Dear Friends of the Lotus,

By now all active chapters should have received the results of the Executive Secretary at ASHS ballot. As it was overwhelming approved, the officers are now starting to put words into actions. The first step will be to move the website. Then we will transition the database and other responsibilities with the aim of completing this by August 1. Rest assured that I will work closely with Daniel, our VP who will become President in July to make this as seamless a transition as in the past. I know a number of us are concerned about the cost of this to Pi Alpha Xi National as we are a low budget operation. Mike Neff, ASHS executive director is also aware of this and will strive to make this a break even situation for them as having Pi Alpha Xi associated with ASHS will be a big benefit for both of us in the future.

Another change that looks very exciting is the revitalization of the Annual Photography Contest by adding a special category each year. The contest is held at the ASHS annual meeting. This year the special category will feature activities of Horticulture undergraduate clubs. Special thanks to Richard Criley, Bob Stamps and Daniel Warnock for taking the initiative on this and also revising the submission and prize guidelines. We hope to get more entries and turn this into a true fund raiser for our Scholarship program. Be sure to pass this information on directly to the ACB Horticulture Club at your institutions (and YES – advisor photos are welcome).

Also, I hope that all of you are making plans to attend the 67th National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation and Design Competition to be held at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville April 2-4, 2008.

Information is available directly from Dr. Mike Compton and is also enumerated in this issue of the Lotus Leaflet. Remember, your students can enter only the Design portion of the competition if you wish. In addition to the benefits from the competition, I have found that the tours that take place on Friday give a great view of another part of our horticultural world.

Lastly, we are looking for nominations for Secretary-Treasurer to take office July 2008. Dr. Virginia Walters at Cal-Poly heads this group. Please consider nominating a colleague…. and as always, self-nominations are encouraged.

I hope that you all have a great Spring semester, leap year and all.

As ever,
Ellen
Recruit, retain, reward
Greetings from snowy Wisconsin!

The Alpha Pi chapter of Pi Alpha Xi and the School of Agriculture at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville are busily preparing for you to join us in southwestern Wisconsin for the 67th Annual National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation and Design Competition. The dates for the 2008 competition are April 2-4.

Registration will be held in the atrium at the south entrance on the lower level of Pioneer Student Center from 5 to 9 P.M. on Wednesday, April 2nd. The Floral Crop Quality Evaluation Competition will be held on Thursday, April 3rd in Velsey Commons in the recently remodeled Ullsvick Center. The Floral Design Competition will be held on Friday, April 4th. We have reserved several of our agriculture classrooms in Russell Hall for this phase of the competition. Following the design phase, we will take you to Middleton, WI for a guided tour of Agracetus, a branch of Monsanto. They will show us how they create GMO crops and grow them in their state of the art greenhouses. We will also tour other areas of interest in the Madison area and return to Platteville in plenty of time for you to prepare for the Friday evening awards banquet.

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville is located in the southwest corner of Wisconsin about 18 miles northeast of Dubuque, IA and 75 miles southwest of Madison, WI. Airports in these cities are of moderate size and very accessible. The closest international airports are in Milwaukee (2.75 hours east of Platteville) and O'Hare Intl. airport in Chicago, IL (3.5 hours southeast of Platteville). We have reserved blocks of 20 rooms at the Country Inn and the Governor Dodge Hotel and Convention center. You must reserve your room(s) by March 15th and use the code “Flower Judging” to receive the group rate. More information regarding Platteville and the Tri-State area can be found by visiting http://www.platteville.com/.

Please return the “INTENT TO PARTICIPATE” form by March 1st. Also return the “REGISTRATION” form by March 15th. Completing the “INTENT TO PARTICIPATE” and “REGISTRATION” forms and returning them by the deadline is very important so that we can estimate the number of meals and transportation, provide parking passes and T-shirts, print participation certificates and just make the contest run smoothly.

We look forward to seeing you in Platteville, and please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Compton
Professor, Ornamental Horticulture & Plant Biotechnology
Program Director, Soil & Crop Science and Ornamental Horticulture
Internship Coordinator, School of Agriculture
April 2-4, 2008
University of Wisconsin - Platteville

Housing: Country Inn
630 S. Water Street
Platteville, WI 53818
(608) 348-7373
Code: Flower Judging

Governor Dodge Hotel & Convention Center
300 West Business Hwy 151
Platteville, WI 53818
(608) 348-2301
Code: Flower Judging

Make Reservations BEFORE March 15th

See National Pi Alpha Xi website for resources and rules –
www.pax.okstate.edu

Flower Judging Manual – cost $7 each

Order from: Dr. Terry Ferriss
Dept. Plant and Earth Sciences
403 S. 3rd Street
River Falls, WI 54022

Phone: (715) 425-3345
Fax: (715) 425-3785
INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

Deadline for “Intent to Participate” is March 1, 2008

TO: Michael E. Compton, School of Agriculture
212 Pioneer Tower
University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Platteville, WI 53818
Phone: 608-342-1323  FAX: 608-342-1395
E-mail: Compton@uwplatt.edu

Institution Name: ____________________________________________

Department Name: __________________________________________

Coach: _____________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________

Phone: ________________________________ FAX: ____________________

Number of Individuals Attending:

_____ Coach and Assistant Coaches

_____ Number of Student Participating on Floral Crop Quality Evaluation Team plus Students Participating in the Floral Design Contest who are not participating in the Quality Evaluation competition.

