

Volunteer Programs

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Volunteer Programs*

The Docents of the Oriental Institute contribute three hours a week, either in the morning or in the afternoon, Tuesday through Sunday, on a yearly basis, in conducting scheduled tours of groups from Chi-

icago, suburban, and out-of-town schools and colleges, groups of adults, and individual visitors through the Oriental Institute Museum.

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*Captains responsible for the organization of a given three-hour period.

The Suq, the Museum shop, is partially serviced by volunteers who complete the Volunteer Training Course.

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| MRS. SAMUEL ALLISON, <i>Chicago</i> | MRS. CLEMENT STUDEBAKER, <i>Chicago</i> |
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The Volunteer Training Course was held on eight successive Mondays from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M., March 26 through May 14.

- March 26: The History of Egypt, *Dr. George Hughes*
Art Tour of the Egyptian Gallery, *David Silverman*
- April 2: Culture and Religion of Egypt, *Dr. John Wilson*
Tour of the Egyptian Gallery with emphasis on the
Egyptian gods and burial practices, *James Allen*
- April 9: History of Mesopotamia, *Dr. John Brinkman*
Tour of the Babylonian Gallery, *Susan Allen*
- April 16: Culture and Religion of Mesopotamia, *Dr. Robert Biggs*
Tour of Assyrian Gallery, *Susan Allen*
- April 23: History of Persia, *Dr. Helene Kantor*
Tour of Iranian Gallery, *Judith Franke and David*
Nasgowitz
- April 30: History of Nubia with a tour of the Nubian Gallery,
Dr. Carl DeVries
History of Anatolia and tour of the Hittite section of
the Assyrian Gallery, *Paul Zimansky*
- May 7: History of Palestine and Syria, *Dr. Raymond Bowman*
Tour of Palestinian Gallery and tour of the Museum
with emphasis on its Biblical Aspects, *David Nasgowitz*
- May 14: Prehistory with tour of the Prehistoric section of the
Assyrian Gallery, *Dr. Robert Braidwood*
Archaeology in the Near East; Techniques and Sites,
Dr. McGuire Gibson

To these members of the academic staff and degree candidates as well as to those who have given of their valuable time and knowledge in former years, Dr. Robert McC. Adams, Dr. Klaus Baer, Dr. I. J. Gelb, Dr. Hans G. Gütterbock, Dr. A. Leo Oppenheim, Dr. Johannes M. Renger, Dr. Gustavus F. Swift, and Dr. Edward F. Wente, we express our deep appreciation.

In addition to the Training Course, the trainees are assigned reading materials and they are required to do intensive study of the objects on exhibit in the Museum.

GRADUATES OF THE VOLUNTEER TRAINING COURSE, MARCH 26–MAY 14, 1973

MRS. MYCHAL ANGELOS, *Chicago*
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SISTER MAURINE BARZANTNI, *Chicago*
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 MISS JANET RUSSELL, *Chicago*
 MRS. VIRGIL SCHROEDER, *Chicago*
 MRS. MICHAEL STONE, *Chicago*
 MR. JAMES WICKE, *Chicago*
 MRS. CHARLES WINANS, *Chicago*
 MRS. COLEMAN YEAW, *Kenilworth*
 MRS. KATHLEEN ZAVADA, *Lisle*

Three seminars were held this year for the continuing education of volunteer personnel. Dr. Gustavus F. Swift, the Curator of the Museum, spoke on his present and future plans for the Museum, Dr. Janet Johnson explained the intricacies of the ancient Egyptian writing system, and Dr. Erica Reiner discussed the background of the Assyrian Dictionary Project, giving an insight into the surmounted difficulties of this monumental task. These informal talks were so successful that, for the season 1973/74, monthly seminars will be held on various subjects relating to the history, culture, and art of the ancient Near East.

The fall series of illustrated lectures on "Biblical History" given by David Nasgowitz and the winter series on "The Art of Egypt" given by David Silverman were well attended. For the year 1973/74, an eight-week series of illustrated lectures on "The History of Mesopotamia from Prehistory to the Fall of Ur at the End of the Third Millennium B.C." will be given by Robert Whiting, doctoral candidate in Assyriology, starting October 2, 1973, and an eight-week series of illustrated lectures on "The History and Culture of Ancient Anatolia from ca. 1950 B.C. to the beginning of the Persian Conquest, ca. 550 B.C." will be given by Paul Zimansky, doctoral candidate, in the winter of 1974. Each series is \$30.00 per person for members of the Oriental Institute and \$45.00 per person for non-members.

On May 30, the Visiting Committee of the Oriental Institute held a sherry reception in the museum preceded by a showing of the Time-Life film, "Ancient Egypt," in honor of the volunteer personnel at the Museum.

All of these activities were only made possible by the kindness and cooperation of the academic and administrative staff and the devoted service of the volunteers. Mrs. David Maher, Co-Chairman of Volun-

teer Projects, has entered wholeheartedly into the planning and carrying out of the many facets of the volunteer program. Mrs. Albert Loverde, as Chairman of Volunteers, has effectively arranged docent scheduling. Mrs. Bernard Siegan, Chairman of the Luncheon Tour Program, and her committee members, Mrs. F. J. Corcoran, Mrs. Ronald Orner, Miss Muriel Cooney, and Mrs. Peter Spiegel, have introduced many groups throughout the Chicago area to our superb Near Eastern collection in the Museum. Mrs. A. Imberman arranged a tour of the Boston Museum of Art, the Metropolitan and Brooklyn Museums in New York, and the University Museum in Philadelphia for the Docents in February. We are most grateful to the staffs of these Museums who gave the participants in the tour an unparalleled insight into the respective collections.