

▼ ▼ ▼

The Suq
Denise Browning

This was a relatively quiet year for the *Suq*, with no extracurricular activities like the Harper Court Christmas store and the Museum benefit of last year. However, our gross sales for the store were up by a slight margin (2%), probably due to our extended hours on Wednesday evenings during November and December. But more importantly, our profits were up by a large percent (73%). This is partly due to getting more of our merchandise directly from the Near East, instead of going through several vendors, partly because we made more of our own jewelry, and partly because we purchased stock at low prices from companies going out of business. The last method is good and bad. We got the merchandise at a great bargain, but it will be the last of its kind. ▼ We developed a new card this year depicting one of our own Assyrian reliefs, a paper weight that is an exact reproduction of an Akkadian tablet from our collection, and a necklace from one of our cylinder seals. ▼ A special thanks to our staff, Florence Ovidia who creates our beautiful displays, Barbara Baird who made many of the necklaces, Ed LeMay who handled all of our mail orders, and Michael Westerhouse who helped with the book stock. ▼ A special thanks, also, to Eleanor Swift who gives so much of her time to keep us well organized, and to Georgie Maynard who has been helping us restock our books on Monday. ▼ But, as much as anything, credit for our success in these economically hard times goes to our *Suq* docents. It is they who face the public everyday with such energy and enthusiasm, answering questions and offering help to individual customers as well as to the large groups of children who descend upon the store. ▼ Our valiant volunteers:

Ria Ahlström	Peggy Grant	Jo Jackson	Susan Nowak
Sonja Allin	Carol Green	Carol Johnson	Rochelle Rossin
Muriel Brauer	Kate Grodzins	Chris Kim	Jeanne Schalk
Charlotte Collier	Barbara Gubbins	Inger Kirsten	Mary Schulman
Evelyn Dyba	Janet Helman	Peggy Kovacs	Eleanor Swift
Tanya Epstein	Sarah Helman	Mary Martino	Amanda Toole
Barbara Frey	Jane Hildebrand	Georgie Maynard	Mardi Trosman
		Norma van der Meulen	Barbara Watson
		Pat Mjølhus	Lee Weaver

*The Oriental
Institute
1987-1988
Annual Report*