

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 Teeter, 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 Emancipated 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'Ouille
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 Jacobsohn	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
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Education Office Librarian

Debbie Aliber

Ceramics Restoration

Elizabeth Tieken

Assistant to Epigraphic Survey

Diana Grodzins

Assistants to the Prehistoric Project

Diana Grodzins	Andrée Wood
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Suq Office and Stock Room Volunteers

Georgie Maynard	Eleanor Swift
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Membership Office Volunteers

Charlotte Collier	JoAnn Putz
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Hittite Dictionary Project Volunteer

Irv Diamond
