

# VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

SUE GESHWENDER

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.

Stephen Ritzel, Marilyn Murray, Dee Spiech, Kim Crawford, speaker Ahmed El Shamsy, and Lee Herbst.



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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



Mummies Night! Junior league volunteer, Gabrielle Cigarroa, Stephen Ritzel, Darren Vilmin, Tippo Wang, and Rami Kablawi.



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.



TOP LEFT: November book sale organized by docent librarians Marilyn Murray, Roberto Cepeda, and Sara Lindholm. TOP RIGHT: Mike Ramberg organizes publications in the Vault. BOTTOM LEFT: Tablet packing group, Jeremy Walker, Kate Lieber, Steve Scott, and Sue Padula. BOTTOM RIGHT: Volunteer managers, past and present: Carlotta Maher, Terry Friedman, Cathy Duenas, Janet Helman, and Sue Geshwender.



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

MIDDLE LEFT: Docent Training 2019.

BOTTOM LEFT: Docent class of 2019: Jonathan Teram, William Lewis, Blandine Nothhelfer, Genevieve Costello, Le Trieu Phung, Kay Holz, Rachel Mustafa, Jim Houston, Jennifer Fiedler, Barbara Jillson, Erica Granchalek, Diane Gottlieb, Jennifer Castellanos, Beverley Walter, and Philip Dittman.

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 Nothhelfer  
 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. Sopranos  
 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