

Lower Chautauqua Newsletter

Bluebell, from opposite page...

The public was unaware during her lifetime that Rieder was the daughter of former German professor Mary Rippon. At CU's recent May Commencement, the highly acclaimed Rippon received a long-overdue posthumous honorary doctoral degree. But in 1889, she had secretly married one of her adult students, and they had a child. That child was Miriam Rieder. Rippon conveniently took a year's sabbatical to Germany where Rieder was born in 1889. Then Rippon returned to CU and continued to teach. The little girl was left in orphanages and passed around an extended family of aunts and uncles for the first few years of her life. Rippon (who would have lost her job if her marriage had been known) never lived with her husband. Eventually he remarried and was able to raise their daughter. When Rieder lived at 16th and Bluebell, she was separated from her husband Rudolph. Their son Wilfred is now deceased, but he spent most of his adult life on the East Coast. Think of Rieder, her birds, and her unusual background, as you drive by her former home.

Silvia Pettem is the author of "Separate Lives: The Story of Mary Rippon," available in local bookstores and at www.thebooklode.com

Notes...

- Second annual Neighborhood Garage Sale; Saturday June 24, 2006!

Did you miss out on last year's community garage sale? It was a great success. Neighbors met new neighbors and we all sold lots of stuff.

"Our sale was a huge success, we had a bunch of people come by and we kept selling till 4:30. Once we got started, we couldn't stop. It was also pretty fun." The Urbanowski Family

I will provide; advertising in the Daily Camera and elsewhere, signs, maps, balloons, fresh bagels and juice and a prize drawing for participants.

Please RSVP by email or phone by June 14, 2006 for this fab event.

- **Name that Sub!** In the last edition, I asked if you knew the names of the subdivisions in our neighborhood. Here they are; Oak Park, Interurban Park, Floral Park, Weihofen, Greenbriar, Wellington Heights and Bellevue Heights.

- **Chautauqua Concert Series;** look for artists like Baba Maal(6/14), Richard Thompson & Aimee Mann (6/21), Shawn Colvin (7/8), Wendy Woo (7/9), Nanci Griffith (8/11), Lemon Sponge Cake Ballet (8/19-20), Bruce Hornsby (8/15) and many more throughout the summer season. Also consider becoming a member and take advantage of membership while supporting this National Historic Landmark. (www.chautauqua.com)

- **Great Gardens!** Nominate a neighbor for best garden and they could be eligible for a gift certificate to their favorite garden center.

- **Real Estate:** If you have real estate or general home-type questions, feel free to contact me as I specialize in our neighborhood.

- **Ditch,** from opposite page...

Do you live near the Anderson Ditch? Here's a simple guide to live by; 1. Don't block access to the ditch, 2. Consult the ditch company before placing any structures in, across, or next to the ditch, 3. Do not dump anything into the ditch, 4. Do not take water from the ditch, 5. Watch children and pets when playing around the ditch, 6. For addressing issues or questions call Kim Elkins (City of Boulder Water Resources Specialist) 303-441-3115. And of course in an emergency dial 911.



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Water travels through the Anderson ditch near the intersection of 20th and Columbine. See Opposite page for more on the Anderson Ditch...
photo by Jon Hatch

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