People with an interest in the ancient Near East can make a wide variety of choices in volunteer activities at the Oriental Institute. They come to the Volunteer Office because they've traveled to Egypt or to Israel or somewhere else in the Near East or because they've always been fascinated by archaeology. We can offer them substantive work and training which enhances their interests and enriches their experience.

The largest group of volunteers are docents—guides in the Museum—and these are graduates of our once-a-year training course. Although volunteers in other parts of the Museum can begin to work any time throughout the year, they often join the course when it starts in the spring to give themselves more background.

In March of every year a group of interested candidates begins the Docent Training Course, which consists of films, readings, gallery workshops and, most importantly, lectures by faculty members of the Oriental Institute. The course is nine weeks long and ends in early June. Sessions on Mesopotamia were taught this year by Professors John Brinkman and McGuire Gibson; on Egypt by Professors Lanny Bell and Edward Wente and Archivist John Larson; Syria-Palestine by Professor Douglas Esse; Anatolia by Professor Harry Hoffner; and Iran by Professor William Sumner.

New docents who completed the course this year are:

Karol Adams  George Junker
Esther Fifield  Norman Rubash
Christiane Kelley  Eve Shulruff

After docents begin leading tours, they often find themselves so intrigued with the Museum that they double or triple their volunteer responsibilities, joining the volunteer staffs of the Archivist, the Registrar, the Photographer, or individual faculty members, or developing special guided tours for the summer or for Humanities Day.

Many docents come in more than one day a week and donate their talents doing research or computer work. Debbie Aliber doubles as Librarian for the Docent Library, which is constantly growing, as well as serving as a docent.
captain and working for the Registrar. Georgie Maynard and Kitty Picken, who are also captains, assist every year at the busy and popular children's workshops. Georgie also volunteers in the Suq stockroom and along with docents Patrick Regnery and Lillian Schwartz is part of the Registrar's staff. Joan Rosenberg doubles as docent and as a researcher in the Archivist's office. One docent, Charlotte Collier, often puts in extra hours doing inventory with other Suq Docents.

Suq Docents are another multi-talented group, running the shop during their appointed hours, helping with inventory, answering questions, and sometimes even stringing beads to make those beautiful necklaces.

Our volunteers come to the Docent Office offering to put together special tours, give Docent Day programs, review books in the Docent Digest, and to do extra tours as substitutes.

Every year at our Holiday Buffet in December we honor volunteers who have served several years in the Museum or the Suq. This year awards were made to the following docents:

5 Years
Christel Betz Catherine Duenas Kate Grodzins

10 Years
Ria Ahlstrom Debbie Aliber Dorothy Blindt

15 Years
Teresa Hintzke Gloria Orwin JoAnn Putz
Barbara Watson

Volunteers work in all areas of the Museum, sometimes becoming the resident expert in a particular area, such as Elizabeth Tieken, our Museum Ceramics Restorer, and Lilla Fano, Assistant to the Registrar. The founder of the volunteer program, Carolyn Livingood, has done every kind of volunteer activity in the Oriental Institute and still works with the Museum Archivist. Another volunteer chairman who has found a new activity is Jill Carlotta Maher, who has become an Assistant to the Director of Chicago House. Her successor, Peggy Grant, works for the Registrar, in the Suq, and as a substitute docent.

Although our numbers are supplemented every year by new volunteers, we also lose docents every year. Two captains left us this year: Muriel Nerad retired from Wednesday afternoon, although she still fills in on occasion, and Peter Hancon, Sunday afternoon captain, has moved to a new job in Washington, D.C. All our thanks and good wishes go with them.

Day captains, who take the responsibility for seeing that each tour is staffed, are:

Tuesday morning Alice Rubash
Tuesday afternoon Terry Friedman

Wednesday morning Nina Longley JoAnn Putz
Wednesday afternoon Lilian Cropsey

Thursday morning Kitty Picken
Thursday afternoon Elizabeth Spiegel
The Museum could not continue to function as it does without the aid and services of its volunteers. We cannot thank them enough. The volunteers could not continue to function without the constant aid and stimulation of the Museum Educational Services Coordinator Joan Barghusen and the constant care and attention of the Program Assistant, Terri Barbee. We, the volunteers, thank them.

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