

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Catherine Dueñas and Terry Friedman

This year marked a season of transition, challenge, and expansion for the Volunteer Program. After ten years of devoted service, Janet Helman decided to step down from her position as Volunteer Coordinator to assume other volunteer responsibilities in the museum. Janet's dedication and contributions to the program will continue to be an inspiration to all of us.

In order to meet the Volunteer Program's growing needs, the position of Volunteer Coordinator is now shared by two people, Cathy Dueñas and Terry Friedman, who are honored by the appointment and the opportunity to serve a program that has accomplished so much over the past twenty-eight years.

Twenty volunteers participated in and completed the 1993 Spring Docent Training Course, making it of the largest classes in many years. We are grateful to the faculty, staff, and graduate students who made the 1993 training session a success. The people who made this possible were Lanny Bell, John Brinkman, Harry Hoffner, John Larson, Mark Lehner, Rick Schoen, William Sumner, Emily Teeter, Bruce Williams, and Karen Wilson. We would also like to extend our thanks to Ray Tindel, Barbara Hamann, and Joe Scott, who offered both new and continuing docents a very special tour of the basement at the culmination of the training course. Everyone was able to see and understand how much work is involved in preparing

an artifact for display in a museum after it has come in from the field.

With an uncertain time table concerning the museum's closing for renovation, a Spring Training Class was not held in 1994; however, we were able to maintain momentum by recruiting several new enthusiastic volunteers. They are Neveen Mekawi, who is a Tuesday morning museum docent; Evelyn Ruskin-Gordon, who assists Archivist John Larson; and Lisa Alswang and Adrienne Runge, who assist with Family Programs. Presently, plans are underway for a Docent Training Class to begin in September.

Public exposure and community awareness of the Oriental Institute and its Volunteer Program have been high priorities this past year. The docent coordinators became active members in a group called Volunteer Coordinators of Cultural Institutions. This spring the Oriental Institute hosted a meeting for this group. Volunteer coordinators from museums throughout the city and suburbs attended this gathering. Cynthia Echols and Carole Krucoff were the guest speakers at a round table discussion concerning fundraising issues in the 1990s. It was a golden opportunity to showcase the museum and to exchange some valuable information about mutual concerns and needs in non-profit organizations.

In April the Volunteer Coordinators attended the first Seven Sisters Volunteer Fair held at the Newberry Library. This event was sponsored by the Seven Sisters College Consortium as an effort to help inform alumnae and guests about volunteer opportunities available in the Chicago area. We were delighted to have a chance to recruit volunteers and distribute information about our program.

This year also saw our first United Way Heart of Gold Nominee, Georgie Maynard. Georgie attended a breakfast reception at the Palmer House Hotel where she received a citation for her years of dedicated service to the Oriental Institute and the Hyde Park Community.

Docent Day lecture and discussion sessions continue to attract large and enthusiastic audiences. This year's topics covered a broad spectrum of ideas and interests, allowing us to explore some fascinating subject matter. Our volunteers laid the foundation for this inventive programming, offering valuable suggestions for Docent Day subjects and themes. Several museum docents drew upon their years of professional training and intellectual pursuits to offer substantive and enriching Docent Day presentations. Thanks to docents Dorothy Blindt, Erl Dordal, Lewis Ginsberg, Janet Helman, Rita and Kitty Picken, Larry Scheff, Mary Shea, and Carole Yoshida who shared with us their knowledge and expertise in many areas. We are also grateful to the faculty and staff who have devoted their time and energies to further our understanding of ancient Near East history, archaeology, and art. Without their support and willingness to instruct us, the Volunteer Program would not have the stature it enjoys today. For their participation in this year's Docent Days, we offer our thanks and appreciation to: Abbas Alizadeh, Robert and Linda Braidwood, Cynthia Echols, Carol Meyer, Martha Roth, William Sumner, Emily Teeter, Tony Tomasino, Terry Wilfong, and Karen Wilson.



Docents Elizabeth Spiegel (left) and Nina Longley "dig" at the Spertus Museum's Artifact Center during a docent field trip. Photograph by Jean Grant



Surrounded by proud family members, Janet Helman (seated) received a surprise tribute for outstanding volunteer service at the Annual Holiday Docent Day in December. Standing, left to right: Sarah, Bob, and Adam Helman. Photograph by Jean Grant

Our first collaborative Docent Day took place this past January with a joint venture co-sponsored by the University of Chicago Service League and the Oriental Institute Museum docents. Director William Sumner and Professors Lanny Bell and McGuire Gibson were the featured speakers, highlighting the Oriental Institute's seventy-five years of scholarship and leadership in the field of archaeology.

