

## VOLUNTEER GUIDE PROGRAM

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MUSEUM

A move to spacious new quarters marked the end of the 1989-90 season for the volunteers. Our bright new office, located in Room 202, now has space for docents to come in, use their library, have a cup of coffee and socialize with their colleagues. Books which were hidden on high shelves and articles that were locked away in the filing cabinet are now easily accessible to all docents. ▼ Since its inception in 1966 under the leadership of Carolyn Livingood, who remains a valued Oriental Institute volunteer, the Docent Program has trained new museum guides every year to provide a constantly growing and vital group that conducts daily tours in the museum. With a slow rate of attrition and docents who have been active for more than 20 years, our numbers have grown each spring. ▼ The course for new docents has lengthened to 9 weekly sessions, each of which is comprised of a lecture by a university faculty member and a workshop in the gallery. Faculty members who participated in this year's course were: Lanny Bell, Tony Brinkman, Doug Esse, John Larson, Robert Ritner, William Sumner, Theo Van den Hout, Ed Wentze, and Karen Wilson. ▼ The docent library has grown to fill the bookcases in the office and is augmented by a file of articles and reprints as well as a reference file on



*Dorothy Mozinski and Kitty Picken make use of the docent library in the spacious office in Room 202.*

the artifacts in the galleries. The circulation of our books and articles requires the services of a volunteer librarian, a job admirably done by Debbie Aliber.

Several years ago, with great prescience, volunteer coordinator Peggy Grant realized that a museum education coordinator would infuse new life into the Docent Program by producing materials to prepare the school classes which visit us. Joan Barghusen has held that position ever since it was established and has been a constant source of inspiration to the docents. The materials that she has devised have made it possible for the teachers to bring students who have some knowledge of the ancient Near East, and have enabled docents to develop many specialized tours. Our visitors can look at the artifacts in terms of the Bible, the environment, magic and everyday life. Under Joan's guidance the Thursday and Friday morning docents have offered special interest tours for children and adults during the summer months when schools are not in session.

Docents have also been encouraged to develop tours based on special interests of their own or of groups which request them. Besides the special summer tours, six of our docents participated in the University's Humanities Open House program. Presenting tours of their own devising were Georgie Maynard, Debbie Aliber, Steven Ritzel, Dorothy Blindt, Marianne Ford and Carole Yoshida. Docents also contributed to the wider University community by giving tours for prospective students, alumnae reunion groups and Business School orientation.

Six years ago, this office took over the job of keeping the tour schedule, relieving the museum secretary of the job of scheduling tours, sending out confirmations and communicating with the docent captains about the

schedule. The constantly ringing telephone and the increased clerical work of scheduling led to the hiring of a part-time office assistant, Terri Barbee. She has handled these and so many other jobs this year with competence, intelligence and great patience in times of stress.

All of the above simply shows that we no longer fit in Room 204 and are very grateful for the additional space Room 202 allows.

We are also grateful to every volunteer who gives time and skill and effort to the Institute every day that we are open.

Like every volunteer program, we have lost some docents during the year. Marianne Ford retired after many years as a Saturday afternoon captain and docent, and Melanie Petroskey has stepped into the job. We were saddened this year by the deaths of three long time volunteers who had each given many years of service to the museum: Jane Imberman, Wednesday morning captain, Kathryn Kimball, Wednesday morning docent and Harold Dunkel, former Friday docent and office volunteer. The task of being captain on Wednesday morning has fallen to Nina Longley and Joann Putz. They and the other captains are the link between the office and the docent groups who must be informed of what each tour will need.

*This year's captains are:*

Alice Rubash, Tuesday morning  
 Terry Friedman, Tuesday afternoon  
 Nina Longley, Wednesday morning  
 Joann Putz, Wednesday morning  
 Muriel Nerad, Wednesday afternoon  
 Kitty Picken, Thursday morning  
 Elizabeth Spiegel, Thursday afternoon  
 Debbie Aliber, Friday morning  
 Gloria Orwin, Friday afternoon  
 Georgie Maynard, Saturday morning  
 Melanie Petroskey, Saturday afternoon  
 Carole Yoshida, Saturday afternoon  
 Peter Hancon, Sunday  
 Teresa Hintzke, Sunday  
 Steven Ritzel, Sunday

*New docents who joined us this year include:*

Nancy Baum  
 Elizabeth Flury  
 Janet Ilten  
 Judy Licata  
 Jean Niblack  
 Carolyn Payer  
 Laura Sanchez-Olson



*A group of visitors looks at the Assyrian Bull as it is discussed by docent Bill Boone.*

**Regularly Scheduled Docents**

Ute Bernhardt	Anita Greenberg	Pauline Pantsios
Christel Betz	Mary Grimshaw	Rita Picken
Dorothy Blindt	Sally Grunsfeld	Dawn Prena
William Boone	Marsha Holden	Maria Redd
Teddy Buddington	Alice James	Patrick Regnery
Charlotte Collier	Barbara James	Joan Rosenberg
Lilian Cropsey	Samantha Johnson	Janet Russell
Catherine Duenas	Mary Jo Khuri	Lawrence Scheff
Gordon Evison	Barbara Klawans	Lillian Schwartz
Marilyn Fellows	Kay Matsumoto	Mary Shea
Laurie Fish	Caryl Mikrut	Daila Shefner
Margaret Foorman	Joan Mitchell	Bernie Shelley
Shirley Freundlich	Michele Monsour	Richard Watson
John Gay	Dorothy Mozinski	Beverly Wilson
Helen Glennon		

**Part Time Museum Docents**

Betty Baum	Peggy Grant	Cissy Haas
Mary D'Ouville	Bud Haas	Alice Mulberry
Barbara Frey		

**Regularly Scheduled Suq Docents**

Lisa Barbee	Jane Hildebrand	Nita Rattenborg
Muriel Brauer	Ruth Hyman	Rochelle Rossin
Lois Cohen	Carol High Johnson	Mary Schulman
Charlotte Collier	Inger Kirsten	Eleanor Swift
Rama Gautam	Peggy Kovacs	Barbara Watson
Kate Grodzins	Norma van der Meulen	

**Part Time Suq Docents**

Ria Ahlstrom	Barbara Frey	Jo Jackson
Betty Baum	Peggy Grant	Mardi Trosman
Miriam Borelli		

**Museum Archives Volunteers**

Lilian Cropsey	Carolyn Livingood
Kay Ginther	Joan Rosenberg
Sandra Jacobsohn	

**Museum Office Volunteer**

Harold Dunkel



**Registrar's Office Volunteers**

Debbie Aliber

Ruth Caraher

Elif Denel

Irv Diamond

Margaret Fitzgerald

Lilla Fano

Leila Foster

Betty Geiger

Jenny Gersten

Melana Heinss

Joan Margolis

Georgie Maynard

Lillian Schwartz

Peggy Wick

**Photography Lab Volunteers**

Ria Ahlstrom

Joseph Denov

Inka Arns

David Deckart

**Volunteers in the Education Office**

Debbie Aliber

Laura Barghusen

Peggy Grant

Joan Hives

Georgie Maynard

Kitty Picken

**Assistant to Epigraphic Survey**

Diana Grodzins

**Assistants to Prehistoric Project**

Diana Grodzins

Andrée Wood

**Assistant to Demotic Dictionary Project**

Sally Zimmerman

**Assistants to Nubian Project**

Daila Shefner

Beverly Wilson

**Volunteers in Suq Office and Stockroom**

Georgie Maynard

Eleanor Swift

**Volunteer in Membership Office**

Helen Glennon