The purpose of Pi Alpha Xi, The National Honor Society for Horticulture, is to
Recognize high scholarship,
Foster good relationships among its members,
Promote or to facilitate the exchange of ideas among members of the professions, and
Establish cordial relations among students, educators and industry members.
Welcome 2016! The year is off to a chilly start here with temps not above freezing for several weeks now and the snow keeps piling up. On the plus side, days are already noticeably longer and all those seed and plant catalogs are arriving, waiting for us to make our choices. Classes began for spring semester January 25 so plant propagation, look out! Fifteen are registered which is a perfect number; enough to make teaching it worthwhile but not so many that gathering up plant materials is problematic. We always seem to go through boatloads of seeds, cuttings, plants, petri dishes, grafting wax, plug trays, and on and on.

Plans are underway for the University of Wyoming's 2016 All-America Display Garden. Started in 2012, we’ve gradually made changes, which this season will result in splitting the plant materials between two locations. We’ve historically used a bed near Old Main (which houses UW administration). This year we’ll use four raised beds near our greenhouse complex as well. The Old Main location gets far more traffic since it is near one of the entrances to campus. The greenhouse is the location each August for our Laramie R&E Center Field Day, so we will be able to discuss the plant material in detail during that event. This summer we’ll also be growing some high tunnel/low tunnel vegetables plus greenhouse and high tunnel fresh cut sunflowers. As always, students assist in the process all the way from seeding to weeding!

This spring we will initiate many new Pi Alpha Xi members across the country. My own chapter, Alpha Sigma, has tentatively set the date of April 6 for ours. I always look forward to reading all the names of new initiates in our newsletters. So many promising horticulturists out there!

In this edition of our Lotus Leaflet you will read about our 2016 Photography Contest as well as our fall 2015 initiates. There will be changes in the way photos are entered this year; we are hoping to increase the number of entries substantially. And don't forget your 2016 Chapter dues.

Have a great spring!

Karen Panter
Pi Alpha Xi National President
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Photography Contest

We are looking forward to an exciting year for the Photography Contest! Paul Thomas (Sigma, 138), the chair of the photography committee is in the process of streamlining the entry process and getting sponsorship for some exciting prizes. We will share an announcement with you all to let you know how to enter the photography contest quite soon. The categories for the contest should look familiar. So, it isn’t too soon to start taking pictures to enter in our annual competition. The photography contest is a great way to share your work with fellow photographers and raise funds for Pi Alpha Xi. Many thanks to Paul, the members of the photography contest committee, and those of you who serve as judges for your commitment to our annual photography contest. To inspire you all, enjoy our best in show image from last year, submitted by Robert Lyons.

Monarch on Verbena, Robert Lyons
Congratulations to our New Members!

We welcome those initiates who joined Pi Alpha Xi most recently from the following chapters. Congratulations to all of you!

Alpha (Cornell University):
- Lindsay Chamberlain
- Karl Kunze
- Nor Hisham Shah
- nor Kamal Arif
- Matthew Uhalde
- Emily Detrick
- Justin Lombardoni
- Jeremy Pardo
- Lauren Fessler
- Catherine Migneco
- Ben Stormes

Epsilon (Ohio State University):
- Aaron Coolman
- Brandon Perks
- Matt Willman
- Matt Green
- Frank Rogers
- Reba Wicker
- Brandon Napierala

Iota (North Carolina State University):
- Rachel Adams
- Pragya Adhikari
- Max Alff
- Lauren Arteman
- Matthew Bertucci
- Courtney DeKalb
- Christina Harvey
- Nathan Jahnke
- Dr. Chad Jordan
- Taylor Leesnitzer
- Zhuowei Li
- Jacob Peel
- Michael Roberson
- Melissa Tinling
- Zach Spence
- Joardan Hartman
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Upsilon (California Polytechnic State University):
- Trenton Crouch
- Lacey Knuttila
- Alec Rohr

Alpha Delta (Oklahoma State University):
- Kendall Golden
- Katy Layman
- Peggy Loyd
- Qing Luo
- Scott Mendenhall
- Jaden Rich
- Nathan Stewart
- Jimi Underwood
- Magdalena Vinson
- Ben Warden
- Shuhao Yu

