Dear fellow PAX members:

It’s time to reach out.

For an organization with more than 14,000 members, remarkably few know that we still exist. We post the Pi Alpha Xi newsletter to our website and email it to you, the chapter advisors. We meet once a year at ASHS. But we are caught in the interstices of technology, because the only members we have email addresses for are the chapter advisors, and a number of those chapters are not even active.

Yet email, Twitter, Facebook and e-newsletters (not the word documents or PDFs we’ve been publishing as attachments) are the media used today. We need to be able to use those platforms to communicate with a much larger audience that is involved with horticulture and floriculture. We need to go beyond the university walls.

Pi Alpha Xi has a long and storied history, and could have a vibrant present and future. But I need your help to communicate it. What is happening with the chapter at your institution? What are your activities? Who are the students and what are they doing? Let us know, and I will put it in our newsletter.

Then, please send Dawn Mancini, the Executive Secretary of PAX (see more about Dawn and what she does on page 2), the email addresses of your chapter’s members so we can contact them and send them news from PAX about what other chapters are doing. Each time you send her a roster of initiates, be sure to include their email addresses.

I am honored to be the President of Pi Alpha Xi. I and the Board of Directors want your ideas and suggestions about how we can involve a broader community of honor society members that show the best of horticulture and floriculture.

We need your help to move PAX into the 21st century. We need to communicate better.

It’s time to reactivate.

Warm regards,

Dr. John C. Peterson
Department Head, Horticulture and Crop Science
California Polytechnic State University
The ASHS-PAX Relationship
by Dawn Mancini, Executive Secretary (ex-officio)

The American Society for Horticultural Science (ASHS) was founded in 1903 as an international scientific organization bringing together the diversity of horticultural research by facilitating communication through scientific journals, annual conferences, and other member programs.

Today, ASHS is a cornerstone of research and education in horticulture and an agent for active promotion of horticultural science. Its mission is to advance the knowledge and application of horticultural science in all its forms. ASHS is the premier disseminator of horticultural research, publishing three scientific journals covering all aspects of horticultural science. The ASHS annual conference brings together U.S. and international horticulturists each year to explore the latest developments in horticulture through a series of lectures, workshops, and oral and poster presentations. ASHS also is an advocate for horticultural interests in Washington, D.C., and provides employment opportunity assistance, runs three competitive and prestigious certification programs and assists other horticulture related organizations in their day-to-day activities.

As an ASHS employee, I am proud to serve in the capacity of Executive Secretary for Pi Alpha Xi (PAX) National. ASHS and PAX have much in common, both having a long history of fostering excellence in the science of horticulture. Both organizations work with many of the same people, for the same goals and it is only natural that a strong bond has formed to unite both societies in a cooperative relationship.

PAX has a wealth of inspired, dedicated volunteers who help to keep the society active and forward focused, but someone still has to take care of the daily tasks of the organization. That is my role. As Executive Secretary, I maintain our membership roster, process scholarship requests, and facilitate website updates with the assistance of technical support staff. I also provide PAX Chapters with a permanent site for requests and inquiries, and facilitate communication with Officers, Chapters and Members.

ASHS and I look forward to continuing to serve Pi Alpha Xi and its members for many years to come.
A Trip to Disney
by Kenzie Smith ’08, Tau Chapter, The University of Georgia

During March 2010, Tau Chapter of Pi Alpha Xi from the University of Georgia took an educational adventure to Orlando, Florida. While we were there we visited Epcot and Disney to observe the amazing horticultural displays at these places. After a long seven-hour drive, we woke up Saturday morning and were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of the greenhouses used for Disney plant production from UGA Hort alumnus and Tau Chapter member, Tray Anderson. There we saw the topiary construction area and all of the exotic tropical plants produced and used throughout the parks. Some of our favorite plants included the many varieties of orchids that we had never seen and the eye catching hanging baskets that are used around the parks.

