The first meeting of the new year will be Monday, January 11, 8:00 pm, at Trinity Hall, Carlow college, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland.

Our new vice-president, Tim Manka, will be the speaker, and his program is titled "Wings over America". It is about birds, but it is not an identification thing. Rather, it is a natural history of birds, and their relationship to plants.

Tim spent 13 summers in national parks collecting the slides and stories for this program. He is an old hand at giving nature presentations. By actual count, he has given 870 of them in schools and elsewhere.

BOOK REVIEW
Both arrived the same day. First, the publisher had sent me an advance copy of a new wildflower book. (I had promised a book review in our bulletin). Then, our granddaughter, Sara Nasuti, an 8th grader, came for a Thanksgiving visit.

I had a brilliant idea! The title of the book was "A Child's Book of Wildflowers". Why not have a child write the review? So I prevailed upon Sara to take the assignment.

Pardon a boastful grandfather for mentioning that Sara has just won a $10,000.00 scholarship to Merion Mercy High School in a competition that embraced the entire diocese of Philadelphia.

Sara has been contributing illustrations for "Wildflowers" ever since she was 8 years old. (R.F.B.)

OFFICERS FOR 1993
The following were "elected" to serve for the coming year:
President - Dr. Mary Joy Haywood
Vice-President - Tim Manka
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A CHILD'S BOOK OF WILDFLOWERS
By M. A. Kelly
Illustrated by Joyce Pourzyk
FOUR WINDS PRESS, MACMILLAN PUBLISHING CO. 32 pp., 15.95

Reviewed by Sara Nasuti

"A Child's Book of Wildflowers" is a very interesting and informative book. In 32 pages it tells of over 20 different types of wildflowers. It gives the origins of their names and special facts about them. There are many beautiful pictures that make this book easy and enjoyable to read. I especially like the "To do's". They tell of special things to do with particular flowers. This book is ideal for a report or if you just want to know the name of a wildflower in your backyard. It has great activities that I am eager to try. I enjoyed reading this book and recommend it to others, whether wildflowers is their hobby or not.

The sketch of the dayflower was made by our member, Tammy Watychowicz.

Commelina has three petals. Two of them are showy, but the third is not conspicuous. Linnaeus must have had a sense of humor when he named the genus for the three Commelin brothers, two of which were prominent Dutch botanists, while the third brother didn’t amount to much.

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