

THE MARIA ROGERS  
**Oral History Program**  
NEWSLETTER

MAY 2002

## NEW INTERVIEWS

*Stop by the Carnegie library to listen to and watch the following interviews or any of our other more than 1,000 interviews.*

**OH 1056V:** Patricia Ostwald details the history of the St. Clair, Kistler, and Denio families in Boulder County, displays quilts and clothing made in the 1890s, and discusses the Boulder Genealogical Society. By Shirley Steele. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon. (Video)

**OH 1055V:** William Lamont director of planning for Boulder from 1967-1974, discusses issues such as growth management, transportation, and open space. By Tiffany Carlson. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon. (Video)

**OH 1058V:** Jim Bowers, director of planning in Boulder during the 1960s, talks about commercial development, the Open Space Program, development of Iris Ave., and planning department politics. By Marvin Woolf. (Video)

**OH 1059V:** Howard Morton talks about farming in the 1920s and 1930s including threshing with steam engines; the Depression; attending the Beasley School; and his work with the Great Plains Wheat Council. By Anne Dyni. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon. (Video)

**OH 1060V:** Arthur Bronstein, one of the founders of the Reform Jewish Congregation Har HaShem, discusses the evolution of the Jewish community in Boulder since the 1950s and the development of Har HaShem. By Shirley Steele. (Video)

**OH 1061V:** Fred Pruett, discusses Pruett Press, aviation in Boulder in the 1940s, and the evolution of the Democratic party in Boulder since 1948. By June Howard. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon. (Video)

**OH 1063V:** Wallace Campbell describes the origins of NIST in Boulder, the work of NOAA in space weather forecasting, and his work in the field of geomagnetism. By Marvin Woolf. (Video)

## What's New in Oral History...

At our last volunteer meeting we watched portions of the interview of Pat Ostwald done by Shirley Steele and Liz McCutcheon and the interview of Dee Demmon done by Sally Bell, noting the effective use of the camera for filming genealogical charts, clothing made in the 1890s and a panoramic photo of Mapleton School students that was taken in 1919. We will try to set aside some time for viewing portions of new interviews at each monthly meeting so that volunteers can see some of the work their colleagues are doing.

We discussed interview preparation techniques, and all present agreed that they preferred to talk with interviewees beforehand to create a rapport with the interviewee, to get a sense of what topics would be fruitful to discuss, and to help the interviewee begin to gather his or her memories. While this practice runs counter to the advice that we heard from Jay Gianukos from Living Memories, we realized that a crucial difference is that he often spends many hours talking to his subjects on camera and then edits the results, while our interviews are often done in only one or two hours of filming.

Interviews filmed in April include: Ray Joyce, interviewed by Shirley Steele; Inez Gamble, interviewed by Shirley Steele; Dr. Joe Green, interviewed by Nicky Lee; and Andy Ernst, interviewed by Anne Dyni (with Liz McCutcheon filming).

## NEXT MEETING

Volunteer Meeting:  
**Saturday, June 1**  
9:00 a.m.



MORE INTERVIEWS ON BACK...

Plans for future interviews include the following: Shirley is setting up interviews with long-time residents of Superior. Jon Raese has plans for a series of interviews about Chautauqua history. Guy Errickson plans to interview Dan Buckner. June Howard will be helping to organize a series of interviews that Guy plans to do with the founding members of PLAN-Boulder County.

Mary Reilly-McNellan is designing and assembling a series of trunks that will hold information, artifacts and other items about Boulder County history (probably in the areas of Mining, Agriculture, Native Americans and Westward Expansion, and Boulder Businesses) that teachers will be able to check out from the Boulder His-

torical Society. We will be exploring ways in which parts of the oral history interviews might be incorporated into this project. Mary would like to hear from anyone who has ideas about what to include in the trunks.

Guy Errickson will be available after the next Oral History volunteer meeting on June 1 to answer Oral History volunteers' questions about using the video cameras for filming interviews.

Finally, we send hearty congratulations to Oral History volunteer Tiffany Carlson, whose very punctual daughter, Saunders Elizabeth Carlson, was born *on her due date* of April 11. Saunders weighed in at 7 lbs., 5 oz. We hope to see her at an oral history meeting some day soon!

## NEW INTERVIEWS, CONTINUED

**OH 1064V:** Jane Morris Rogers talks about the Morris Candy Store, which her parents owned, and describes growing up in Boulder during the 1930s. By Lise Cordsen. (Video)

**OH 1066V A-B:** Bill Dennison, who worked at Rocky Flats from 1953-1987, describes fighting the 1957 and 1969 fires and the resulting clean-up operations. Also discusses attitudes about building nuclear weapons, protestors, and health issues. By Dorothy Ciarlo. (Video)

**OH 1067V A-C:** This wide-ranging interview with Dee Demmon about growing up in 1920s Boulder includes an extensive discussion of Mapleton Elementary School. Mrs. Demmon identifies dozens of Mapleton students pictured in a 1919 panoramic photo. By Sally Bell. (Video)

**OH 1065:** Judith Fox Pruyn details the genealogy of the Fox family of Marshall, beginning with the emigration of Michael Patrick Fox II in 1860. (Audio)

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