At the front of Epcot we witnessed a beautifully designed topiary exhibit of the Lion King, Mickey Mouse and Goofy. Then we saw the vibrant bedding displays of several annuals and perennials strategically laid out to appear as butterflies and dolphins. The next excitement came about when we boarded boats through the high-tech, futuristic hydroponic and energy efficient greenhouses. Here we saw how aquaculture worked with tilapia’s natural fertilizer providing for the plants. The vegetables showed signs of great growth because of the care from the efficient hydroponic system.

Not wasting any time, we scurried deep into the Epcot Park to begin an international horticultural journey. We were lucky enough to visit during the time of the International Flower Festival so everything was especially up to par. Our first stop...
A Trip to Disney

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was Mexico to observe the beautiful agave and succulent plants in the pyramids. Then we traveled over to China where we gazed upon the gigantic topiary dragon made out of several varieties of bromeliads. Next, we took time to read our zodiac signs found in the naturally artistic water gardens. Japan had stunning bonsai to offer that were placed on pedestals over the central lake. Then we ventured across the English Channel and stopped at England. We strolled through an elegant tea garden complete with displays of annuals and perennials used to make tea in large teacups. To top off our cup of tea, the Beatles were playing in the background and you could smell the aroma of bangers and mash from the British pub.

After a quick ride on the monorail, we began our journey into the Magic Kingdom. Taking a riverboat Safari into the heart of Africa, we examined how the employees of Disney used native plants from this region of the world to mimic the environment. The placement and size of all of these really made us feel as if we were there. We then climbed up to the Swiss Family Robinson tree house. Even though it was not a real tree, it was a neat conceptual design that could be applied to a real tree. We felt like squirrels far above the park viewing all of the different flowers and unique plant arrangements. When waiting in line for a ride, one of our members saw a perennial Sansevieria that was growing with great vigor. Ending our night with the famous fireworks of the Magic Kingdom, we reflected upon all of the new horticultural knowledge and ideas that we had acquired that day. Being able to see Disney behind the scenes with a horticultural expert to guide us was a once in a lifetime experience, and the Tau Chapter was very lucky and thankful to have this educational trip.

Advisor’s note: Travel and expenses were paid for by funds raised by the Tau Chapter plant sale on the University of Georgia campus.
Congratulations to the winners of the 2010 Pi Alpha Xi contest!

**Flower Category**

*(clockwise from right)*

1st place and Best of Show  
*Gaillardia puchella*  
Bob Stamps

2nd place  
*Dahlia* spp.  
Chris von Kohn

3rd place  
*Rosa* x “St. Edmunds Abby”  
Esue Hamilton
pi alpha xi national photo contests

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Plant Category
(clockwise from right)
1st place
Aeonium hybrid
Bob Stamps
pi alpha xi national photo contests

continued

Landscape Category

clockwise from right

1st place
Missouri Botanical Garden
Bob Stamps

2nd place
Lupine Meadow, Talkeetna, Alaska
Mary Albrecht

3rd place
Harry Lee Gardens, Florida
Kimberly Moore
pi alpha xi national photo contests

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Challenge Category
—Fruiting Structures

1st place
Alibizia julibrissin silktree pods
Bob Stamps
2011 Open Horticultural Photography Contest

Sponsored by
Pi Alpha Xi – The Honor Society for Horticulture

Purpose: To promote Pi Alpha Xi (PAX) to ASHS membership, to support PAX’s scholarship program, and to encourage horticulture-related photography. **Contestants need not be members of PAX to participate.**

Four entry categories:
- **Flower** – The flower, flowers, or flower parts of a plant; or a floral arrangement.
- **Plant** – A plant or plant part, other than flowers.
- **Landscape** – A landscape or interiorscape with plants as the principal focus.
- **Challenge Category: Patterns in Horticulture** – A presentation of plant parts or organization showing a repetitive pattern.

Regulations: Contestants must submit image files, technical data cards and fees:
1) to Bob Stamps, University of Florida, 2725 South Binion Road, Apopka, FL 32703-8504 by September 16th, 2011 or: 2) at the ASHS Registration Desk prior to the beginning of Poster Session I at the ASHS annual conference in Hawaii.

