

THE MARIA ROGERS Oral History Program

NEWSLETTER

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New Interviews

Six 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 1,000 other interviews in the collection.

OH 1174V A-B. John Morrison, who worked at Rocky Flats beginning in 1952, talks about many aspects of working at the plant, including safety procedures, contamination incidents, fires, work environment, and the value of the work. By Hannah Nordhaus.

OH 1182V A-B. Jim Kelly, former President of the Steelworkers Union at Rocky Flats, talks about the challenges and accomplishments of the labor union; the experiences of women workers at Rocky Flats; and radiation, environmental, and health issues. By Dorothy Ciarlo. Filmed by Hannah Nordhaus.

OH 1185V. Lou Richmond talks about his jobs at

FEATURED INTERVIEW



Linda Shoemaker talks about the I Have a Dream Foundation and the Bell Policy Center in OH 1186V.

the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant as a decon worker after the 1969 fire and as part of the plant's security force. By Hannah Nordhaus.

OH 1186V. Linda Shoemaker describes her wide-ranging involvements in philanthropy, community activism, and public policy. Includes discussion of the I Have a Dream Foundation and the Bell Policy Center. By Shirley Steele.

OH 1188V. Maggie Casey, co-owner of the store Shuttles, Spindles &

Skeins, talks about the store's origins, its community knitting program, and trends in fiber arts, especially weaving, spinning and knitting. By Robyn Crispe.

OH 1189V. Jane Muheim, who was born in 1923, describes growing up in Boulder, including being

ONLINE SITE NOW OPEN

Oral History summaries and transcripts are now available online! The new Boulder Oral History Online system is now accessible from the internet.

- 1) You can access it directly by going to: www.bplcarnegie.org/oralhistory.
- 2) Many of the interviews have direct links from their BPL computer catalog entries (go to www.boulder.lib.co.us to start a search).
- 3) There also are links to the site from the Carnegie Library page and the Maria Rogers Oral History pages on the Boulder Public Library website.

Audio is not yet available online outside the library, but we hope to add that feature soon.

Next volunteer meeting
Saturday, June 5
at 9:00 a.m.

the first Miss Merry Christmas in 1940; her work in nursing; and her avocation as an artist. By Robyn Crispe.

Volunteers' Report

Interviews completed last month: Anne Dyni completed an interview with Skip Hicks that includes a demonstration of the use of a concrete block maker from the 1920s. • Shirley Steele interviewed Josie Heath about many aspects of her involvement in public life. • Pennie Magee taped an interview with seven members of the Boulder History Museum Sewing Circle.

Other oral history work: Welcome to new oral history volunteer Alec Battles who is entering missing interviews into the online database. He joins the team of Silvia Gentile, Barbara Dolder, Jeff Skala, and John Gress, who continue to improve the database entries. Jeff and John also are exploring the

possibilities for adding video capabilities to the Boulder Oral History Online system. • Thanks to Rocky Thompson who has ably stepped in to help people film interviews.

In the works: Doris Olson met with Greg Harms, director of the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless, and solidified plans to interview him, a long-time volunteer for the shelter, and shelter residents. She also is working with Diana Sherry, director of the Boulder Reads program to plan interviews with Boulder Reads clients. • Scheduled May interviews include an interview with Len Barron by Nancy Hunt and an interview with John Hess by Jon Raese.

Hello from Jewel: As you all know, Jewel Wolcott has been quite ill. She has asked us to let everyone in the program know that she is thinking of them. We are all thinking of you too, Jewel, and hope to see you soon.

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