This year our traditional monthly Docent Day format was expanded to include two field trips, enabling docents and volunteers to explore other

educational opportunities outside Hyde Park. In August we enjoyed a day at the Spertus Museum "digging" on a "tell" in their Artifact Center. Everyone enjoyed the thrill of "hands-on" discovery. In April, which is also "National Volunteer Month," the docents, along with some faculty and staff members, were treated to a rare viewing of the Sara Lee Corporation's private art collection. Following a cocktail reception, Bob Eskridge, the curator of the collection provided us with a spectacular tour. It was a memorable evening of fine art and aesthetics.

No year would be complete without the Annual Holiday Docent Day in December. Members of the faculty, staff, and volunteers were honored to have Robert and Linda Braidwood present a retrospective on their Prehistoric Project. Following the presentation, everyone was invited to meet in the Egyptian Gallery for a delicious Middle East buffet lunch prepared by Cedars of Lebanon.

The holiday event was capped off with a surprise tribute to Janet Helman for her fifteen years of dedicated service to the Oriental Institute. To complete the day's festivities a champagne/dessert reception was arranged to honor both Janet and the longevity award recipients. Our congratulations to this year's honorees:

First Year

Bernadine Basile	Irene Glasner	Johanna Lucas	Diane Posner
Jane Belcher	Ken Moore	Roy Miller	Deloris Sanders
Erl Dordal	Ira Hardman	Kathy Mineck	Bernadette Strnd
Bettie Dwinell	Lorraine Kubiak	Eve Weinberg	Annette Teaney
Lewis Ginsberg	Michael Loveless	Denise Paul	Jane Thain

Five Years

Bill Boone	John Gay	Mary Grimshaw	Daila Shefner
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Ten Years

Inger Kirsten	Beverly Wilson	Carole Yoshida
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Fifteen Years

Muriel Brauer	Anita Greenberg	Janet Helman
Marsha Holden	Peggy Kovacs	Norma van der Meulen

Twenty Years

Sally Grunsfeld

In Memoriam

This year marked the loss of three dear friends and devoted supporters of the Oriental Institute and the Volunteer Program. Carolyn Livingood passed away in January after a long illness. She was the creator and the driving force behind the development of the Volunteer Program. Her vision and boundless energy built the foundation upon which our program has grown and flourished these past twenty-eight years. Her legacy of hard work and determination has set a standard for us all. In April we were saddened by the death of Helen Glennon, who became a volunteer at the Institute in 1981. Helen served as a museum docent on Thursday afternoon, and also assisted in the Membership and Development Office. It is with great sorrow that we must also report the death of Teddy Buddington, who passed away in June after a lengthy illness. Teddy was a Tuesday morning docent and former captain. She was an avid amateur archaeologist and participated several seasons in the dig at Ashkelon, Israel, with Dr. Lawrence Stager. Teddy was also a loyal supporter of the American Institute of Archaeology and its many activities here in the Chicago Society.

In Retrospect

It has been a very busy and productive year. The activity in the Volunteer and Museum Education Office has increased considerably this year with the numerous programs and activities created for families and the Chicago Public Schools through grants from the Polk Bros. Foundation and the Elizabeth Morse Charitable Trust. Always ready to take on a new challenge, the volunteers have made significant contributions to the success of both of these programs.

As our numbers have grown, so have our interests. Within a single office, four sometimes five people work harmoniously to generate creative and innovative ideas. Our thanks and immense gratitude to Carole Krucoff, Kaylin Goldstein, and Carol Redmond for their endless patience and supportive help during these past months. We are particularly grateful to Kaylin Goldstein, the Public Programs Assistant, who spends much of her time scheduling our docent tours, arranging movie showings and informing all of us of last minute changes. We are also indebted to the Oriental Institute faculty and staff for their support and help in all facets of the program. To our three advisors Carlotta Maher, Peggy Grant, and Janet Helman, we would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for their wise counsel and strong voice of encouragement throughout this year of transition.

