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Pi Alpha Xi
The purpose of Pi Alpha Xi—The Honor Society for Floriculture, Landscape Horticulture, and Ornamental 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.

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PAX and ASHS
National Meetings at Opryland

Pi Alpha Xi’s National Meeting will be held in conjunction with the American Society for Horticultural Science’s National Meeting at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. The PAX luncheon meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, from Noon to 1 p.m. Cost per person is $24; preregistration and prepayment are required.

President Terry Ferriss will solicit names of members interested in serving on PAX’s standing committees. If you will not be attending the national meeting but would like to be considered for appointment to one of the following committees, notify Terry by September 1, 1993.

Rules Committee reviews the Constitution and By-Laws of the Honorary Society and suggests changes or additions to the membership.

Publications and Membership Services Committee coordinates the publication of the Recruitment Brochure, Flower Judging Manual and Flower Judging participation and Awards Certificates and other publications of the Honorary Society.

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

Contest Committee oversees the activities of the National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation and Design Contest.

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

The Floriculture Education and Floriculture Working Groups (FLED and FLOR) of ASHS are co-sponsoring a workshop on Floral Crop Quality Evaluation on Wednesday, July 28, at 3-4 p.m. According to Terry Ferriss, “One part of the program is to have a panel of Flower Judging Coaches who would each tell in 3-5 minutes how they fund practices and the National Contest trip, logistically how they get plants to practice with and any other tidbits of useful insight on judging that they wish to share.” Marv Carbonneau of University of Illinois will be presenting a 20-30 minute overview of how to train a team. Dennis Wolnick of Penn State University will give a brief philosophy statement on why teaching students quality evaluation is important, and he will also take 10 minutes to go over what resources are available to assist in training. An industry representative has been invited to discuss from an industry viewpoint the importance of being able to determine ornamental crop quality.
Constitution and By-Laws

The Pi Alpha Xi Constitution and By-Laws have been evaluated and reviewed by the Rules Committee, modified based on comments at the 1992 National Convention, and further edited by the National Officers.

The suggested revisions and a ballot will be mailed shortly after the 1993 National Meeting. Chapters have the opportunity to review and vote on the suggested revisions by November 1, 1993.

FY '94 Dues Now Payable

Pi Alpha Xi National membership chapter dues of $20 for fiscal year 1994 are due and payable to the PAX National Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Douglas C Needham, Oklahoma State University, Dept. Hort. & L.A., 360 Ag Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078-0511.

52nd Annual National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation and Design Contest

Approximately 90 students from 17 colleges and universities across the U.S. competed in the 52nd Annual National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation and Design Contest held at the University of Wisconsin—River Falls on April 1-2, 1993.

The California Polytechnic State University team took first place, followed by the University of Illinois, Oklahoma State University, the University of Wisconsin—River Falls, and Kansas State University.

During the contest, students evaluated more than 30 kinds of product in potted, cut, and foliage categories. The kinds of flowers judged were those seen most frequently in commercial trade, from common to exotic varieties. Local growers provided plant materials for judging as well as financial support and volunteer aid. “The support from businesses in Minnesota and western Wisconsin was outstanding,” said Terry Ferriss.

In the floral design event, students were given one hour to complete an arrangement in one of four categories. Judges for the design contest were Eunice Gehrke of Gehrke Floral in Mondovi, WI; Dalen Asche, an instructor from Hennepin Technical College in Minneapolis; and Joann Oberg, a judge affiliated with the North Central Florists’ Association.

Ferriss said, “The contest was an educational process in teaching students to identify quality in cut flowers and potted plants.” Students also had the opportunity to meet with others...
from across the country to establish networks within the floriculture industry. “With rapid expansion of the horticulture industry,” Ferriss said, “there needs to be a connection between the industry and students. Our intention with this contest was to expose students to industries within the region. This is especially helpful for people coming in from other areas, as they differ in philosophies and markets.”

The contest gave growers in the upper Midwest a chance to display their horticulture industry and to attract students interested in helping the industry grow. During the contest, students met with local industry growers; toured florists, greenhouses, and nurseries; and visited the Mall of America in Minneapolis to view the interior plantscape in Knott’s Camp Snoopy.

The contest was co-sponsored by Pi Alpha Xi National and the American Floral Endowment, organizations that support academic achievements, education, and research in the floriculture industry.

Participants in alphabetical order by university included:

**Auburn University**’s team, coached by Ken & Barbara Sanderson and Heath Potter, consisted of Tosh Carden, Brad Forsythe, Marsha Miller, and Charé Wyatt.

**California Polytechnic State University**’s team, coached by Virginia Walter and Steve Gerdes, consisted of Julie Chapman, Sandra Grote, Neil Watson, and Matt Westover.

**Colorado State University**’s team, coached by Steve Haddan and Jerry Toll, consisted of Dean Dushack, Lori Guillory, Kim Hoff, and Mary Smith.

**University of Illinois**’ team, coached by Marvin C. Carbonneau, consisted of Erik Runkle, Jeanne Schnell, Stacy Zenz, and Beth Waldhauser.

**Iowa State University**’s team, coached by Sue Berkenbosch, consisted of Marcy Simbro.

**Kansas State University**’s team, coached by Alan Stevens and Meagan Hackney, consisted of Laura Brink, Diane Decker, Cynthia Jones, Mary Reed, and Sara Schweer.

**University of Kentucky**’s team, coached by Jack Buxton, consisted of Tonya Collier, Jennie Dunn, Beth Galloway, David Held and Daniel Tandy.

**Michigan State University**’s team, coached by Barb Fails, consisted of Erica Bergman, Kevin Collins, Karen Haack, Paul Kiefer, Michelle Marshall, and Dave Warren.

