** opened her automobile repair shop, Hoshi Motors, in Boulder in 1984. In this interview, she talks about being a woman in the nontraditional field of auto mechanics; naming and running Hoshi Motors; her philosophy of business, which includes creating a sense of community and an emphasis on fairness, helping people, and giving back to the community; and the character of Boulder as a place to live. By Joyce Gordon. Transcribed by Diane Briel.

**OH 1366V A-C. Carol Burt** has worked at the Boulder Reservoir for 47 of its 50 years of operation. In this interview, she discusses her various jobs there,

## FEATURED INTERVIEW



**This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Boulder Reservoir. Carol Burt talks about her 47 years of work at this Boulder institution in OH 1366V A-B.**

such as working at the concession stand and running the waterskiing school; living at the reservoir as a caretaker; and many details about the history of the reservoir, its facilities, and its programs. The interview includes video of 27 photographs and a boat tour of the reservoir. By Joyce Gordon.

**OH 1387V A-B. LeRoy Moore** describes the role of activists and community members in determining cleanup levels for radiation at the site of the former Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant. He discusses the numerous advisory boards and study groups that have been part of the process, the politics involved in working

with the Department of Energy, the decision-making models used by the various groups and by the government, and his analysis of the adequacy of the cleanup that was completed around the time of the interview. By Dorothy Ciarlo. Transcribed by Sandy Adler.

**OH1391V A-B. Paul and Vickie Winston** describe Boulder in the 1950s when they moved to the area and bought a one-room schoolhouse on South Boulder Road, which they remodeled into a home for their family. They talk about the history of the Unitarian Fellowship (now the Unitarian Universalist Church), and mention some of the many organizations with which they have worked to improve their local community or society in general. By Doris Olsen. Filmed by Arthur Olsen.

**Next volunteer meeting**  
**Sept. 9 (no meeting in Aug.)**  
**at 9:00 a.m.**

**OH 1392V. Sonya Pennock** discusses her job as a community involvement coordinator for the Environmental Protection Agency, overseeing the early years of the cleanup of Rocky Flats. She talks about reasons for the closure of Rocky Flats, involving citizen and local government advisory groups in the cleanup, the Rocky Flats Cleanup Agreement, the union, the role of activists, and her evaluation of the cleanup. By Nancy Nachman-Hunt. Transcribed by Sandy Adler.

**OH 1393V. Robert Card** discusses the cleanup of the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant site from his perspective of having been the CEO of Kaiser-Hill, the contractor that reduced the cleanup from a planned seventy years and \$37 billion to an actual eleven years and \$7 billion. He talks about Kaiser-Hill's innovative approaches; relationships with workers, people in nearby communities, and community activists; and describes some of the buildings involved in the cleanup. By Hannah Nordhaus. Transcribed by Sandy Adler.

**OH 1398V.** Former Senator **Tim Wirth** talks about the creation of the Lamm-Wirth Task Force in 1974 to examine issues having to do with Rocky Flats; Congressional hearings that examined the subject of nuclear weapons in the 1970s; the roles of labor, protesters, and other groups in deciding the fate of Rocky Flats; his opposition to building a new facility on the Rocky Flats site in the late 1980s; and health and safety issues at Rocky Flats during the 1970s and 1980s. By Dorothy Ciarlo. Transcribed by Sandy Adler.

**OH 1409V A-B. Catharine Harris**, a Unitarian minister, talks about her upbringing and how that had an affect on her life and choice of profession. She also discusses living and working in Switzerland and Berkeley, California; her first ministry in Wyoming; and the history of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Boulder County, for which she has been minister, first in Boulder and now in Lafayette, from 1993 to 2006. By Doris Olsen. Filmed by Arthur Olsen. Transcribed by Joan Podgorski.

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