The Volunteer Program's work could not be effectively realized without the consistent and dedicated commitment of many people. Collectively and individually the volunteers do their jobs efficiently, dependably, and with great enthusiasm, whether they work "behind the scenes" or with the general public. As goodwill ambassadors, the museum docents help educate students and adults, making archaeology come alive. This year the docents conducted tours for 19,577 visitors who came to the museum. All the volunteers continue to expand their horizons, contributing their time, talents, and support to many vital aspects of the Oriental Institute's operation. The regularly scheduled volunteers for 1993-1994 are as follows:

Museum Docent Captains

Alice James	Tuesday a.m.
Larry Scheff	Tuesday p.m.
Nina Longley and JoAnn Putz	Wednesday a.m.
Lilian Cropsey	Wednesday p.m.
Kitty Picken	Thursday a.m.
Elizabeth Spiegel	Thursday p.m.
Debbie Aliber	Friday a.m.
Gloria Orwin	Friday p.m.
Georgie Maynard	Saturday a.m.
Melanie Petroskey and Carole Yoshida	Saturday p.m.
Teresa Hintzke and Steve Ritzel	Sunday

Two of our devoted docent captains have decided to step down: Tuesday morning captain, Alice James, and Friday afternoon captain Gloria Orwin. The new captain for Tuesday morning is Deloris Sanders.

Regularly Scheduled Museum Docents

Nancy Baum	Ira Hardman	Dawn Prena
Bernadine Basile	Marsha Holden	Patrick Regnery
Jane Belcher	Barbara James	Barbara Rollhaus
Christel Betz	Samantha Johnson	Joan Rosenberg
Dorothy Blindt	George Junker	Alice Rubash
William Boone	Mary Jo Khuri	Norman Rubash
Teddy Buddington	Barbara Klawans	Janet Russell
Charlotte Collier	Betsy Kremers	Laura Sanchez
Erl Dordal	Judy Licata	Deloris Sanders
Catherine Dueñas	Michael Loveless	Lawrence Scheff
Bettie Dwinell	Johanna Lucas	Anne Schumacher
Anita Eller	Kay Matsumoto	Lillian Schwartz
Gordon Evison	Caryl Mikrut	Mary Shea
Marilyn Fellows	Roy Miller	Daila Shefner
Esther Fifield	Kathy Mineck	Bernie Shelley
Shirley Freundlich	Ken Moore	Bernadette Strnd
Joan Friedmann	Dorothy Mozinski	Annette Teaney
John Gay	Jean Niblack	Richard Watson
Anita Greenberg	Rita Picken	Eve Weinberg
Mary Grimshaw	Diane Posner	Beverly Wilson

Substitute Docents

Bud and Cissy Haas	Barbara Frey	Alice Mulberry
Betty Baum	Peggy Grant	Muriel Nerad
Margaret Foorman		

Suq Docents

Sue Barker	Jo Jackson	Rochelle Rossin
Lois Cohen	Inger Kirsten	Mary Schulman
Charlotte Collier	Peggy Kovacs	Anne Schumacher
Barbara Frey	Lorraine Kubiak	Jane Thain
Peggy Grant	Georgie Maynard	Mardi Trosman
Janet Helman	Denise Paul	Norma van der Meulen
Jane Hildebrand	Agnethe Rattenborg	Barbara Watson
Ruth Hyman		

Museum Archives Volunteers

Lilian Cropsey	Sandra Jacobsohn	Melanie Petroskey
Evelyn Ruskin-Gordon	Carolyn Livingood	Joan Rosenberg
Kay Ginther		

Registrar's Office Volunteers

Debbie Aliber	Peggy Grant	Lillian Schwartz
Judy Cherchi	Mary Grimshaw	Nicole Simpson
Aimee Drolet	Janet Helman	Peggy Wick
Leila Foster	Georgie Maynard	

Photographic Laboratory Volunteers

Maria Ählstrom	Irene Glasner	Dawn Prena
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Education Office Librarians

Debbie Aliber	Irene Glasner
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Ceramic Restoration

Elizabeth Tieken

Assistants to Epigraphic Survey

Diana Grodzins	Carlotta Maher
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Assistants to Prehistoric Project

Diana Grodzins	Andrée Wood
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Suq Office and Stockroom Volunteers

Georgie Maynard	Eleanor Swift
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Membership and Development Office Volunteers

Charlotte Collier	Mary Jo Khuri
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Hittite Dictionary Project Volunteers

Irv Diamond	Irene Glasner	Kathy Mineck	Denise Paul
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Iranian Prehistoric Project Volunteers

Peggy Grant	Janet Helman	Laura Sanchez
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Volunteers Emeritus

Elizabeth Baum	Laurie Fish	Joan Rosenberg
Calla Burhoe	Carol Green	Eleanor Swift
Mary D'Ouille	Sally Grunsfeld	Vida Wentz
Ida De Pencier	Inger Kirsten	Sally Zimmerman

Museum Education and Family Programs Volunteers

Lisa Alswang	Bernadine Basile	Adrienne Runge	Raya Townsend
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