The entry fee is $10 per image, by check made payable to Pi Alpha Xi. Images should not be excessively manipulated and should conform to “truth in Nature” standards. You may enter up to four (4) images (overall total)—all in one category or distributed among categories. Image files should be numbered (1, 2, 3, 4) to correspond with the numbers on the Digital Image Data cards below, but numbers, dates, borders, copyright symbols, etc. (i.e., human artifacts) cannot be visible/present on the image. A text file giving the photographer’s name, image numbers, entry categories and subject matter, and two digital images for each entry in .jpg format—one low resolution for projection (file size of 1 MB or less) and one high resolution for printing (if a winner)—are required. Files should be supplied on a CD labeled with your name and address and readable by PC-based applications. Please note that you can have your prints, negatives and slides (transparencies) converted to digital images to enter this contest.

Use of photographs: Rights to all images are granted to PAX for potential use by PAX and ASHS in advertising, promotional, or fund-raising materials, and/or publications of the societies without monetary compensation to the photographer; however, photographer credits will accompany each use.

Judging: Judges will score the photographs according to the following criteria:
- **Technical (25 pts)** Focus, exposure, color, free from blemishes, etc.
- **Impact (25 pts)** Eye-catching, distinctive.
- **Composition (25 pts)** Effective arrangement of elements.
- **Creativity (25 pts)** Unique viewpoint, lighting or perspective.

Awards: Three awards in each category and Best of Show will be announced at the Pi Alpha Xi luncheon during the ASHS annual conference.

First place: $20 and ribbon
Second place: $10 and ribbon
Third place: $5 and ribbon
Best of Show: $25 and ribbon

ADDITIONAL RULES AND INFORMATION: Images/photos must be the original work of the person entering the contest. PAX cannot be responsible for damage or loss of entries and CDs will not be returned. Each person submitting entries must sign the entry form to acknowledge acceptance of all entry rules.
We are pleased to present the new initiates to Pi Alpha XI:

**Oklahoma State University**
*Alpha Delta—September 28, 2010*

- 227 Michael Haas
- 228 Michael Holmes
- 229 Shane McMurry
- 230 Josh Pike
- 231 Kim Rebek
- 232 Jacqueline Smith
- 233 Derek Barchenger

**University of Nebraska—Lincoln**
*Alpha Gamma—April 17, 2010 and April 29, 2011*

- 280 Calandria M. Jarboe
- 281 Rachel L. Anderson
- 282 Kieu Han T. Do
- 283 Jenny Sue Freed
- 284 Ivy Hoppes
- 285 Colby Johnson
- 286 Elizabeth T. Neal
- 287 Aubrey Raglin
- 288 Ryan William Armbrust

**Texas Tech University—Lubbock**

- 104 Tara Godwin
- 106 Joel Kempfer
- 105 Bradley Young
- 107 Stephanie Blackwell
- 108 Rebecca Grubbs
- 109 Joanna Lehrmann
- 110 Staci Parks
- 111 Vikram Baliga
- 112 Leslie Beck
- 113 Andrew Hephner
- 114 Holly Williams

**Temple University—Ambler**
*Alpha Mu—May 4, 2010 and May 4, 2011*

- 218 Christy Baker
- 219 Louise Clarke
- 220 Daniel Comley
- 221 Anthony Croasdale
- 222 Kristen Grossman
- 223 Erika Guthrie
- 224 Aaron Lyle
- 225 Dylan Meanix
- 226 Ian Murry
- 227 Megan Nace
- 228 Kelly Neisat
- 229 Mark Raczynski
- 230 Thomas Ratay
- 231 Heather Schmidt
- 232 Christopher Smith
- 233 Martha Stephens
- 234 Brenda Sullivan
- 235 Janine Warnas
- 236 Jennifer Zwarg
- 237 Grace Chapman
- 238 Julie Bare
- 239 Denise Bridge
- 240 Michele Butler
- 241 Brynn Coolidge
- 242 Jonathan Deck
- 243 Konstanze Fabian
- 244 Kara Horwitz
- 245 Brandon Huber
- 246 Chelsea Mahaffey
- 247 Jabir Mohamedali
- 248 Mark Mosinski
- 249 Lauren Popper
- 250 Thomas Reber
- 251 Diana Thurner
- 252 Tyler Troxell
- 253 Christopher Vertenten
- 254 Sasha Eisenman
- 255 Johannah Fine
- 256 Merrill Miller
- 257 Michael Olszewski
- 258 Kathryn Reber

