

SUQ

Denise Browning

This year was a very busy year for the *Suq*, which thankfully resulted in increased sales over last year. As we get closer and closer to closing for renovation we are taking on more outside activities. Besides the four-day bazaar at the Newberry Library in November, we also participated in the Illinois Historical Preservation Agency's two-day fair at the James R. Thompson Center building in downtown Chicago. Several autographings—especially for Norman Golb's new book *Who Wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls* and for our own Georgie Maynard's book *Letters from Turkey*—helped to boost our sales. Our inventory sale in June was a great success with a 21% increase in sales.

We have also entered the world of computers by being listed on the World-Wide Web. We plan to be expanding our mail orders through the Internet as more and more people are learning about the Oriental Institute and the *Suq*.

The highlight of our year was a luncheon we gave for our docents at the home of Jane Thain. She was a very gracious hostess and we all enjoyed the afternoon immensely. The *Suq* is so fortunate to have such an amazing group of volunteers. Every one has their own individual skills that contribute to making the *Suq* the success that it is. Thank you!

Thanks should go to our office staff, too, for their wonderful contributions. It was a busy year for them also. Natalia Uribe visited Columbia, Paul Spruhan was in

Ireland, Siobhan Ritchie was in Portugal, Kate Sarther was in Crete, Turkey, and Syria. Paul and Natalia graduated this spring after working four years with us. They will both be here next year working on graduate degrees and Siobhan will graduate this summer after working three years with us.

Docents—Loyal Regulars

Barbara Baird	Lorraine Kubiak	Jane Thain
Muriel Brauer	Agnethe Rattenborg	Norma van der Meulen
Barbara Frey	Rochelle Rossin	Barbara Watson
Ruth Hyman	Mary Schulman	
Peggy Kovacs	Ann Schumacher	

Docents-Loyal Extras

Peggy Grant	Janet Helman	Jo Jackson	Mardi Trosman
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Docents Behind-the-Scenes

Eleanor Swift	Georgie Maynard
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Newberry Volunteers

Barbara Baird	Denise Paul	Lisa Stitzil
Lorraine Kubiak	Diane Posner	
Shannon Paul	Margaret Schröder	

Jewelry Designers

Norma van der Meulen	Asia Lerner
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Inventory Technicians

Barbara Baird	Barbara Watson
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