

# VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

## SUE GESHWENDER

Our volunteer program remains strong, with over 100 active volunteers. Their extraordinary efforts range across many different areas of the Oriental Institute, and make it the very special institution that it is. Volunteers provided over 5,000 hours of service in such areas as Research Archives on the Integrated Database, Museum Archives, Suq, and public programs including Mummies Night and Museum Tours to name just a few.

New ways to support the OI are always being identified such as tablet scanning project that started up under the leadership of Susanne Paulus. Volunteers also provided valuable support to both the Hittite Conference in August and the CIPEG (International Committee for Egyptology) conference in September. Additionally, volunteers are working with the Centennial Planning Committee as we get ready to celebrate the OI's 100 year anniversary.



TOP: Stephen Ritzel, Rebecca Binkley-Albright, and Darren Vilmin at Mummies Night.

MIDDLE: Carole Yoshida reads stories at Mummies Night.

BOTTOM: Terry Friedman, Toni Smith, and Susanne Paulus.



ABOVE: Calgary Haines-Trautman welcomes a group to the OI; Carlotta Maher, giving tours at the OI for over fifty years!

Docent-led tours have always brought the museum galleries to life in ways that excite and engage visitors of all ages. This year was no exception and docents gave tours to almost 200 different groups (over 5,300 visitors).

Feasting creates bonds and the Pot-luck luncheons are quickly becoming the preferred way of volunteers to celebrate with OI faculty and staff. A Pot-luck luncheon marked the completion of docent training in the summer. The Holiday Party Pot-luck luncheon hosted over 100 people from all areas of the OI. The food is outstanding and the potluck lunch is now eagerly anticipated by volunteers, faculty, and staff alike.

Several more celebrations were held throughout the year. Monthly volunteer days provided an opportunity for the volunteers celebrate and honor a few colleague's milestones; Foy Scalf was surprised in October with a cake, Gil Stein's directorship celebrated in November, and Emily Teeter's retirement was honored in December.



Additionally, Research & Museum Archives volunteers were treated to a pizza party by Foy Scalf and Anne Flannery.

The book club is going strong into its third year. Attendance has doubled since its inception. A faculty representative is invited to join each discussion. Opinions and interpretations vary within in the group, but everyone

agrees they gain a better understanding and appreciation of the books through communal analysis.

The docent library continues to serve as home base for the volunteers. After many years of dedicated service, Margaret Foorman has retired as head librarian. We sincerely thank Margaret for her outstanding work. The baton has been passed to Marilyn Murray, who stepped up to the position of head librarian in April. We also gained two new library assistants, Roberto Cepeda and Sara Lindholm.



## IN MEMORIAM

The volunteer program lost four loyal friends this year: Muriel Brauer, Anita Greenberg, Alice James, and Andree Wood. These individuals exemplified the true spirit of volunteerism by devoting their passion, intellect, and support to help further the goals and mission of the Oriental Institute. We are so honored to have known and worked with them over the years and it is our good fortune that they chose to spend a portion of their lives with us.



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RIGHT: Gabriella Cohen, Gabriella Cigarroa, and Gabriele DaSilva.



MIDDLE: Larry Lissak, Steve Essex, Shirlee Hoffman, Steve Scott, and Jean Nye.

BOTTOM: Suq volunteers Alice Mulberry and Louise Despres.



ABOVE TOP: Dalia Shefner and Anne Schumacher.

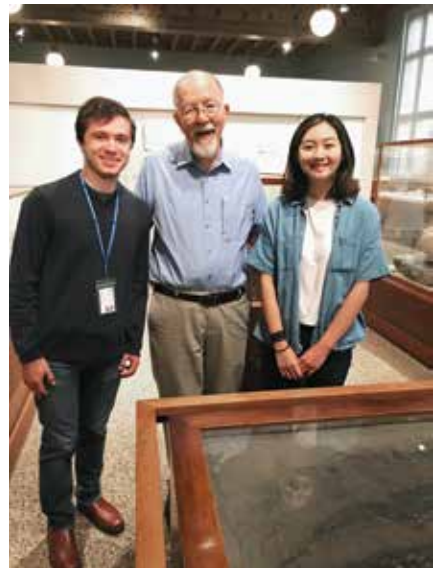
ABOVE BOTTOM: Jean Evans, Marilyn Murray, and Gaby Cohen.



LEFT: Susan Bazargan, Deloris Sanders, Stephen Ritzel, Director Christopher Woods, Anne Schumacher, and Joseph Barabe.

BOTTOM LEFT: Sue Padula, Larry Lissak, Calgary Haines-Trautman, and Catherine Duenas.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Docents Joseph Calderone, Ralph Klein, and Mina Peak.



## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

The volunteer recognition ceremony was moved to the month of April to coincide with National Volunteer Appreciation Month. Congratulations to those who celebrated a milestone year in their volunteer service to the Oriental Institute:

### 25 Years

Anne Schumacher

### 10 Years

Susan Bazargan  
 Roberta Buchanan  
 Hilda Schlatter  
 Larry Lissak

### 5 Years

Fred Eskra  
 Steve Scott

## VOLUNTEERS

\*indicates active Museum Docent

Luella Adan*	Fan Ge	Zoe Ma
Eric Aupperle	Dario Giacconmoni*	Carlotta Maher
Joseph G. Barabe*	Bill Gillespie	Larisa Masri
Nancy Baum*	Terry Gillespie	Sherry McGuire*
Susan Bazargan*	Irene Glasner	Jacqueline Mendoza
Craig Bean*	Michael Goodyear*	Alice Mulberry
Christel Betz	Elizabeth Green	Marilyn Murray*
Rebecca Binkley-Albright	Debby Halpern*	Bonnie Nelson
Ray Broms	Philip Halpern*	Marge Nichols
Rafaela Brosnan	Janet Helman	Jean Nye*
Roberta Buchanan*	Wahied Helmy*	Sue Padula*
Elizabeth Bush	Lee Herbst	Mina Peak*
Joseph Calderone*	Katherine Hodge	Miranda Pettengill*
Roberto Cepeda*	Shirlee A. Hoffman*	Semra Prescott*
Benjamin Chametzky*	Julia Jacobs	Olivia Puccetti
Gabriella Cigarroa*	Katherine Jarboe	Michael Ramberg
Gabriella Cohen*	Barbara Schubeler Jillson	Karen Righaimer
Kim Crawford	Alex Jimerson	Stephen Ritzel*
Gabriele DaSilva	Emily Kane	Charles Ro
Louise Despres	Polina Kasian	Sasha Rohret
John DeWerd*	Dennis Kelley	Peg Romm*
Catherine Duenas	Rhyne King	Elaine Saenz
Fred Eskra*	Ralph Klein*	Deloris Sanders*
Steve Essex*	Stuart Kleven*	Roberta Schaffner
Margaret Foorman*	Carissa Knickerbocker	Hilda Schlatter*
Meghan Forajter	Kristin Leasia*	Margaret Schmid*
Terry Friedman	Katherine Lieber	Anne Schumacher
Lauren Friesen*	Sara J Lindholm*	Stephen Scott*
Colleen Gallagher*	Laurence Lissak*	Mary Shea

Dalia Shefner  
Toni Smith\*  
O. J. Sopranos  
Dee Speich\*  
George Sundell  
Craig Tews\*

George Thomson  
Norma van der Meulen  
Darren Vilmin\*  
Tiffany Wang  
Anastasia Weger  
Alexis Wells

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Ron Wideman\*  
Steve Wolfgang\*  
Carole Yoshida\*  
Annie Zhu  
Amy Zillman