**University of Arkansas**
*Alpha Omicron—April 29, 2010*

- 48 Stephanie Beeks
- 49 Susan Corey
- 50 Joseph O’Neill
- 51 Maria Quirico
- 52 William Strunk
- 53 Danilo Tchoupe
- 54 Joseph Young

**University of Wisconsin—Platteville**
*Alpha Pi—December 7, 2010*

- 16 Donita Bryan
- 29 Alyssa Bollbemy
- 30 Danielle Ballweg
- 31 Nadine Cummings
- 32 Kristen Diehl
- 33 Carrianne Harr
- 34 Garek Holley
- 35 Sarah Ritter
- 36 Holly Smith

**Iowa State University**
*Alpha Theta—April 26, 2011*

- 145 Debra Zelle
- 146 Laura Weineth
- 147 Jake Northup

**Texas State University**
*Alpha Xi—April 21, 2011*

- 36 Jennifer Gilder
- 37 Taylor Harward
- 38 Tessa Rager
- 39 Summer Shaw
Welcome New Initiates

University of Wisconsin—River Falls
Alpha Zeta—November 3, 2010
203 Jeffrey Faust
204 Kyle Harger
205 Stephanie Jankowski
206 Tyler Kelley
207 Kristina Leader

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Pi Alpha XI—November 3, 2010
203 Jeffrey Faust
204 Kyle Harger
205 Stephanie Jankowski
206 Tyler Kelley
207 Kristina Leader

University of Illinois—Champaign
Beta—February 24, 2011
716 Callan Beeson
717 Michael Kwiatek
718 Brienne Schweigert
719 Clinton Shipley
720 Brenton Williams

Colorado State University
Chi—April 13, 2010 and November 2, 2010
744 John N. Lambrecht
745 James M. Longwell
746 Haley Orahood
747 Daniel M. Banks
748 Joe Calano
749 Matt Swink
750 Michael Walsh
751 Matthew O’Brian
752 Carolyn Byrd
753 Ethan VanValkenburg
754 Nicholas B. Drury
755 Heather Nicole Hammack
756 Kathleen M. Collins
757 Jaclyn Salts
758 Steven A. Kichler
759 Alexandra R. Maranto
760 Chelsea Bragg
761 Joyce L. Kotula

North Carolina State University
Iota—February 24, 2010 and March 23, 2011
758 Emily Christian
759 Casey Cline
760 Suzanne Marie Holler
761 MaRanda Kiser
762 Matthew Christopher Swaim
763 Laura C. Willer
764 Summer Cole Wilkinson
765 Winford Brock Holtzclaw
766 Katherine Bass
767 Robert A. Hatfield
768 Charles Lee Kimmel
769 Mary Archer
770 Yang Bian
771 Kimberly Anne Richter
772 Brantley Snipes
773 Yanyan Jim
774 Christopher John Biai
775 Brandon Tyler Smith
776 Benjamin Winslow
777 Anna Sauls
778 Kristin Hartgrove
779 Nicholas Ward
780 Ryan Lambert
781 Hunter J. Casey
782 Aaron Pettit
783 Bobby J. Ward
784 Amanda Wilkins
785 Brittany Lauren Thomasson
786 Chen Jiang
787 Christine Merrill Bradish
788 Courtney Goldman
789 Don Raymond Edwards
790 Emily M. Lumpkin
791 Hunter Barrier
792 Irene Palmer
793 Jason Daniel Lattier

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
Kappa—April 7, 2011
667 Ian Cairns
668 Katharine Dawson
669 Katie Elliott
670 Shannon Hodapp
671 Anne Howell
672 Andrew Kelling
673 Charles Knight III
674 Mennen Middlebrooks
675 Pris Sears
676 Jacob Shreckhise
677 Brianna Swanson

