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.

The National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality and Design contest held at Kansas State University was a great success. PAX thanks the faculty, staff and students of KSU for hosting the 54th event. Congratulations to California Polytechnic University - San Luis Obispo on taking team honors and to teams from the University of Illinois (2nd) and The Pennsylvania State University (3rd). Congratulations also to all the individual winners in the evaluation and design contests. All contest participants are winners. In preparing for the contest these students learned critical observation and evaluation skills that will benefit them in every aspect of the floral as well as in many aspects of their every day life. Students also broadened their experiences through travel to a part of the U.S. they may never have been before. They visited a restored native prairie with its wide range of plant material and wildlife as well as toured the Eisenhower Museum to travel through a bit of history that occurred before they were born. These experiences cannot be duplicated in the classroom.

Pi Alpha Xi thanks the American Floral Endowment (AFE) for their continued generous support of the contests. Without AFE’s financial support, Pi Alpha Xi and the host institution would not be able to sponsor the contest. AFE provides team and individual awards as well as funds for the host team and additional funds to help defray team travel expenses. Be sure to express your gratitude to AFE and its supporters with every opportunity.

The 54th contest was the last for one and possibly two veteran coaches. Marvin Carboneau, University of Illinois and Ray Duewer, University of Wisconsin - Platteville, will retire this year. Marvin retires from his extension position, but may teach part time and may continue to coach the evaluation team from U.I. Marvin and Ray have coached teams for many years and their absence will be missed in many ways. PAX and all their friends wish them many happy and productive years in retirement.

The future number of participating teams in the contest is of concern to those of us who have been involved for a number of years. Only eleven teams competed in the 54th contest. This is the fewest number of participating teams for several years. Of even more concern is the loss of one and possibly two coaches participating in this year’s contest. U.W. Platteville will not replace Raymond Duewer with a person with a floriculture background. Marvin Carboneau’s position apparently will not be filled; thus if Marvin does not continue to coach the team one fewer university will not be represented in future contests. If floriculture faculty are not replaced with persons with similar skills and education, who will be coaching the future evaluation teams? What can PAX chapters do? Promote the benefits of evaluation and design contests and if your university does not currently have a team, discuss this with the faculty and administration.

The Annual Meeting of Pi Alpha Xi again will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of ASHS in Montreal on Tuesday, August 1. The business meeting will follow a noon lunch. See the ASHS program for location. This is a great opportunity to renew friendships with other Pi Alpha Xi members. Several outstanding PAX members will be inducted as Pi Alpha Xi Fellows. Be there to support and congratulate them on this honor. The standing committees will provide reports that will help guide the direction of the PAX or the next year. We hope to see you in Montreal.

Jack W. Buxton
President Pi Alpha Xi National
Marcelle Hicks placed first in individual cut flower judging. Sheila Drier, University of Wisconsin, River Falls, placed second, and third was Polly Kaufman, University of Wisconsin, River Falls. For individual potted plant judging, Jay Bohac, Texas A & M, placed first. Finishing second was Wendy Silverman, Pennsylvania State University, and third was Kandace Kelly from Kansas State University.

According to Dr. LeDuc, participants in the design contest applied their skills in two levels. Students competing in the professional divisions had experience in a retail flower shop. In the amateur division, participants had no previous experience.

Jozie Schimke and James Miller, Kansas State University, were top designers in the professional division. Lori Ann Jensen from Utah State University and Carin Humphreys, Texas A & M, were top winners in the amateur division. Wayne Babb, Babb Floral & Gift, (Olathe, KS), Gib Cunningham, Designs by Cunningham (Salina, KS), and Lynne Moss, The Flower Shoppe (Pratt, KS) judged the design division.

When the students were not competing at the event, they toured the Konza Prairie Natural Preserve, historic Abilene, and the Eisenhower Library. Teams also enjoyed locally produced ice-cream at an evening social.

The event was sponsored by Pi Alpha Xi National Honor Society and the American Floral Endowment. Both organizations support academic achievement, education and research activities of the floriculture industry. Additional financial support and assistance was provided by Kansas State University, Department of Horticulture, Forestry, and Recreation Resources.
The Following Participants of the 54th Annual National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation and Design Contest are in alphabetical order by university:

California Polytechnic State University's team
Coached by: Professor Virginia Walter
Consisted of: Marcelle Hicks, Ro Palius, & Lynn Newsome

University of Illinois's team
Coached by: Mr. Marvin Carbonneau
Consisted of: Shari Wendt, Monica Fidler, & Lynn Kambara

Kansas State University's team
Coached by: Dr. Alice LeDuc
Consisted of: Kandance Kelly, Stephanie Duerksen, Jozie Schimke

