Every other summer, the volunteers take a little break and are treated to “enrichment events,” which are ways of interacting with training materials differently than we do during official volunteer training. July 2018 was one of those fun enrichment periods. Volunteers watched the 1955 film *Land of the Pharaohs* and were treated to a film review by Professor Robert Ritner about what the movie got right and what it did not! In August Professor Nadine Moeller escorted groups of volunteers across campus to view select volumes of *Description de l’Egypte* from the university’s special collections at the Regenstein Library. These mammoth volumes from 1809–29 were brought out for our viewing pleasure. Volunteer Jean Nye suggested this visit to Reg during a book-club discussion of the well-liked book concerning Napoleon’s 1798 expedition to Egypt. The summer book club and visit to see these volumes sparked an interest in learning more about the Egyptian Mamluks, which resulted in a fascinating lecture by one of our NELC neighbors (a.k.a. a “modern”), Professor Ahmed El Shamsy, in September.

**TOP TO BOTTOM:**
Janet Helman looks at a volume of *Description de l’Egypte*.
Terry Gillespie helps out at OI summer event at Millennium Park.
Fall saw us busy as usual with school field trips. We were not able to use Breasted Hall to start off tour groups for several months while it was undergoing renovations. We found that starting groups from the orientation area in the museum gets groups on their actual tour much quicker. The fall concluded with a holiday party featuring cookies and cocoa with an update on happenings at the OI from Director Chris Woods.

Monthly volunteer training days focused on the ongoing gallery enhancements. Docents got in the habit of checking the museum before each tour to stay on top of the latest changes. Research Archives and Museum Archives volunteers continue to chip away at long-term data-management projects, and Suq volunteers remain a cheerful and welcoming presence to guests. A couple of projects got underway to help document and pack Persepolis Fortification objects working with the OI’s

conservation department. Other special projects of note include a Volunteer Handbook revision and a clean-up and organization of publications in the vault.

The attendance at the book-club discussions continued to grow. For the first time ever, the group read a book of fiction, local author Sara Paretsky’s Shell Game, which featured the OI. By spring we shifted our focus to heavily recruiting volunteers for the Docent Training class of 2019, who began on June 3rd and spent the rest of the summer spent immersed in the ancient Near East.

The volunteer program lost a loyal friend this year, Dalia Shefner. Dalia exemplified the true spirit of volunteerism by devoting her passion, intellect, and support to help further the goals and mission of the Oriental Institute.
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

TOP LEFT: Research Archives, Museum Archives, and student helpers; (back row) Anne Flannery, Marge Nichols, Mike Ramberg, Gabriella Cigarroa, Emily Thibeau, Cat Crofton, George Thomson, Fan Ge, Jeff Cuminow, Foy Scalf, (front row) Amy Zillman, Rosemary Ott, and Kim Crawford.


TOP RIGHT: Book club members Debby Halpern, Dee Spiech, Sue Padula, Marilyn Murray, Jane Clinkert-White, Sara Lindholm, Gil Stein, Steve Wolfgang, Alice Mulberry, Catherine Brehm, Roberto Cepeda, Deloris Sanders, Irene Glasner, Janet Helman, Semra Prescott, Nancy Baum, Roberta Buchanan, and Crystal Betz.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Anne Schumacher, Jane Clinkert-White, Shirlee Hoffman, Margaret Schmid, Sara Lindholm, Janet Helman, McGuire Gibson, Jean Nye, Roberta Buchanan, Semra Prescott, Catherine Brehm, and Debby Halpern.

BOTTOM RIGHT: A crowd gathers to celebrate the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony.
VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

The following volunteers celebrated milestone anniversaries:

45 Years
Terry Friedman

40 Years
Janet Helman
Mary Shea
Norma van der Meulen

35 Years
Rebecca Binkley-Albright
Cathy Duenas
Carole Yoshida

20 Years
Gabriele DaSilva
Bill Gillespie
Terry Gillespie
Debby Halpern
Lee Herbst

15 Years
Dennis Kelly

10 Years
Ray Broms
Sue Geshwender
Stuart Kleven
Craig Tews

5 Years
Joseph Barabe
Craig Bean
Elizabeth Bush
Kim Crawford
Shirlee Hoffman
Ralph Klein
Karen Righeimer
Peg Romm
Margaret Schmid
VOLUNTEERS
*indicates active Museum Docent

Luella Adan*
Ariadne Argyros
Joseph G. Barabe*
Nancy Baum*
Susan Bazargan*
Craig Bean*
Anna Berlekamp
Christel Betz
Rebecca Binkley-Albright
Ray Broms
John Buchanan
Roberta Buchanan*
Elizabeth Bush
Joseph Calderone*
Jennifer Castellanos
Roberto Cepeda*
Benjamin Chametzky*
Merle Cherney
Gabriella Cigarroa*
Grace Clements
Jane Clinkert-White
Gabriella Cohen*
Genevieve Costello
Kim Crawford
Gabriele DaSilva
Louise Despres
John DeWerd
Philip Dittman
Catherine Duenas
Fred Eskra*
Steve Essex*
Makenzie Fairchild
Jennifer Fiedler
Margaret Foorman
Kirsten Forsberg
Terry Friedman
Lauren Friesen*
Colleen Gallagher*
Fan Ge
Bill Gillespie
Terry Gillespie
Irene Glasner
Diane Gottlieb
Erica Granchalek
Elizabeth Green
Debby Halpern*
Philip Halpern*
Danica Hannah
Janet Helman
Wahied Helmy
Lee Herbst
Shirlee A. Hoffman*
Kay Holz
Jim Houston
Katherine Jarboe
Barbara Schubeler Jillson
Christine Johnston
Emily Kane
Dennis Kelley
Rhyne King
Alanna Kish
Ralph Klein
Stuart Kleven*
Carissa Knickerbocker
Judith Kolar
Kristin Leasia*
William Lewis
Katherine Lieber
Sara J. Lindholm*
Laurence Lissak*
Carlotta Maher
Sherry McGuire*
Jacqueline Mendoza
Alice Mulberry
Marilyn Murray*
Rachel Mustafa
Bonnie Nelson
Marge Nichols
Blandine Nothelfer
Jean Nye*

Sue Padula*
Amber Patania
Mina Peak*
Olivia Perozo
Miranda Pettengill*
Le Trieu Phung
Semra Prescott*
Olivia Puccetti
Michael Ramberg
Stephanie Reitzig
Karen Righeimer
Stephen Ritzel*
Peg Romm*
Deloris Sanders
Roberta Schaffner
Hilda Schlatter*
Margaret Schmid*
Anne Schumacher
Stephen Scott*
Mary Shea
Toni Smith*
O. J. Soprano
Dee Speich*
George Sundell
Jonathan Teram
Craig Tews*
Emily Thibeau
George Thomson
Norma van der Meulen
Darren Vilmin*
Jeremy Walker
Beverly Walter
Tiffany Wang
Kayleigh Watson
Ron Wideman
Steve Wolfgang*
Carole Yoshida*
Annie Zhu

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