The Volunteer Guide Program
Peggy Grant
and Janet Helman

The Volunteers at the Oriental Institute—all of whom are members of the Oriental Institute—serve in many capacities. The majority of us are museum guides. We have taken the docent training course, have studied the history and culture of the ancient Near East and have spent many hours in the Museum familiarizing ourselves with the collections. During the school year we have led approximately 70 tours each month as well as being helpful to individual families and visitors who drop in. The captains keep the large numbers of school children and adult groups moving smoothly through the Museum. They are the leaders on which the Volunteer Guide Program depends:

Marsha Holden, Tuesday morning
Terry Friedman, Tuesday afternoon
Jane Imberman, Wednesday morning
Muriel Nerad, Wednesday afternoon
Kitty Picken, Thursday morning
Elizabeth Spiegel, Thursday afternoon
Gloria Orwin, Friday morning
Rosalinde Vorne, Friday afternoon
Calla Burhoe, Saturday morning
Marianne Ford, Saturday afternoon
Theresa Hintzke, Sunday
Peter Hancon

Calla Burhoe and Gloria Orwin retire this year, and we are fortunate that Georgie Maynard and Teddy Bunnington have agreed to take over their respective responsibilities. Dorothy Blindt will act as summer Saturday afternoon captain during Marianne Ford's leave of absence.

The ever-efficient Suq docents—most of whom have also taken the docent course—are as unflappable when surrounded by dozens of 6th graders, each with $1.50 to spend as they are when helping a careful adult pick out the perfect piece of jewelry or a beautiful gift for someone's home.

Other volunteers give their time to the Museum Archives, to the office of the Registrar, to the Photography laboratory or assist with various faculty projects.

The volunteers meet monthly for education programs. The year's morning lectures focused on ancient peoples: McGuire Gibson spoke on the Sumerians, Gösta Ahlström on the Israelites, James Armstrong on the Assyrians and Dennis Pardee on the inhabitants of ancient Ugarit. Bill Munnane began the summer season with an illustrated talk on the Karnak temple and Lanny Bell described Chicago House and its work before he left for the season. Peter Piccione talked on Romance in Ancient Egypt and followed his talk with a gallery workshop. Joe Greene introduced our Christmas party with a talk on the sacred tree. Monday afternoon gallery study workshops were led by James Armstrong on Assyria, Steve Ritzel on Babylon, Terry Friedman on jewelry.
and Gloria Orwin on weapons. The Wednesday afternoon docents, Muriel Nerad, Lilian Cropsey, Mary d'Ouville and Jean Robertson introduced us to Gods, Goddesses and Demons.

We are grateful to the authors of our monthly Docent Digest articles who include Georgie Maynard on the term Palestine, Mary Shea on Egyptian Plant Forms, Terry Friedman on Jewelry in the Oriental Institute and Dick Zettler on the founding of the Third Dynasty of Ur.

Docents given awards at the December holiday party for 5 years of continuous service were:

- Muriel Brauer
- Anita Greenberg
- Janet Helman
- Marsha Holden
- Peggy Kovacs
- Lexie Spurlock
- Norma van der Meulen
- and Rosalinde Vorne and Sally Grunsfeld received ten year awards.

With the guidance of the advisory committee of Klaus Baer, Carolyn Liv- ingood and Jill Maher, this year's

Farewell celebration for retiring Volunteer Chairman Peggy Grant.
training course was planned for both Mondays and Saturdays which allowed us to train both weekday and weekend docents. Lectures were given by Richard Zettler, John Brinkman, Matthew Stolper, Douglas Esse, Klaus Baer and Edward Wente—a never-to-be-forgotten mini-course in the history and culture of the ancient Near East. Gallery study was led by Joan Barghusen, Peggy Grant, Janet Helman, Carolyn Livingood and Jill Maher. We welcome these newly trained volunteers to our ranks:

- Ursula Cacelli
- Dorothea Christiano
- Lilla Fano
- Julie Katz
- Katy Mann
- Joan Mitchell
- Chris Robinson
- Linda Robinson
- Luciana Stefani
- Beverly Wilson
- Carol Yoshida

Activity in the Docent Education office increased this year. Debbie Aliber has taken over the supervision of the well-used Docent Library and in addition to keeping track of who has books out and shelving them properly, she has catalogued reprints and publications available to the researching docent. We have also taken over the booking of tours and the scheduling of movies and slide talks. We are particularly proud of the many educational programs and materials developed by our Museum Education Coordinator, Joan Barghusen. The volunteers who are the gallery teachers and the docent chairmen are greatly in her debt for her help, her suggestions and her support.

Volunteer Co-chairmen
- Peggy Grant
- Janet Helman

Regularly scheduled museum docents
- Deborah Aliber
- Elaine Antoniuk
- Dorothy Blindt
- Teddy Buddington
- Catherine Chilewski
- Anne Conway
- David Cooper
- Lilian Cropsey
- Mary d’Ouville
- Cathy Dombrowski
- Harold Dunkel
- Laurie Fish
- Helen Glennon
- Cora Graessle
- Anita Greenberg
- Sally Grunsfeld
- Peter Hancon
- Dianne Haines
- Bud Haas
- Mary Jo Khuri
- Katherine Kimball
- Dennis Kopaz
- Cliff Long
- Nina Longley
- Jill Maher
- Georgie Maynard
- James Meany
- Dorothy Mozinski
- Alice Mulberry
- Melanie Petrosky
- Rita Picken
- Jo Ann Putz
- Eric Penny
- Jean Robertson
- Joan Rosenberg
- Janet Russell
- David Shayne
- Mary Shea
- Lexie Spurlock
- Roberta Tracy

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### Part-time Museum docents
- Betty Baum
- Ida DePencier
- Gerry Enck
- Lita Gaber
- Nancy Gerson
- Carol Green
- Cissy Haas
- Oliver Szilagyi

### Regularly scheduled Suq docents
- Ria Ahlström
- Muriel Brauer
- Leonard Byman
- Evelyn Dyba
- Carol Goldstein
- Diana Grodzins
- Jane Hildebrand
- Peggy Kovacs
- Kirstin Martin
- Mary Martino
- Rochelle Rossin
- Mary Schulman
- Daila Shefner
- Mardi Trosman
- Eleanor Swift
- Norma van der Meulen
- Barbara Watson

### Part-time Suq docents
- Barbara Frey
- Carol Green
- Jo Jackson
- Florence Teegarden

### Museum Archives Volunteers
- Lilian Cropsey
- Harold Dunkel
- Jill Maher
- Harold Rantz

### Registrar's Office Volunteers
- Lilian Cropsey
- Lilla Fano
- Diana Grodzins
- Inger Kirsten
- Georgie Maynard
- Peggy Wick
- Laura Barghusen

### Ceramic Restoration
- Betty Tieken

### Assistant to Miss Kantor
- Carolyn Livingood

### Assistant to the Epigraphic Survey
- Katherine Rosich

### Assistant to Prehistoric Project
- Andrée Wood

### Assistant to Quseir Project
- Sally Zimmerman

### Photography Laboratory Volunteers
- Maria Ahlström
- Joe Denov
- Richard Frank

### Volunteer in the Suq Office and Stockroom
- Eleanor Swift

### Volunteer in the Membership Office
- Helen Glennon

### Education Office Volunteers
- Deborah Aliber
- Joan Hives
- Kitty Picken
- Roberta Tracy