**Transcript of Interview with Bonnie Brainard by Fitria Hardono**

**Interviewee:**Bonnie Brainard

**Interviewer:** Fitria Hardono

**Date:**02/23/2021

**Location (Interviewee):**Grants Pass, Oregon

**Location (Interviewer):**

**Transcriber:** Lily Crigler

**Abstract:** Fitria Hardono interviews Bonnie Brainard about the silver linings of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Fitria Hardono** 0:00

Hi, my name is Fitria Hardono. And I'm an undergraduate student at ASU enrolled in history 494. The date is February 23, 2021. The time is 8:56pm. And I'm speaking with Bonnie Brainard. I want to ask you a question about your pandemic experience. But before I do, I would like to ask for your consent to record this response for the COVID-19 Archive. The COVID-19-

**Bonnie Brainard** 0:33

Yes, that’s fine.

**Fitria Hardono** 0:36

The COVID-19 Archive is a digital archive at ASU that is collecting pandemic experiences. Do I have your consent to record your response and add it to the archive with your name?

**Bonnie Brainard** 0:49

Yes, you do.

**Fitria Hardono** 0:50

Thank you. First, can you tell me your name, age, race and where you live?

**Bonnie Brainard** 0:58

My name is Bonnie Brainard. My age is 67. And I don't remember...

**Fitria Hardono** 1:06

Your race.

**Bonnie Brainard** 1:08

I'm white, and I live in Grants Pass, Oregon, United States.

**Fitria Hardono** 1:13

Thank you. Now I'd like to ask you a quick question about the pandemic. We've experienced a lot of changes in 2020. And unfortunately, many of those have been negative and disruptive, but perhaps it's not entirely bad. What's one positive thing you've experienced during the pandemic?

**Bonnie Brainard** 1:34

Um, I guess I would have to say, interestingly, spending a lot more time not socializing.

**Fitria Hardono** 1:44

[laughs] Not socializing.

**Bonnie Brainard** 1:47

Spending more time at home. And just finding more things to do here that don't require going out and spending a lot of money or a lot of time with other people or… I've kind of enjoyed having the time to myself.

**Fitria Hardono** 2:04

What kind of interests you found during the pandemic?

**Bonnie Brainard** 2:07

I found an interest in gardening that I had never had in my entire life. And my grandson and I started taking walks along the railroad tracks because it's a place we could go where no one else is. And we could just walk and not worry about running into people or whether or not anyone was wearing a mask.

**Fitria Hardono** 2:29

Oh, that is clever. A good idea. That's the only question I have.

**Bonnie Brainard** 2:35

Okay.

**Fitria Hardono** 2:36

Thank you very much for your time today.

**Bonnie Brainard** 2:38

Thank you.