

## THE *SUQ*

### Denise Browning

This has been a very busy year for the *Suq*. Besides our normal day-to-day sales we also participated in two book autographings, a weekend at the Newberry Library's Very Merry Bazaar and the Printer's Row Book Fair. We recorded the highest sales ever in a single day on the first day of our Holiday Sale in December, and our inventory sale in June is doing very well. With the possible closing of the museum for renovation we will be doing more and more outside activities, yet **we plan to keep the *Suq* open during the entire renovation process.**

This year we were very proud to develop a replica of one of our own cuneiform tablets. The original is a Neo-Babylonian tablet that dates to 560 B.C. and confers freedom to a slave family. Our replica is made of solid baked clay similar to the original process used to make clay tablets. We have also developed a beautiful blind embossed notecard from one of our Ptolemaic reliefs.

I wish to thank all of those who have made this year such a successful one. To all of our very loyal docents who give freely of their time, expertise and patience every week in dealing with our customers as well as those who fill in when necessary. Thanks! I don't say it often enough. Your work is greatly appreciated and very necessary for the operation of the *Suq*. Thanks to those who help behind the scenes with restocking and display, and to our students who often give more to the *Suq* than hours on a time card.

#### Loyal Regulars

Charlotte Collier	Lorraine Kubiak	Ann Schumacher
Barbara Frey	Agneth Rattenborg	Jane Thain
Jane Hildebrand	Rochelle Rossin	Norma van der Meulen
Ruth Hyman	Mary Schulman	Barbara Watson
Peggy Kovacs		

#### Loyal Extras

Peggy Grant	Jo Jackson	Denise Paul
Janet Helman	Mardi Trossman	Sue Barker

#### Behind the Scenes

Jo Jackson	Georgie Maynard	Eleanor Swift
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#### Newberry Volunteers

Lois Cohen	Lorraine Kubiak	Lisa Stitzil
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#### Jewelry Designer

Siobhan Ritchie	Natalia Uribe	Norma van der Meulen
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#### Talented Staff

Florence Ovadia	Paul Spruhan	Siobhan Ritchie
Natalia Uribe	Kate Sarther	Minh Le