University of Kentucky's team
Coached by: Dr. Jack Buxton
Consisted of: Cindy Hensley, Jason Scannell, & Dan Ezell

Oklahoma State University's team
Coached by: Dr. Doug Needham
Consisted of: Steven Mott, Rodney Elliott, & Jennifer Cato

Pennsylvania State University's team
Coached by: Dr. Dennis Wolnick
Consisted of: Melissa Pantaleo, Laura McElhinny, & Windy Silverman

South Dakota State University's team
Coached by: Dr. Dave Graper
Consisted of: Suzanne Braem, Nancy Head, & Mary Jennings

Texas A&M University's team
Coached by: Mr. Jim Johnson
Consisted of: Louis Smith, Carin Humphreys, & Jay Bohac

Utah State University's team
Coached by: Dr. LaMar Anderson
Consisted of: Denice Stewart, Lori Ann Jensen, & Corinne Wayman

University of Wisconsin - Platteville's team
Coached by: Dr. Ray Duewer
Consisted of: Linnae Jansen, Jill Wiedenfeld, & Carolyn Hopkins

University of Wisconsin - River Falls' team
Coached by: Dr. Terry Ferriss
Consisted of: Shiela Drier, Polly Kaufman, & Bobbie Wright

1st place - Overall Individual Score
Marcelle Hicks
California Polytechnic State University

2nd place - Overall Individual Score
Shari Wendt
University of Illinois
Pi Alpha Xi National Welcomes a New Chapter and Many New Members

It was with great honor and pleasure that Douglas Needham, PAX National Vice President, installed the Alpha Nu Chapter of Pi Alpha Xi at Utah State University in Logan on June 2, 1995, which was 72 years and one day after the first chapter of PAX was installed at Cornell University.

LaMar Anderson, Professor of Pomology at Utah State, has had teams participate in the National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation and Design Competition since 1991. Dr. Anderson will serve as advisor of the Alpha Nu Chapter.

Dr. Anderson took Dr. Needham on a tour of Utah State’s Research Station and Botanical Garden at Farmington, where they collected beautiful irises and columbine to decorate the banquet tables. The initiates were welcomed to the society by PAX and Utah State Faculty member Larry A. Rupp. Grant H. Vest, Head of the Plant Science Department, and his wife joined spouses and guests of the initiates for the traditional Northwest meal of salmon steak, new red potatoes, and fresh mixed vegetables. The meal was topped with a sumptuous piece of carrot cake.

Dr. Anderson and the faculty and students of the Plant Science Department at Utah State University are looking forward to hosting the 1996 national Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation and Design Competition. What a way to kick off a new chapter!

Alpha Beta Chapter (180)
University of Tennessee
Kevin L. Carter
Richard Churchill
Melinda W. Coe
Hollie S. Jones Coulter
Joel F. Keebler
Lyronda Marie Lycan
Emily E. Maples
Robert L. Marrs II
Traci Melton
Mark Moore
Bryan Pendergrass
Olga Ruiz-Marin
Cathy Scott
A.B.M. Mohiuddin

Alpha-Delta Chapter (85)
Oklahoma State University
James H. Baird (Honorary)
Paul Hsu (Honorary)
Charles L. Leider (Honorary)
Jaime K. Morvant
Linda Y. O‘Malley
Paul B. Redman
John R. Ritter (Honorary)
T. Craig Thompson
Margaret E. Wolf

Alpha Gamma Chapter (121)
University of Nebraska Lincoln
Brian Behrens
Scott Burbach
Cindy Christensen
Christian G. Elowsky
Wendi B. Ernst
Jason Goering
Josh Mahar
Melissa D. Maurer
Marijean M. Peterson
Lesley Ann Riddell
Tony R. Rupp
Joel M. Stuhman
Alan M. Weiss
Alpha Iota Chapter (39)
Texas Tech University
Richard E. Durham (Faculty)
Russell D. Plowman (Alumnus)
David W. Wiley
Diane M. Yocom

Alpha Mu Chapter (49)
Temple University
Aida Berzins
George W. Elkins, IV
Homer L. Elliott, II
Erin L. Fournier
Maureen A. Gushue
Nina M. Hamarman
Michael W. Hevery
Melanie A. Kresge
Margot Treman Ross
Lynne S. Sherry
John F. Collins
Priscilla Gene West Shaffer
V. Elizabeth Good

Alpha Nu Chapter (10)
Utah State University
Sheri H. Andersen
Dr. J. LaMar Anderson
Paula Lee Barnes
Bryan L. Clegg
Virginia N. Cooley
Kacie Jo Healy
Linda Gillies
Dr. Roger Kjelgren
Karen B. Morgan
Heather L.H. Wood

