

The *Suq*

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Fortunately this was another very successful year for the *Suq*. Our total gross sales were 13% above last year's sales, and our profits were up by 12.5%! Even during the extremely hot summer of 1988, our sales continued to rise along with the temperature in the Museum. Our annual inventory sale started earlier this year, beginning on Memorial Day which did not seem to deter sales any, for our sales were up 16.4%. We sold a lot of our merchandise making our year end inventory a breeze for all of the wonderful volunteers who helped count the remainder, including all those thousands of postcards and slides.

This year we developed a new Christmas card from a line drawing of a cylinder seal by Miss Kantor. Also, with a generous donation from Mrs. Swift, we were able to produce four greatly needed postcards. Postcards have to be printed in such large runs that it usually takes over five years of sales before they become profitable, yet they are vital to the educational function of the store and affordable to the numerous children who visit our Museum.

Our real success story is our volunteers. They are the ones who face the public every day with such energy and enthusiasm, even when one hundred children descend upon the store at once. A special thanks to Georgie Maynard who restocks our books on Mondays, to Mrs. Swift who keeps the rest of the store restocked and organized, and to Florence Ovidia who makes our beautiful displays.

Our valiant volunteers:

Maria Ahlström	Sarah Helman	Rochelle Rossin
Sonja Allin	Jane Hildebrand	Mary Schulman
Muriel Brauer	Jo Jackson	Eleanor Swift
Susan Chan	Carol High Johnson	Mardi Trosman
Charlotte Collier	Selwa Khalidi	Norma van der Meulen
Evelyn Dyba	Chris Kim	Barbara Watson
Barbara Frey	Inger Kirsten	Lee Weaver
Peggy Grant	Peggy Kovacs	
Kate Grodzins	Georgie Maynard	
Janet Helman	Agnethe Rattenborg	