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# The Volunteer Guide Program

*Peggy Grant  
and Janet Helman*

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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 Budington 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 Murnane 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'Ouille and Jean Robertson introduced us to Gods, Goddesses and Demons.

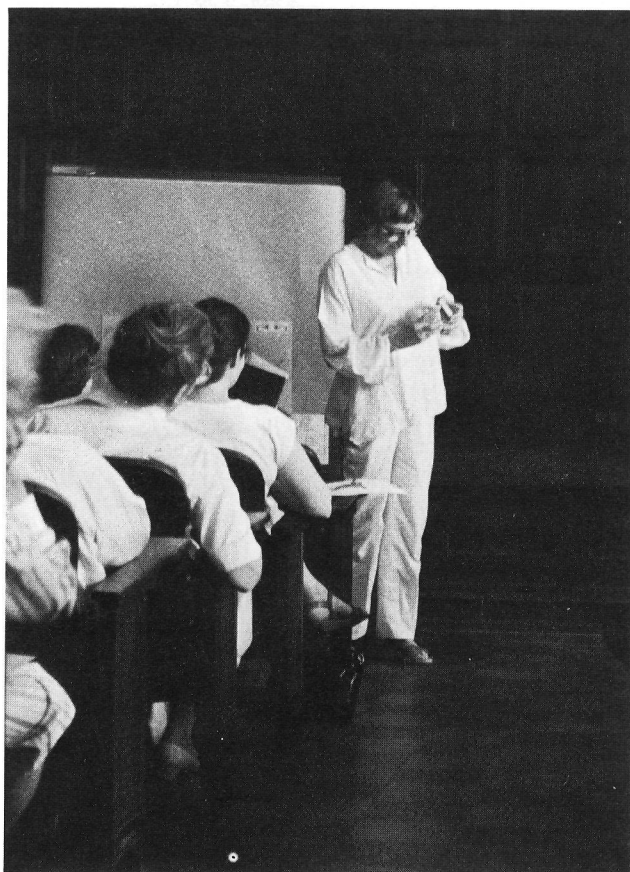
We are grateful to the authors of our monthly Docent Digest articles who include Georgie Maynard on the term Palestine, Mary Shea on Egyptian Plant Forms, Terry Friedman on Jewelry in the Oriental Institute and Dick Zettler on the founding of the Third Dynasty of Ur.

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 Livingood 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 Caselli  
 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 Chlewski  
 Anne Conway  
 David Cooper  
 Lilian Cropsey  
 Mary d'Ouille  
 Cathy Dombrowski  
 Harold Dunkel  
 Laurie Fish  
 Helen Glennon  
 Cora Graessle  
 Anita Greenberg  
 Sally Grunsfeld  
 Peter Hanco  
 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

*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 Tiekens

*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