Alpha Iota (Texas Tech University):
- Kyle Tengler
- Summer Loneragan
- Jennifer Simek
- Daria Mckelvey
- Stacy Parks
- Cassandra Plank
Alpha Rho (Oregon State University):

Golnaz Komae    Jonathan Dempster    Stephanie Parreira
Abigail Graham  Breanne Lee-Tharp    Riki York
Justin Schulze  Patrick Kingston     Stephanie Myers
Debra Town      Amy Brown            Wendy Hopping

Alpha Sigma (University of Wyoming) October 13, 2015

Casey Seals     Gabriella Gualano    Raju Kandel
Timothy Gergeni Christopher Christensen Jared Dillinger

Alpha Tau (University of Maine) September 21, 2015

Brad Libby      Erin Smith          Jessica Stone
Rebecca Tkacs   Ashley Anderson     Sara Lyons
Issac Mazzeo    Cara Oleksyk        Luke Palsson
Geena Wright    Katherine Garland   Jonathan Foster
Gregory Melcher Jennifer Stiles    Shuyang Zhen
Kevin Wellington
### Unaudited Statement of Financial Position

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## Unaudited Statement of Activities
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Standing Committees 2014-2016

Fellows Selection Committee – solicits nominations for Fellows of the Society and is responsible for assembling support documentation for selection.

- Pi Alpha Xi Past President John Peterson (chair), Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, drjohncp@calpoly.edu
- Pi Alpha Xi Past President Daniel Warnock, Monsanto, daniel.f.warnock@monsanto.com
- Doug Needham, Longwood Gardens, dneedham@longwoodgardens.org
- Pi Alpha Xi Immediate President Mary Lewnes Albrecht, University of Tennessee, mlalbrecht@utk.edu
- Pi Alpha Xi President, Karen Panter, University of Wyoming, ex officio, kpanter@uwyo.edu

Membership Services Committee – coordinates the publication of the Recruitment Brochure, Flower Judging Manual, and other services and materials of the Honor Society.

- Janet Cole, Oklahoma State University, janet.cole@okstate.edu
- Holly Scoggins, Virginia Tech University, perennials@vt.edu
- Pi Alpha Xi Vice-President, Stephanie Burnett, University of Maine, sburnett@maine.edu

Nominations Committee – develops a slate of candidates for the National Offices and presents the slate at the National Meeting in 2016.

- Paul Thomas (chair), University of Georgia, pathoms@uga.edu
- Tina Marie Cade, Texas State University, tc10@txstate.edu
- Pi Alpha Xi Immediate Past President, Mary Lewnes Albrecht, University of Tennessee, mlalbrecht@utk.edu

Photography Contest Committee – oversees the rules, fees, and prizes associated with the photography contest at the annual ASHS conference and PAX annual business meeting.

- Paul Thomas, University of Georgia, pathoms@uga.edu
- Tim Rhodus, Ohio State University, rhodus.1@osu.edu
- Pi Alpha Xi Immediate President Mary Lewnes Albrecht, University of Tennessee, mlalbrecht@utk.edu
- Pi Alpha Xi President, Karen Panter, University of Wyoming, ex officio, kpanter@uwyo.edu
Rules Committee – reviews the Constitution and By-Laws of the Honor Society and the Operations Manual. Revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws are presented to the membership for consideration.

- Richard Harkess (chair), Mississippi State University, rharkess@pss.msstate.edu
- Jim Klett, Colorado State University, jim.klett@colostate.edu
- Alice LeDuc, Texas State University, aleduc@duke.edu
- Pi Alpha Xi Vice President, Stephanie Burnett, University of Maine, ex officio, sburnett@maine.edu

Student Activities Committee – proposes, develops, and oversees activities of the Honor Society intended to engage undergraduate and graduate students at national events.

- Peg McMahon, Ohio State University, mcmahon.43@osu.edu
- Brian Trader, Longwood Gardens, btrader@longwoodgardens.org
- Pi Alpha Xi Past President John Peterson, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, drjohncp@calpoly.edu

Resources on the Web

Check out our website, http://pax.ashs.org for information and helpful tools -

- Find our Operations Manual on our web site! Look under Resources.
- Also look for our revised Initiation Ceremonies under Membership!
- Our revised National Constitution is also available!

We are on Facebook! Connect with Pi Alpha Xi members from other chapters through our Facebook page, and quickly find updates on the latest news.