16 YEARS OF WILDFLOWERS

This January issue marks the 17th year of WILDFLOWERS. The first issue came out January 1981. Getting it out each month has been a lot of work for me, but it has been a labor of love. I couldn't have done it without the help of so many of you members who have contributed so much in the way of articles, illustrations, field trip schedules and reports, and on and on.

In particular, I want to acknowledge that most wonderful helpmate of all, my dear wife. There have been precious few typos in 16 years, and it is all because of her. My "hunt and peck" typing leaves much to be desired, and she catches all my boners before they ever reach you. Precious few typos in 16 years, and it is all because of her.

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- Robert F. Bahl

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JANUARY MEETING

The first meeting of the new year will be Monday, January 13, 8:00 P.M. at our usual meeting place, Trinity Hall, Carnegie College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland.

The speaker will be our own Dr. Sue Thompson, and her talk will be on "Museums of North America." This was the subject of her thesis when she earned her doctorate.

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