

FIELD BRIEFS

Sign up now for Field Trips!

Be sure to send in your reservations soon for the two exciting members' geological field trips announced recently.

The Ozarks of Missouri tour (April 7-13) is \$250 per person, with a deposit of \$100 each. The Grand Canyon tour (August 16-24) is \$700 per person, with a deposit of \$200 each. The costs of the trips are all-inclusive.

Dr. Matthew H. Nitecki, associate curator, Department of Geology, will lead both groups.

For further information, please write or phone Mrs. Madge Jacobs, 922-9410.

New Handbook on African Art

Contemporary African Arts by Maude Wahlman, Field Museum consultant in African Ethnology, is being published in conjunction with the exhibit of the same name opening April 20. The text of this soft cover book is composed of essays on the various African art forms and art media. Twelve color plates and 120 black and white illustrations supplement the text. Scheduled for publication April 20, the book will be on sale for \$5.00 at the Museum's Book Shop and in a special shop in the exhibit area. Museum members are eligible for a special pre-publication price of \$4.00 until April 1. Orders should be addressed to the Field Museum Book Shop.

African Arts Preview and Dinner

The Women's Board of Field Museum is hosting a dinner and preview of the forthcoming Contemporary African Arts Festival in Stanley Field Hall on Thursday, April 18, at 6:00 p.m. Music and entertainment will be provided. Attire is informal. \$30.00 per person (includes food and beverage). For information and reservations call Mrs. Straub at 922-9410 or 922-9419.

New Coordinator of Teacher Training

Barbara Reque has been named coordinator of teacher training in the Museum's Department of Education, where she will conduct workshops and develop materials to help teachers and other adult leaders make better use of the Museum as an educational resource. With a master's degree in early childhood education from the University of Chicago, she taught at Howland Elementary School, Chicago, where for the past two years she was curriculum assistant for the Follow-Through program and developed and supervised an open classroom program involving 200 primary school children.

Install Parking Lot Lights

Persons planning visits to the Museum after sundown, such as on Members' Nights May 2 and 3, or on Friday evenings, will appreciate the newly installed parking lot lights in the north parking area. The bright illumination should help eliminate stumbling and make it easier for visitors to locate their automobiles. It's just one of many ways the Chicago Park District is working to ensure pleasant visits to Chicago institutions.

Volunteers Honored

Field Museum honored its 143 volunteers, who collectively logged nearly 30,000 hours of service to the Museum during 1973, at a reception held in Stanley Field Hall on February 14. Hosts for the party were Blaine J. Yarrington, Field Museum's newly-elected president, and Dr. Robert F. Inger, assistant director, science and education. The volunteers each received a small memento as a token of appreciation for their efforts.

The 1973 hourly total of volunteer work was an increase of almost 50 percent over the 1972 figure. The number of volunteers active in 1973 was also up about 40 percent over 1972.

The volunteers who contributed the greatest number of hours were: Mrs. Alice Schneider, 1,218 hours; Mr. John O'Brien, 975 hours; and Mrs. Anthony DeBlase, 865 hours. Those who gave more than 600 hours were: Mrs. Rudolph Wolfson, Mr. Charles P. Henry, Mr. Walter Mackler, and Mr. Sol Gurewitz. Volunteers in the 500-hour category were: Miss Alison Gail Hoppe, Mrs. David Calhoun, and Miss Ann Lippl.

Other top ranking volunteers were: Mrs. Gibson Winter, Mr. Mark Herskovitz, Mr. Robert Hicks, and Col. M. E. Rada.

The departments of anthropology, botany, geology, zoology, education and exhibition, and the library, all benefited from the services of 113 volunteers. Their duties covered a wide range of tasks, including cataloging, fossil preparation, research assistance, and photography.

In addition, 22 volunteer women instructors supplemented the work of staff members in the Raymond Foundation division of the Department of Education. At the present time eight additional volunteers are completing the volunteer instructor training program. Currently there are a number of openings at the Museum for qualified volunteers. Further information may be obtained by calling or writing Carolyn Blackmon of the Museum's Department of Education (922-9410, ext. 361).

For complete list of volunteers see p. 19.

Weaving Demonstrations on Mexican Loom

Mrs. Eugene Kosky and other members of the North Shore Weavers' Guild are demonstrating the use of a two-harness handcrafted Mexican floor loom 12 hours weekly in the Museum's South Lounge. The loom is a descendant of a medieval loom brought to the New World from Europe by the Spanish during the 16th century.

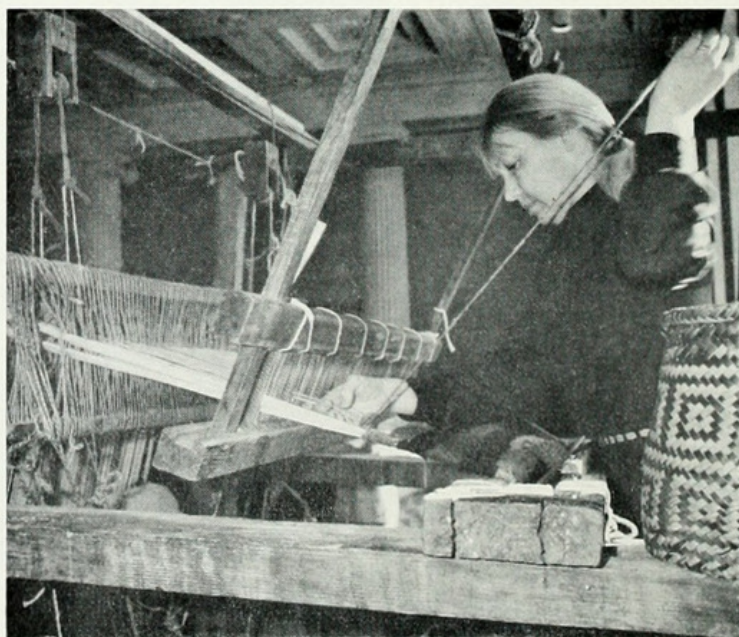


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