**New Mexico State University**’s team, coached by Mike Doyle, consisted of Kim Lindsey, Mike Mattes, Malcolm Newman, Amy Seltzer, and Laura Sneesby.

**Ohio State University**’s team, coached by Linda Campbell and Joy Etter, consisted of Jim Crumbacher, Shawn Frederick, Ann Hummel, Luigi Menenghelli, and Meaghan Smith.

**Oklahoma State University**’s team, coached by Douglas Needham and Stacy Hefner, consisted of Clint Barnes, Chon...
Chong “Kenny” Lim, and Craig Thompson.

**Penn State University**’s team, coached by Tom Contrisciano, consisted of Anne Brennan, Connie Carney, Joan Delurio, Douglas Seitz, and Elizabeth Shukie.

**South Dakota State University**’s team, coached by David Graper, Anne Fennell, and Carol Wake, consisted of Sharon Dawn, Susan Dykes, Chris Krause, Katie Olson, and Frank Raasch.

**Texas A&M University**’s team, coached by Jim Johnson, consisted of Laci Charlton, Whitney Etchison, Elaine Spies, and Amy Ward.

**Utah State University**’s team, coached by Lamar Anderson, consisted of Sheri Anderson, Jane Attavar, Debbie Eskelson, Barbara Harlan, and Angela Klamm.

**University of Wisconsin**’s **Platteville** team, coached by Raymond Duewer, consisted of Karen Cade, Juila Duewer, Jennifer Johnson, Becki McBride, and Tim Waterworth.

**University of Wisconsin**’s **River Falls** team, coached by Terry Ferriss, Julie Anderson, Jerry DeSmiidt, Erika Krueger, Brian Schroeder, and Judy Tostrud, consisted of Connie Frazier, Chris Huebert, Pat Nelson, Greg Nordwig, Kim Schiltgen, Dan Waletzko, and David Zlezak.

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**Pi Alpha Xi National Welcomes New Members**

Pi Alpha Xi’s membership roster of fiscal year initiates will be published each year in the summer issue of the **Lotus Leaflet**. The following list of members by chapter represents those who joined fiscal year 1993, i.e. July 1, 1992-June 30, 1993.

**Beta**

**University of Illinois**

- Michelle Antonetti
- Peter Diamond
- John Jaminski
- Karel Kaufman
- James M. Keith
- Thomas McNamara
- Matthew Pozen
- Angela Kaye Rinkel
- Daniel J. Swartz
- Jean M. Unkraut
- Michael L. Villendrer
- Nora Bibian
- Jeff Meyer
- David Gerber

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**Epsilon**

**The Ohio State University**

- Joseph E. Curran
- Keith Davis
- Kenneth W. Jobko
- Debra L. Knapke
- Jill C. Larimer
- Elizabeth S. Parker
- Patricia M. Pritchard
- Kathryn A. Richardson
- Frits Rizor
- Michele Thomas
- Lori C. Makruski
- Ann E. McCulloh
- Luigi Meneghelli
- Jeffrey A. Smith
- Andrew P. Krage
- Meaghan R. Smith
- Barbara J. Lowe
- David W. Smith
- Troy D. Kleinhenz
- Timothy R. Sheridan

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Robert E. Beal
Eric C. Burkness
Andrea Renee Gregor
Kenneth Carl Haines
Elise Alexandra Polydoroff
Arthur I. Speth

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Tammy Ellington
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John M. Aydlett
Shawn Banks
Jeffery Bottoms
Jeffery Spanbauer
Russell Sydnor
John S. Tysinger
Clarence Vanpelt
Jong-Myoung Choi
Tania Dautlick
Matthew S. Drzal
Laura G. Jull
David R. Ouellette
Yihua Wu
Chris Hardison

Kappa
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Ellen S. Bennett
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Tara Byler
Susan E. DeBolt
Elizabeth L. Fravel
Barbara Holstein
Alice Ann Ingram
Chris Irmen
Dennis P. McDaniel
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Jennifer Ramsey
Ikel J. D. Siford
Shei L. Thompson
Mark Weathington
Anthony Woodyard

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Brett Waywood
Walter M. Weerts
Vivian Slowell
Robert G. Morrison
Lisa Matthews
Omicron
Purdue University

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Ricky D. Kenery
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Betty M. Morganan
Zenobia Ricetna
Tricia Taylor
Jill Ann Coffing
Julia Jean White Cruse
Robert Thomas Eddy
Sara Jo Fry
Michael John Hoster
Wellington B. Huffaker, IV
Craig H. Meyer
Jill Anne Ochs
Diane Lyn Heidenreich Reynolds
Barbara Jo Wagner
Edward Aaron Williams
Kent Stanley Yoder

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Heidi L. Hoel
Marilyn A. Knudsen
Martin L. Posset
Cherie M. Ricck

Sigma
Southern Illinois University

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Richard D. Becherer
Thomas J. Brass
Ann Marie Brown
Mitchell L. Cogswell
Teresa A. Korny
Paul A. Celliti
Marcia L. Walters
James Todd Park
Donghoon Lee
Sherry Hilscher
Andres Griffin
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Marta E. Chytla
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John Knulty
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Lynn Long
Chris Kortge

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Laura M. McLarty  
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Tim P. Quirk  
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Anne Fennell (Honorary Member)  
Dennis Healy (Honorary Member)  
Martin Maca (Honorary Member)  
Virginia Thoendel (Honorary Member)

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Linda Marr  
Nancy Todd

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Li-Chun Huang  
Troy A. Pabst  
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