Chi Chapter (419)
Colorado State University
Andrew M. Adamowski
Keith G. Albers
Andres W. Arriesta
Thomas R. Crocker
Arlette S. Cuomo
Anne E. Donahue
Michelle R. Gorham
Diana C. Hammerdorfer
Stuart Harris
Danielle Heah
Thomas Krafft
Leona Luce
Charmayne Ricks
Richard Parker
Brian R. Nicholson
Julia D. Merkle
Gerald P. Scalva
Amy Jo Waldo
Paul A. Weese
Larry E. Watson
Monica M. Meehan
Jerry Donaldson
Jeff McArthur
Courtney Field Cluett
Derek S. Humphrey

Alpha Zeta Chapter (67)
University of Wisconsin — River Falls
Sheila Friedrich
Konnie Jerabek
Pauline Kaufmann
Michelle Kuhl
Gregory Nordwig
Carolyn Obermeyer
Troy Brantner
Aaron Kohn

Beta Chapter (518)
University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
Dwight Anderson
Kelly Beckett
Julie T. Berner
Susan Denise Corey
Monica Fidler
Patricia C. C. Lee
Laurel McKeel
Heather L. Steiner
John F. Wachter III
Erin E. Winnett
Robert A. Harper
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New Members of Pi Alpha Xi, con't...

Gamma Chapter (818)  
Pennsylvania State University

James E. Altland  
Pamela L. Bohn  
Erika M. Cross  
Neal L. Dieterle  
Michelle Farrell  
Priscilla M. Hockin  
Brian Jacoby  
Lori L. Johnston  
Stephen J. Ludwig  
Kelly Marsico  
Laura R. McElhinney  
Melsinia Michaelis  
Melissa B. Pantaleo  
Matthew Postlethwait  
Michael E. Reinhart  
Eric V. Schulz  
Jeremy J. Smith  
Timothy L. Smith  
Debra A. Arnoldsen  
Neal H. Barto  
Kristine M. Krahe  
Yaun-Ling Yin  
Solveig Lind-Iversen  
Alan Patravich  
Sonja Weaver

Iota Chapter (411)  
North Carolina State University

William Franklin Atwell  
Ethan Victor Brown  
Curtis Robert Cahoon  
Tone Cantrell  
Beverly Anne Carroll  
F. Jill Cloninger  
Leah Suzanne Cook  
Thomas Edward Glasgow  
James Randall Higgins  
Michelle Lee Kern  
Edward Anthony Klutz  
Yvonne Gorman Maher  
Benjamin Waverly McIver  
Bryan Todd Miller  
Jessica Nicole Millsaps  
John Njoroge Njenga  
Cynthia Ann Patton  
Marianne Kris Pedersen  
Melanie Lynn Rees  
Janice Marie Robbie  
Alice Brown Russell  
Clifford Dean Ruth  
Ted Bryan Sanderson  
Michelle Fay Saxe  
Nischit Vasanth Shetty  
Ian David Simpkins  
Mary Elizabeth Timm  
Anne Louise Valentine  
Margarita R. Villagarcia  
Richard Lester Wahlers  
Ann M. C. Waller  
Natasha Elice Warren  
Terrel W. Knutson

Kappa Chapter (447)  
Virginia Polytech. Inst. & State University

James Gallagher  
Marilie Glover  
Matt Harsh  
Jennifer Horn  
Laurie Jacobs  
Karen Nash  
Ryan Ploch  
Karyn Staley  
Gray Barryman  
Meghan Bolger  
Wendy Couchoud  
Doug Croft  
Rebecca Curtright  
Sharon Dendy  
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Andrea Towne  
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Individual Winners of 54th Annual contest

1st Place Individual Potted Plant
Jay Bohac
Texas A&M University

1st Place Individual Cut Flower
Marcelle Hicks
California Polytechnic State University

Floral Design Division I Class I
1st Place -- Lori Ann Jenson
Utah State University
Floral Design
Division I Class II

1st Place -- Corin Humphreys
Texas A&M University

Floral Design
Division II Class I

1st Place -- Jozie Schimke
Kansas State University

Floral Design
Division II Class II

1st Place -- James Miller
Kansas State University
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Group Winners of 54th Annual contest

1st Place Team
California Polytechnic State University
Marcelle Hicks
R. Palius
Lynn Newsome
Alternates:
Heidi Hechtman
Malinda Barton
Coach: Virginia Walter

2nd Place Team
University of Illinois
Shari Wendt
Monica Fidler
Lynn Kambara
Coach: Marvin Carboneau

3rd Place Team
Pennsylvania State University
Melissa Pantaleo
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Steven Mott
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Jennifer Cato
Coach: Doug Needham