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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

On October 26, during the General Meeting of the Friends of the Herbarium, **DR. VERNON OSWALD** was given a Distinguished Service award for his many contributions to the Herbarium.

Dr. Oswald was born and raised a few miles from Akron, Ohio, in the small town of Hartville. He completed both his undergraduate and graduate work at Ohio State University, and after receiving his Ph.D. in zoology in 1957, he took a position in the Biology Department of CSU, Chico. His course in invertebrate zoology and general biology became exceptionally popular, and in 1983 many were sorry to see him take an early retirement. Two years before he retired Dr. Oswald began photographing wildflowers, and his ensuing hard work and experience led to his becoming an accomplished field botanist. With the extensive collaboration of Lowell Ahart, Dr. Oswald eventually produced the very useful and thorough "Manual of the Vascular Plants of Butte County, California," which is now published by the California Native Plant Society. He also revised the "Flora of Lassen National Park," and has authored or is authoring other similar floras.

The award Plaque, which was beautifully designed and constructed of stained glass by Randy Rickert, included images of Mt. Lassen and *Arnica* flowers. After the meeting Dr. Oswald and friends adjourned to Kramore Inn for dinner and fellowship. Thanks again, Vern, for all you've done for the Herbarium, and for field botanists in general!

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GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Friends of the Biological Sciences Herbarium took place on the afternoon of 26 October 1996. About 30 members attended this event which was preceded by a short reception with refreshments.

After a short summary of the status of the herbarium and the accomplishments of the Friends of the Herbarium, given by Kingsley Stern, the recent winners of the Jim Jokerst Field Botany Award, Caroline Warren and Deborah Topp, were introduced and treated the group to short presentations, accompanied by slides, of their research. Next was a slide presentation by Lawrence Janeway detailing his efforts to confirm the existence of *Clarkia mosquinii*, which

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