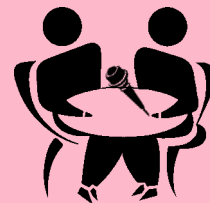


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Oral History Program

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NEWS FROM THE OCTOBER ORAL HISTORY MEETING • • • • •



Planning Department Interview Project

November will be the 50th Anniversary of the Boulder Planning Department, and in honor of this event, there will be a gathering of many of the past heads of Planning. Peter Pollock, current head of the Planning Department, has asked Wendy to arrange for the Oral History Program to interview approximately eight of these past department heads on No-

vember 7. The interviews will be added to our collection. Several volunteers already have signed up either to interview or to film the interviews. If you are available and would like to participate, please let Wendy or Mary Jo know. There are one-hour interview slots available for volunteers in either the morning or the afternoon.

New Interviews

The interviews recorded in the past month had something in common: they were filmed "on location" relevant to their subjects, and they each took advantage of that fact.

Anne Dyni interviewed LaVern Johnson, the "heartbeat of Lyons." Liz McCutcheon

"1001 IN 2001" CELEBRATION

Many thanks to all who helped out or attended our September "1001 in 2001!" celebration of the first 25 years of the Oral History Program. It was a grand event, attended by approximately 150 residents. The public was able to

- watch video interviews
- listen to audio interviews on the computerized digital archives
- pick up copies of our new "Interesting Interviews Bookmarks"
- buy books about local history, written by local authors
- enjoy local history brought alive by storytellers in costume portraying historical Boulder figures.

And the cookies and lemonade were pretty good too!

Jon Raese completed an interview with Richard Sigismund, who describes his involvement in UFO research and gives a tour of his reknowned Ninth St. flower garden.

Planned interviews

Nicky wrote an article for the Newlands Neighborhood newsletter about Dr. Green, a retired veterinarian who worked for many years at the animal hospital at the corner of Iris and Broadway. She hopes to set up an interview with him soon.

Guy hopes to put together a KGNU radio program with the storytellers who performed at the Oral History Celebration.

filmed the interview. The interview includes an extensive tour of the Lyons Historical Museum.

Marvin completed an interview with Dave Hight, owner and manager of McGuckins Hardware store. The interview contains a tour of each department in the 60,000-square-foot store!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next two Oral History Volunteer Meetings will take place on:

Sat., Nov. 3
&
Sat., Dec. 8
at 9:00 a.m.

All volunteers and anyone interested in volunteering are encouraged to join us.

This and That

As a result of our September event and the publicity surrounding it, we have had a number of new recommendations from the public for residents to be interviewed. There is a file with names and details of these recommendations in the wooden oral history file cabinet to the left of the cameras.

June Holmes brought in an Open Studios postcard from artist Kathleen Johns that featured a painting of one of our past interviewees, Ruth Blanchard Harding. We will add it to the file of supplemental information on Mrs. Harding.

Thank you to June Howard for filling in by checking obituaries and other news stories for Barbara

Dolder while Barbara was on vacation for about three weeks.

A procedural note: If you are checking a camera in or out, please

take the time to have a staff member go through the check-out/check-in list with you. It is very easy to not realize that one small item is missing from the case.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE COLLECTION

The following interviews were added to the collection in September:

OH 1021V: **Evelyn Haskins** discusses working as a switchboard operator in Boulder in the 1930s before direct dial service. She also describes Boulder businesses on Arapahoe Ave. in the 1950s and changes in Boulder from the 1950s through the 1970s. By Jung Soo Kim. (video)

OH 1024V: **John Coleman, Jr.**, takes interviewer Marvin Woolf on a tour of buildings in Ward and discusses businesses and what life was like in Ward in 1944, when he lived there during the summer as a child. (video)

OH 1026V: Oral History staff and volunteers talk about fellow volunteer **Jim Cox**, who died on May 3, 2001. (video)

OH 1027V: **Jewel and Roland Wolcott**, along with their daughter **Rachel**, describe raising a family of 8 children in the 1940s and 1950s in a small, rustic cabin in Boulder Canyon. Roland also describes his family's emigration to Boulder County in the mid-1800s. By Marvin Woolf. (video)

OH 1028V: **Betty Wickstrom** describes growing up in Boulder in the 1930s and 1940s, including huckleberry picking, dances on Sugarloaf, and working during the war years. By Lise Cordsen. (video)

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ORAL HISTORY? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

If you would like to know more about the Oral History Program, call Mary Jo Reitsema at 303-441-3110

The Oral History Program has volunteer opportunities for people who would like to interview, people who would like to film interviews, and people interested in entering interviews into our new computerized digital archive system. Training is provided in all areas.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Catherine Childs, volunteer coordinator for the library, at 303-441-3114.

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www.boulder.lib.co.us/branch/carnegiemariarogers.html