VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
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This will be my last report as the volunteer chairman. Since I began working in the Education Office in 1984, we have seen great growth and change. The Museum Education Program has grown from one paid director and one volunteer to three paid positions and one volunteer. We have moved from the tiny cubicle of room 204 to the relatively spacious room 202. We have entered the computer age and have begun to examine what we do and, quantitatively, how well we do it.

The job of volunteer coordinator will be taken over by Catherine Dueñas and Terry Friedman, who began assuming partial responsibility for the Volunteer Program in January. To both of them, I wish as much pleasure and enrichment as I have enjoyed over the past nine years. They have asked me to remain as consultant to the Volunteer Program for next year, and I have gladly agreed to do it. This means I will still have the opportunity to see and work with you.

Cathy Dueñas has been a member of the Thursday morning team of museum guides since 1985 and has participated in many of our family and public programs. She is also one of our multi-lingual guides who takes Spanish-speaking groups through the Oriental Institute Museum.

Terry Friedman became a docent in 1974 and for the last several years has served as the Tuesday afternoon captain. She is also the originator and organizer of the successful “birthday party” program available to families in the museum.

Terry’s place as Tuesday afternoon captain has been assumed by Larry Scheff. This year Alice James assumed the responsibility for captaining Tuesday morning, in place of Alice Rubash. Other captains who served through this year are:

Wednesday a.m.    Nina Longley and JoAnn Putz
Wednesday p.m.    Lilian Cropsey and William Boone
Thursday a.m. Kitty Picken  
Thursday p.m. Elizabeth Spiegel  
Friday a.m. Debbie Aliber  
Friday p.m. Gloria Orwin  
Saturday a.m. Georgie Maynard  
Saturday p.m. Melanie Petroskey and Carole Yoshida  
Sunday Teresa Hintzke, Steven Ritzel, and Janet Russell  

With all three volunteer coordinators working together, we trained our largest class of docents in many years. We are pleased to welcome to our ranks:

Bernadine Basile  Ira Hardman  Diane Posner  
Jane Belcher  Mike Loveless  Deloris Sanders  
Erl Dordal  Johanna Lucas  Bernadette Strnad  
Bettie Dwinell  Roy Miller  Annette Teaney  
Lewis Ginsberg  Kathy Mineck  Jane Thain  
Irene Glasner  Ken Moore  Eve Weinberg  
Mildred Goldin  Denise Paul  

The docent course was taught this year by Lanny Bell, Tony Brinkman, Harry Hoffner, John Larson, Mark Lehner, Rick Schoen, William Sumner, Emily Tetter, Bruce Williams, and Karen Wilson. Our thanks go to all of them for their efforts and their time.

Our usual activities, Docent Days and Docent Digests, were extended by a trip this year to Cleveland to see the exhibit, “Egypt’s Dazzling Sun: Amenhotep III and His World.” All our arrangements were made by docent/travel agent Anita Eller, whose skills are most welcome. A large group of docents led by Ray Johnson enjoyed a great exhibit, beautiful weather, and a wonderful weekend.

Docent Day programs this year included a talk by Carole Krucoff, who introduced herself and her ideas to us, a tour of the basement area with Laura D’Alessandro and Ray Tindel, and a talk by Peter Piccione about his Theban tomb project. Bill Sumner reported to us in January about the state of the building project, and Karen Wilson took us through the Assyrian gallery. Frank Yurco gave a program on Hatshepsut and Cathy Dueñas did a gallery talk, “The Eman-cipated Women of Ancient Egypt.”

We also had a gala lunch party to celebrate the 100th birthday of original docent Ida De Pencier, who is a role model for many of us and to whom we wish many happy returns.

I want to express my thanks to all the faculty and staff of the Oriental Institute who contribute so much to the Volunteer Program and who have made my job so enjoyable. I also want to acknowledge the great pleasure I derived from my association with the Education Office and to thank Joan Barghusen with whom I worked for so many years and Carole Krucoff, who in the last year has brought new enthusiasm as well as new programs to our office. The other members of our office staff, Terri Barbee and Kaylin Goldstein, who do so much for the docents, have become treasured friends.
My greatest thanks, however, go to the volunteers who come in every week and make it possible for the Oriental Institute Museum to continue to present as many public programs as we do. Besides those programs that are presented by the Museum Education Program, the docents led 21,892 people on tours through the museum in 1991-92. That represents a 10% increase over 1990-91, which is the first year our computers allowed us to begin collecting data.

The docents do their jobs efficiently and dependably making it possible to schedule large numbers of highly varied groups, many of whom have been returning every year to see the Oriental Institute Museum. They present the Oriental Institute to an ever-growing public and are our best ambassadors.

Regularly Scheduled Docents

Nancy Baum                  Mary Grimshaw                  Dawn Prena
Christel Betz               Marsha Holden                  Patrick Regnery
Dorothy Blindt              Barbara James                 Barbara Rollhaus
William Boone               Samantha Johnson              Joan Rosenberg
Teddy Buddington            George Junker                 Alice Rubash
Charlotte Collier           Mary Jo Khuri                 Norman Rubash
Catherine Dueñas            Barbara Klawans               Laura Sanchez
Anita Eller                 Betsy Kremers                 Lawrence Scheff
Gordon Evison               Judy Licata                   Anne Schumacher
Marilyn Fellows             Kay Matsumoto                 Lillian Schwartz
Esther Fifield              Caryl Mikrut                  Mary Shea
Shirley Freundlich          Dorothy Mozinski              Daila Shefner
Joan Friedmann             Jean Niblack                   Bernie Shelley
John Gay                    Carolyn Payer                 Richard Watson
Betty Geiger               Rita Picken                   Beverly Wilson
Anita Greenberg

Substitute Docents

Betty Baum                  Peggy Grant                   Muriel Nerad
Margara Foorman             Bud and Cissy Haas          Mary D’Ouville
Barbara Frey                Alice Mulberry

Suq Docents

Muriel Brauer                Jane Hildebrand              Agnethe Rattenborg
Lois Cohen                   Ruth Hyman                   Rochelle Rossin
Charlotte Collier            Jo Jackson                   Mary Schulman
Barbara Frey                 Carol High Johnson          Anne Schumacher
Bette Goldberg               Inger Kirsten                 Mardi Trosman
Peggy Grant                  Peggy Kovacs                 Norma Vandermeulen
Janet Helman                 Lorraine Kubiak              Barbara Watson
### Museum Archives Volunteers
- Kay Ginther
- Carolyn Livingood
- Joan Rosenberg
- Sandra Jacobson
- Melanie Petroskey

### Registrar's Office Volunteers
- Debbie Aliber
- Anita Eller
- Eric Poryles
- Michelle Biehl
- Leila Foster
- Lillian Schwartz
- Judy Cherchi
- Peggy Grant
- Nicole Simpson
- Debbie Darnell
- Mary Grimshaw
- Carolyn Swain
- Aimee Drolet
- Georgie Maynard
- Peggy Wick

### Photography Lab Volunteers
- Maria Ahlstrom
- David Deckert

### Education Office Librarian
- Debbie Aliber

### Ceramics Restoration
- Elizabeth Tieken

### Assistant to Epigraphic Survey
- Diana Grodzins

### Assistants to the Prehistoric Project
- Diana Grodzins
- Andrée Wood

### Suq Office and Stock Room Volunteers
- Georgie Maynard
- Eleanor Swift

### Membership Office Volunteers
- Charlotte Collier
- JoAnn Putz

### Hittite Dictionary Project Volunteer
- Irv Diamond