

# The Volunteer Guide Program

## *Peggy Grant*

The Volunteer Guide Program is responsible for the recruiting, training and scheduling of docents, all of whom are Oriental Institute members, who lead tours through the galleries or who act as sales people in the Suq on weekdays. The Suq Docents and the Museum Docents meet monthly for Docent Day programs to increase their knowledge of the ancient Near East, to broaden their understanding of the objects in our galleries and to learn how better to interpret these objects to our public.

Our Docent Day speakers have included Professor William Pattison, Professor Larry Stager, Ph.D. candidates Peter Piccione and Elizabeth Bloch; Joan Barghusen, Education Coordinator; Gerda Frank at the Field Museum; John Larson, Museum Archivist; Lilian Cropsey, docent; Carolyn Livingood and Peggy Grant.

Each month a newsletter is xeroxed and circulated with articles relevant to our work.

Elda Maynard, *News and Notes* editor and guiding light of the Docent Digest, wrote three articles on Canaan (which won first prize in the special articles category at the Illinois Women's Press Association) as well as a review of *The Sea Peoples* by N. K. Sanders; Joan Barghusen discussed "Technology in the Ancient Near East"; Docent Lilian Cropsey wrote on cylinder seals; Frank Yurco interpreted an Egyptian depiction of the Israelites; Docent Dianne Haines contributed an article on "The Nomads of Palestine"; Docent Joan Rosenberg reviewed *Ancient Egyptian Magic* by Briar; and the final issues of the academic year contained a four-part invaluable series by our founder, Carolyn Livingood, on "A Chronological Discussion of Egyptian History with New Interpretations in Light of Recent Archaeological Discoveries."

The Docent Captains are the backbone of the Docent program. Their guidance and suggestions keep the program

functioning smoothly. We thank them:

Tuesday morning  
Marsha Holden  
Tuesday afternoon  
Terry Friedman  
Wednesday morning  
Jane Imberman  
Wednesday afternoon  
Muriel Nerad  
Thursday morning  
Kitty Picken  
Thursday afternoon  
Elizabeth Spiegel  
Friday morning  
Gloria Orwin  
Friday afternoon  
Milton Droege  
Saturday  
Calla Burhoe  
Sunday  
Teresa Hintzke  
Bud Haas  
Jim Bailey

At the Docent December holiday buffet, the following docents were given pins, a very small token of the great gratitude of the Museum for five years of service:

Mary Jo Khuri  
Georgie Maynard  
Rochelle Rossin  
Mary Schulman  
Shirley Jean Anderson  
Teddy Buddington  
Mary d'Ouille  
Milton Droege

The Spring Training Program for new docents was held on 8 Saturdays. A Members' course, *The History and Culture of the Ancient Near East*, featured lectures by Oriental Institute Professors McGuire Gibson, John Brinkman, Helene Kantor, Klaus Baer, Edward Wente and Larry Stager and was the basis of the docents' training. The lectures were supplemented by reading, gallery study and gallery workshops to which Jill Maher, former Docent Chairman, contributed her expertise. A new docent kit was assembled based on the recently published Advanced Level Teacher's Kit by Joan Barghusen. We welcome the spring class to the ranks of the regular docents:

Elaine Antoniuk  
Alice Brookner  
Cathy Dombrowski  
Margaret Foorman  
Helen Glennon  
Cora Graessle  
Charles Graham  
Peter Hanco  
Dennis Kopaz  
James Meany  
Lisa Mims  
Joan Mitchell  
Beverly Pollock  
Stephen Ritzel

Daila Shefner  
 Fred Swanson  
 Lynn Taylor  
 Christina Vernor

In addition to all the people mentioned above, we want to thank all the docents for their contributions of time and talent. A special vote of thanks to Myrna Simon, Museum Secretary, who makes all the tour appointments and notifies captains of last minute changes. We are grateful for the support and encouragement of the Director of the Oriental Institute, Robert McC. Adams and of our Curator, John Carswell, and of the entire Museum staff.

The year's activities ended with a June picnic in Docent Debbie Aliber's garden.

*Regularly Scheduled  
 Museum Docents*

Shirley Jean Anderson  
 Deborah Aliber  
 Jacqueline Bagley  
 Jim Bailey  
 Joan Bessey  
 Dorothy Blindt  
 Ann Blomstrom  
 Teddy Buddington  
 Calla Burhoe  
 Catherine Chilewski  
 Anne Conway  
 David Cooper

Lilian Cropsey  
 Mary d'Ouille  
 Milton Droege  
 Harold Dunkel  
 Sylvia Easton  
 Laurie Fish  
 Marianne Ford  
 Terry Friedman  
 Anita Greenberg  
 Sally Grunsfeld  
 Dianne Haines  
 Bud Haas  
 Janet Helman  
 Teresa Hintzke  
 Marsha Holden  
 Jane Imberman  
 Mary Jo Khuri  
 Katherine Kimball  
 Brian Kiniry  
 Erhard Loewinsohn  
 Georgie Maynard  
 Dorothy Mozinski  
 Gloria Orwin  
 Muriel Nerad  
 Kitty Picken  
 Rita Picken  
 Jo Ann Putz  
 Jean Robertson  
 Joan Rosenberg  
 Janet Russell  
 Mary Shea  
 Elizabeth Spiegel  
 Lexie Spurlock  
 Oliver Szilagyi  
 Rosalinde Vorne  
 Mary Walton

*Part Time Museum Docents*

Betty Baum  
 Ida dePencier  
 Barbara Frey  
 Mimi Futransky  
 Lita Gaber  
 Nancy Gerson  
 Carol Green  
 Cissy Haas  
 Janet Hurwich  
 Jill Maher  
 Alice Mulberry  
 Bettie Miller

*Regularly Scheduled Suq Docents*

Maria Ahlstrom  
 Muriel Brauer  
 Leonard Byman  
 Evelyn Dyba  
 Andrea Freedman  
 Carol Goldstein  
 Diane Grodzins  
 Peggy Kovacs  
 Beverly Pollock  
 Rochelle Rossin  
 Mary Schulman  
 Daila Shefner  
 Eleanor Swift  
 Florence Teegarden  
 Mardi Trosman  
 Norma van der Meulen  
 Barbara Watson

*Part Time Suq Docents*

Patricia Hellman  
 Barbara Frey  
 Carol Green  
 Jo Jackson  
 Mary Schloerb

*Suq Volunteers in Office and Stockroom*

Eleanor Swift  
 Kay Ginther  
 Andrea Freedman

*Volunteers in the Museum Registrar's Office*

Laura Barghusen  
 Cyrus Behroozi  
 Lilian Cropsey  
 Diane Grodzins  
 Georgie Maynard  
 Jo Ann Putz  
 Daila Shefner  
 Oliver Szilagy  
 Marsha Watt  
 Peggy Wick

*Volunteers in the Photography Department*

Joseph Denov  
 Alice Irwin

*Volunteer in the Conservation Laboratory*

Anne Boulton

*Volunteers in the Quseir Project*

Helen Alten  
 Joan Barghusen  
 Lisette Ellis  
 Judy Cottle  
 David Rosenberg  
 Paul Zawa  
 Sally Zimmerman

*Volunteers in the Museum Archives*

Andrea Freedman  
 Mary Jo Khuri

*Volunteer in the Membership  
Office*  
Helen Glennon

*Assistant to Professor Helene  
Kantor*  
Carolyn Livingood

*Ceramic Restoration*  
Betty Ticken