

# THE MARIA ROGERS Oral History Program

NEWSLETTER

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## New Interviews

The Oral History Program added six new interviews to the collection this past month. Stop by the Carnegie Library to listen to and/or view these interviews—or any of the other more than 1,160 interviews in the collection.

**OH 1154V A-B. Al Hazle**, who worked as a Colorado Dept. of Health liaison to the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant, discusses testing for soil, air, and water contamination; health hazards on site and in the surrounding community; the FBI raid of the plant; protesters; and the plant in the context of the Cold War. By Hannah Nordhaus, in collaboration with the Rocky Flats Cold War Museum.

**OH 1157V. Tom Theobald**, Boulder County's last Bee Inspector. See details in box on this page.

**OH 1158V A-B. James Turner**, a former Rocky Flats worker who contracted Chronic Beryllium Disease, talks about the disease, harassment at Rocky Flats for speaking out, lawsuits related to compensation for the disease, and a berylliosis support group he started. By Dorothy Ciarlo.

**OH 1159V. Jack Euler** describes his early life on his family's ranch off Lee Hill Road in the 1930s and 1940s and his work as a teenager on the building of Skyscraper Reservoir in the 1940s. By Shirley Steele.

## FEATURED INTERVIEW



Join **Tom Theobald**, Boulder County's last Bee Inspector, for a virtual visit to one of his bee yards. Theobald demonstrates techniques of beekeeping, while describing the history, challenges, and rewards of the profession (OH 1157V). By Anne Dyni; filmed by Liz McCutcheon.

**OH 1160. Maybelle and Annie Wright** describe farming in Erie during the 1940s and 1950s and running the Erie post office beginning in 1957. Interview conducted in 1988 and recently donated by the Erie Historical Society. Audio only.

**OH 1161.** This is a very brief interview with **Marion Brack**, completed in 1985 and donated recently by the Erie Historical society. Includes information about life in Erie in the early 20th Century. Audio only.

## Volunteers' Report

Welcome to new volunteer, Rocky Thompson. Rocky is offering his professional skills as a cameraman and as a film editor to our program.

Dorothy Ciarlo recently interviewed Dr. Lee Newman at National Jewish Hospital in Denver about his testing of Rocky Flats workers who had been exposed to beryllium. Dorothy and her Rocky Flats interviews also were featured in a *Daily Camera* article about the interviews and the planned Rocky Flats Cold War Museum.

Anne Dyni and Liz McCutcheon have completed the second of four planned sessions with beekeeper Tom Theobald. This latest interview includes a demon-

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

...for the next Volunteer Meeting  
**DECEMBER 13 at 9:00 a.m.**  
at the Carnegie Library.

stration of the purifying of beeswax in preparation for candle making.

Pennie Magee is setting up interviews with Boulder County quilters. She has made a presentation to quilters at the Boulder History Museum and is planning to interview two people, recommended by June Howard, about a Sunshine Canyon quilt. Anne Dyni was able to supply Pennie with several additional names of potential interviewees.

### Oral History Program News

- The Carnegie Library will be one of the featured buildings in this December's Historic Boulder Tour of Homes, December 6 and 7. The tour will give us the opportunity to showcase the Oral History Program to thousands of people who might not otherwise visit the library. We will have

an oral history viewing station set up. Watch for an email

from Susan asking if you would like to volunteer an hour or two at the station.

- Due to the Tour of Homes on December 6th, our next volunteer meeting will be on the second Saturday of December, the 13th.
- At our next meeting, Liz will demonstrate the use of the remote microphone; Rocky will demonstrate a set up for filming photographs; and Susan will demonstrate how to do research on interviewees using the library's NewsBank database.
- At the November meeting, Susan handed out an extensive bibliography about oral history for those volunteers who would like to do additional reading on the subject. If you missed the meeting and would like a bibliography, pick one up from Susan, or ask her to email you one.

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