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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

At the Annual Meeting on 6 November, the Friends of the Biological Sciences Herbarium presented the 1999 Distinguished Service Award to **JAN MONELO**.

A founding board member of Friends of the Biological Sciences Herbarium, Jan retired from the board of directors at the end of the 1998-1999 term. While on the board Jan was a major contributor to board activities, doing much of the work behind publicizing and awarding the Jim Jokerst Field Botany Award, doing the multitude of paperwork and phone calls behind the Friends of the Herbarium workshop series, tracking money flow, and numerous other essential activities. But more than just being a founding member of the board, Jan was instrumental in planning and organizing the reception held to acknowledge and display the personal library of the late John Thomas Howell, which had recently been donated to the herbarium. That reception, held on 10 November 1994, led directly to the formation of the Friends of the Biological Sciences Herbarium. Again, it was largely Jan who brought together the people who formed the founding board of directors in May of the following year. For all of these many contributions to the Friends of the Herbarium, we thanked Jan with this Distinguished Service Award. The Award plaque given to Jan included a framed enlargement of a photo of *Mimulus douglasii* (purple mouse-ears), one of her favorite flowers (from a slide kindly loaned by Dr. Rob Schlising).

Jan received her B.A. degree in Biological Sciences

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NSF GRANT FOR THE HERBARIUM!

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Biological Research Collections Program recently approved a grant proposal submitted by Herbarium Director Kristina Schierenbeck! Full funding was approved for a three year project to computerize the herbarium collection. In addition to getting all of the specimen label information into a database and making this information available through the internet, concurrent repair and upgrading of the collection will also occur, including the purchase of four new herbarium cabinets. The grant will provide funding for 20 hours per week each for the curator and an assistant to accomplish these tasks.

While waiting to hear back about the grant proposal, work to prepare the database (borrowed from the UC Davis

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