

## Transcript of Interview with Tracey Kole by Kathleen Kole de Peralta

**Interviewee:** Tracey Kole

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**Abstract:** [from item description] I recorded a mini oral history with my mom about silver linings.

KK: All right, my name is Katie Kole de Peralta and I'm a clinical assistant professor at ASU. The date is February 11. And it's 10:16am Mountain Standard Time. And I'm speaking with Tracy Kole, I want to ask you a question mom 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 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?

TK: This is Tracy Kole and you have my permission.

KK: Okay, great. Thank you. So first, can you tell me your name, age and where you live?

TK: My name is Tracy Kole and I am 70 years old and I live in Sanford, Michigan.

KK: Great. Now I'm just going to ask you a quick question about the pandemic. We've experienced a lot of changes in 2020. And many have been negative and disruptive. But perhaps it's not all bad. What's one positive thing you've experienced during the pandemic?

TK: I think when COVID started, I felt rather isolated. But then in May 19, there was a flood. So while I was already staying home this flood destroyed half of my house. And for me it was a silver lining when neighbors and friends and churches and everybody came to help us rebuild. And also I have a real love of gardening but have always been too busy to take the time to do it. But COVID provided me the time to stay home and plant a garden where the flood had been to have flowers bloom later in the summer that were just wonderful to watch. To look at.

KK: And you mentioned that you planted flowers also on the old lake bed that where the lake used to be.

TK: That is where my flowers are planted. I put wildflower seeds down on the lake bed.

KK: That definitely sounds like a silver lining. Thank you for your time today.

TK: Thank you.

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