

# The Volunteer Program

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The Volunteer Program continues to grow after its successful launching and first nine years under the outstanding leadership of Mrs. John Livingood. Our seventy-five active volunteers work a minimum of three hours each week, morning or afternoon, serving as a link between the scholarly work of the Institute and the public. They act as museum docents who guide hundreds of scheduled tours each year from schools, churches, and other groups, or they serve as Suq docents in the excellent gift and book store of the Institute. This year the Suq was returned to the volunteer program under Mrs. Ezra Hurwich as chairman. Because of her great effort and dedication, the Suq will soon be able to turn over needed funds to the Research Archives and has already created an additional attraction for visitors to the Institute.

A class of twenty-three has completed the volunteer training program, a course meeting every Monday for ten weeks. Professors and graduate students of the Institute have been extremely generous in offering their time for lectures on Near Eastern history and gallery tours in the Museum. We thank the following: Ms. Judith Franke, Messrs. McGuire Gibson, Robert Braidwood, John Brinkman, Robert Biggs, Klaus Baer, Edward Wente, Harry Hoffner, Carl DeVries, Gösta Ahlström, Kevin Sykes, David Silverman, John Larson, Donald Whitcomb, and David Nasgowitz. Mrs. Mary Christopher, an active docent, presented one of the slide lectures.

The following members of the class completed their training on June 16:

Mrs. Margaret Arvey, *Chicago*  
 Mrs. Paul Borth, *Park Forest*  
 Mrs. Cameron Brown, *Lake Forest*  
 Mrs. Terry Friedman, *Chicago*  
 Mrs. Leanne V. Galvin, *Chicago*  
 Mrs. John R. Ginther, *Chicago*  
 Mrs. Gerald Glick, *Chicago*  
 Mrs. Ernest Grunsfeld III, *Highland Park*  
 Mrs. Judith Heyman, *Lincolnwood*  
 Mrs. Teresa Hintzke, *Evanston*  
 Mrs. Harry Hoffner, *Oak Park*

Mrs. Janet Hurwich, *Lincolnwood*  
 Mrs. Spencer E. Irons, *Flossmoor*  
 Mrs. Victor A. Jackson, *Chicago*  
 Miss Lenore S. John, *Chicago*  
 Mrs. Chester Riehle, *Monee*  
 Mrs. Donald Simon, *Mokena*  
 Mrs. Jean Sprague, *Chesterton, Ind.*  
 Mrs. Karen Shymkus, *Crete*  
 Miss Nellie Stickle, *Elmhurst*  
 Ms. Marilyn Underwood, *Chicago*  
 Mrs. Rosalind Vorne, *Chicago*  
 Mrs. Mary Ann Wayne, *Chicago*

Three classes for members given by a faculty member and advanced graduate students were scheduled this year. In October, Charles Van Siclen, Ph.D. candidate in Egyptology, lectured on topics in Egyptology. In February, David Silverman, then a Ph.D. candidate in Egyptology, taught a class in reading Egyptian hieroglyphs. Both these classes met at the traditional hour, 5:30-7:30 on Tuesday evenings, but added another performance Monday mornings, 10:00-11:30. This doubled enrollment by enabling members with evening responsibilities to attend. In the spring, Professor McGuire Gibson offered an evening class in Mesopotamian civilization for the benefit of the Nippur Excavation Fund. Next year for the members' classes, Ms. Judith Franke will lecture on Mesopotamian archeology, Mr. Donald Whitcomb will lecture on Persia, and Mr. David Nasgowitz will lecture on Syria-Palestine.

The luncheon program continues to attract groups of twenty or more who pay a fixed price for their gallery tour, a film, and lunch at the Quadrangle Club.

Special thanks are due Mrs. Charlotte Loverde, who, as Docent Chairman, was responsible for setting up the docent schedules. She also functioned as a guide herself and was invaluable in the office. Miss Muriel Cooney, Mrs. Dot Hamrin, Mrs. Ida McPherson, and Mrs. Malinda Winans also gave additional help beyond their duties as docents. The cooperation of Mrs. Cherrye Frink in the Museum Office, who takes tour reservations, has made our work easier, and we thank her.

To those members of the Oriental Institute who are not part of the Volunteer Program, we extend a warm invitation to join us.

#### Volunteer Docents of the Oriental Institute, 1974/75

Chairman, Mrs. Albert Loverde

Mrs. Samuel Allison, *Chicago*  
 Miss Sydney Allport, *Chicago*  
 Mrs. Mychal Angelos, *Cary*  
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 Mrs. Helmut Baum, *Chicago*  
 Mrs. Frank Berry, *Flossmoor*  
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 Mr. William Crum, *Chicago*  
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 Mrs. James Ford, *Chicago*  
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 \*Mrs. Walter Zurne, *Chicago*

\*Captain responsible for a given three-hour shift.

\*\*Mrs. Hurwich is chairman of the Suq volunteers.