Kansas State University
Omega—April 25, 2010
589 Tanner E. Anderson
590 Tanner J. Cable
591 Annette Elizabeth Finkeldei
592 Ashlynn L. Hardesty
593 Nick Jarvis
594 Morgan Jenkins
595 Christy N. Augenstein Postlewait
596 Brooke Schultz
597 Nathan Charles Tinsley
598 Ryan Windholz
Welcome new initiates

South Dakota State University
Phi—April 29, 2010 and April 26, 2011
599 Aaron Yoder
600 Kasey Layne Coad
601 Caleb Clements

Texas A & M University
Psi—April 18, 2009 and April 17, 2010
333 Mary Corondao
334 Julia Gleason
335 Johanna Holkamp
336 Courtney Krienke
337 Mark Lanigan
338 Brooke Major
339 Angela Wilson
340 Anais Carrillo
341 Micah Hale
342 Min Lin

California Polytechnic State University
Upsilon—November 30, 2009, May 25, 2010 and November 18, 2010
971 Elizabeth L. Hall
972 Margaret Maratsos
973 Jeannette Rapicavoli
974 Christopher K. Sakakihara
975 Alexis G. Watkins
976 Lauren C. Baginski
977 Devon J. Dericco
978 Valerie A. Imhof
979 Jack R. Lamont
980 Chelsea A. McKinley
981 James E. Terry
982 Mitchell S. Yerxa
983 Joslyn J. Amato
984 Nicholas W. Badasci
985 Brean C. Bettencourt
986 Alyssa Crofford
987 Patrick J. Edziak
988 Jeffrey A. Hillman
989 Erin S. Miller
990 Analiese R. Scrivano
991 Carrie L. Thengvall
992 Jaclyn M. Wiley

University of Georgia
Tau—March 1, 2010 and March 2, 2011
109 Gregoriany Eltanel Willocks
110 Nathan Scott Wilson
111 Tracy Anne Davis
112 Jillian Leigh Sweat
113 Andrew Mitchell Shirley
114 Sarah Jade Carleo
115 Brett Edward McAdams
116 Frances Franklin Winslow
117 Erik Andrew Durden
118 Zell Maree Lanier Anderson
119 Matthew Joseph Housely
120 Dominic Anthony Vercelote
121 Juliet McKenzie Smith
122 Susan M. McCanless
123 Joshua Forrest Mickey
124 James Candler Woods
125 Addis Mina Salehzadeh
126 Shawn Daniel Lyons

127 Nolan Mell
128 Erik Edwards
129 Elizabeth Brooks
130 Griffin Hans
131 Amy Gardner
132 Jillian Lee
133 Scotty Peppers
134 Richard Hendley
135 Micah Yost
136 Brittany Hefner
137 Kevin Whitaker
138 April McDaniel
The purpose of Pi Alpha Xi, the honor society for horticulture, is to recognize high scholarship, to foster good relationships among its members, to promote or to facilitate the exchange of ideas among members of the professions, and to establish cordial relations among students, educators and industry members.

Please send your national Pi Alpha Xi chapter dues ($20) to:

Dawn Mancini
ASHS
1018 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-836-4606 x 113
dmancini@ashs.org

Deadline for chapter dues was January 31, 2011.

If you are unsure if you have paid the dues, please contact Dawn. These dues allow us to keep certificate and pin costs (and mailing) stable at $25 per new initiate.

The standing committees of the Honor Society are: Rules Committee, Publications and Membership Services Committee, Nominations Committee, Flower Judging Committee, Fellows Selection Committee and Annual Photography Contest Committee. If you would like to participate in a committee, please email drjohncp@calpoly.edu.

Asterisk signifies this meeting includes a Pi Alpha Xi event or meeting

Ohio Short Course*
July 9–12, 2011
Columbus, Ohio
“The Business of Color”
For more information:
http://www.ofa.org/shortcourseinfo.aspx
We are exploring re-instituting the Flower Judging Contest at this venue. Virginia Walter, Karen Panter and Terry Ferris are leading this effort.

ASHS National Annual Meeting*
September 25–28, 2011
Hilton Waikoloa Village
Waikoloa, Hawaii
For more information:
http://tinyurl.com/3hovyqxs