The Volunteer Program is a vibrant and integral part of the Oriental Institute. We continue to attract intellectuals who are passionate about ancient history and committed to devoting time and energy to the Oriental Institute as either docents or in other volunteer capacities, or both.

**A New Chapter**

The most significant event during the past year was the October retirement of long-time volunteer manager Terry Friedman. Terry has been at the Oriental Institute for over forty years, the first twenty years as a volunteer and the last twenty as the volunteer manager, a position she shared with Cathy Dueñas. Terry and Cathy have devoted themselves to the service of the Oriental Institute and have managed and treated all volunteers with the utmost care, respect, and appreciation for the various talents each volunteer brings to the OI.

**Book Club**

We started something new this year, an informal, social book discussion group, a.k.a “Book Club.” Books are chosen by the members. Two books were recent publications and the authors were pleased to learn their books had been chosen for discussion and were happy to provide discussion questions. Several book club members were able to meet the authors when they came to the OI.
Field Trip

In April the volunteers were treated to a tour of the Fossil Lab, led by paleontologist and renowned University of Chicago professor Paul Sereno. Over thirty volunteers were able to see many amazing fossils.
Docent Training

In June we began New Docent Training 2015, which can be summed up by phrase “it takes a village” in that so many people have helped with this training program. Volunteer Manager Emeritus Janet Helman “came back to work” to aid in developing the format and content as well as arranging the faculty and speaker line-up, which consisted of: John Larson, Brian Muhs, Robert Ritner, McGuire Gibson, Tony Brinkman, Theo van den Hout, Abbas Alizadeh, Jack Green, and Emily Teeter. Volunteers Jean Nye and Marilyn Murray helped with candidate screening, interviewing, and selection. Volunteer manager Carlotta Maher aided in recruitment. Ralph Klein and Deloris Sanders gave the new trainees sample tours. Peer coaching and review has been a big part of this training program, and the following volunteers have served as coaches and mentors to the new trainees: Roberta Buchanan, Gaby Cohen, Deloris Sanders, Jean Nye, Margaret Schmid, Peg Romm, Nancy Baum, Stephen Ritzel, Larry Lissak, and Toni Smith. We had the aid of two graduate students, Joey Cross and Sam Harris, who also conducted teaching sessions in the galleries. Foy Scalf and Helen McDonald introduced their areas. Tom Urban and Leslie Schramer assembled the pre-reading packets each week. Kiersten Neumann also contributed to the reading selections. Ted Good provided AV and tech support. The Education Department staff — Carol Ng-He, Moriah Grooms-Garcia, and Catherine Kenyon — were great sounding-boards and collaborators, pitching in many ways at many times. Terry Friedman provided hours of advice and counsel. This training program has been a collaboration and has benefited from the guidance and wisdom of former volunteer managers Cathy Dueñas, Terry Friedman, Janet Helman, and Carlotta Maher, who have been training outstanding docents for many years.

Volunteers also have helped in several other areas. The Suq has benefited from the help of Judy Bell Quals, Ray Broms, Jane Meloy, and Norma van der Muelen. Muse-
um Registration has been aided by Terry Friedman, Kierra Foley, Anna Moss, Daila Shefner, Toni Smith, Jim Sopranos, and interns Danielle Zwang and Angela Spidalette. Foy Scalf has quietly managed an army of volunteers who are primarily working on the Integrated Database, including Joe Barabe, Ray Broms, Betty Bush, Gaby Cohen, Kym Crawford, Gabriele Correa da Silva, Yishu Deng, Irene Glasner, David Henson, Su Hyeon Kang, Seth Kohrman, Mark Mandle, Michael McCarthy, Marge Nichols, Ken Petchenik, Dylan Peterson, Brian Porrett, Andres Premovich, LaQueisha Robinson, Roberta Schaffner, Margaret Schmid, Scott Vokes, Sierra Wilson, and David Zhao. These are just a few of the different areas where volunteers help out.

The volunteer program has a long history and continues to grow and enrich the lives of volunteers while adding value to faculty, staff, researchers and the visiting public at the Oriental Institute.
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
In Memoriam

The Volunteer Program lost four loyal friends and supporters this past year: Janet Calkins, Charlotte Collier, Joe Diamond, and Patricia Hume.

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.

Volunteer Recognition

In December we held our annual recognition ceremony and holiday luncheon. This year, eleven people celebrated a milestone year in their volunteer service to the Oriental Institute.

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Mary O’Shea

Museum Docents

* Denotes active docents who are also project or event volunteers

John Aldrin          David Figiel*        Laurence Lissak*
Nancy Baum           Margaret Foorman    Paul Mallory
Susan Bazargan       Barbara Heller Friedell   Sherry McGuire
Craig Bean           Terry Friedman*       Don McVicker
Rebecca Binkley-Albright*   Dario Giaconmoni   Marilyn Murray
Daniel Bloom      Wahied Girgis         Jean Nye
Margaret Bolton     Michael Goodyear*     Nancy Patterson
Robert Huchanan     Valerie Grabski     Semra Prescott
Ginny Clark          Lee Herbst          Stephen Ritzel
Gabriella Cohen*    Shirlee Hoffman*     Peg Romm
Kim Crawford*       Dennis Kelley        Deloris Sanders
Gabriele DaSilva    Ralph Klein         Hilda Schlatter
John DeWerd         Stuart Kleven       Margaret Schmid*
Cathy Dueñas*       Panagiotis Koutsouris Joy Schochet
Fred Eskra*          Alfia Lambert     Stephen Scott*
Volunteers

Mary Shea
Toni Smith*

Dee Speich
Craig Tews

Ron Wideman
Carole Yoshida*

Laura Alagna
Jacqueline Angulo
Rvd. Dennis Bailey
Doug Baldwin
Joseph Barabe
Christel Betz
Ray Broms
Myllicent Buchanan
Elizabeth Bush
Angela Candadai
Kathleen Cescon
Niki Chen
Yishu Deng
Andrea Dudek
Mariola Dudzicka
Mary Finn
Kierra Foley
Bill Gillespie
Terry Gillespie

Irene Glasner
Debby Halpern
Janet Helman
David Henson
Mark Hirsch
Barbara Jillson
Su Hyeon Kang
Seth Kehrmann
Mathis Kreitzscheck
Lauren Ledin
Katherine R. Lieber
Carlotta Maher
Leila Makdisi
Mark Mandle
Aeshu Matti
Michael McCarthy
Sara Mohr
Anna Moss
Marge Nichols
Brandy Norton

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Ray Broms

Louise Despres
Jane Meloy

Alice Mulberry
Norma van der Meulen