_____ Additional Students and Others not enumerated above

_____ TOTAL PERSONS ATTENDING EVENT

Parking:
Parking passes are required for parking in commuter student parking lots on campus. Visitor permits are are available upon request. Please indicate the number of passes that your team will you need.

Number vehicle parking permits required: ________

Travel Information:
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REGISTRATION FORM

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School of Agriculture
212 Pioneer Tower
University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Platteville, WI 53818
Phone: 608-342-1323 FAX 608-342-1395
E-mail: Compton@uwplatt.edu

Institution Name: ____________________________________________ Department: _____________________________

Address: __________________________________________________

Phone: ______________________ FAX ______________________ email: ____________________________

Name of Coach: ____________________________________________

Name(s) of Assistant Coaches ______________________________________

Floral Crop Quality Evaluation Team Members:
1. __________________________________________________________
2. __________________________________________________________
3. __________________________________________________________
4. (Alternate) _______________________________________________

Design Team Members:

DIVISION I (NONPROFESSIONAL ONLY)
Class 1- Round Centerpiece ______________________________________
Class 2- Asymmetrical Triangle ____________________________________

DIVISION II (PROFESSIONAL OR NONPROFESSIONAL)
Class 3- Hand-Tied Bouquet ______________________________________
Class 4- Designer’s Choice _______________________________________

Name(s) of Others Attending: ______________________________________

SPECIAL NEEDS: List any dietary, transportation, or other special needs required. ______________________________________

T-SHIRT ORDER: Specify the quantity of each size T-shirt needed.
One T-shirt will be provided per participant.

Small ______ Large ______ XXL ______
Medium ______ XL ______

P I A L P H A X I
Chapter Dues

ALL CHAPTERS

YOUR CHAPTER DUES ($20)
TO
NATIONAL PI ALPHA XI

SHOULD BE SENT TO:
Dr. Michael Compton
School of Agriculture
University of Wisconsin-Platteville
1 University Plaza
Platteville, WI 53818

Deadline for Chapter Dues was January 1.
If you are unsure if your chapter’s dues were paid, please contact Mike.

These dues allow us to keep certificate and pin costs (and mailing) fixed at $25 per new initiate.
New Members of Pi Alpha Xi

New Initiate; October 2007 to February 2008

Gamma
Pennsylvania State University

1050 Nicholas Kish
1052 Dan Klimas
1053 Bruno Morganheira
1054 Nikos Phelps
1055 Julie Harr
1056 Jamie Love
1057 Kelly Martin
1058 Zach Hammaker
1059 Chris Huegel
1060 Nate Cooper
1061 John Lyman
1062 Stephanie Lenhart
1063 Matt Flemming
1064 Jeff Erb
1065 Kaitlin Feeney
1066 Jim Shelby
1067 Tj Jastrem
1068 Melissa Cox
1069 Jeffrey Krezo
1070 Patti Stefanick
1071 Leah Ruth
1072 Melissa Mazurkewicz
1073 Beth Mathie
1074 Brad Klinedest
1075 Tracey Harpster
1076 Michael Mohney
1077 Eric Kobb
1078 Jennifer Bixler
1079 Luke Puglia
1080 Hal Lutz
1081 Melissa Lewis
1082 Hope Pfleger
1083 Kimberly Oehlerich
1084 Ruth Dunlevy
1085 Kenn Savella
1086 Kristie Basta
1087 Toni McLaughlin

Upsilon
California Polytechnic State University

Date: November 15, 2007

947 Catherine Canelis
948 Lauren Garner
949 Rosa Jones
950 Elizabeth Mendoza
951 Olivia Sellards
952 Melissa Wong
953 Antonette Maloon

Alpha Beta
University of Tennessee

Date: August 2007

374 Nicholas McDonough
375 Jesse Higginbotham
376 Katie McCarver
377 Michael Petty
378 Ryan Ball
379 Amanda Hannah
380 Nathan Oliver
381 Johnson Bullard
382 Holly Lyons

Alpha Pi
University of Wisconsin - Platteville

Date: February 4, 2008

17 Laura Giese
18 Christina Michelau
19 Andrea Stietz
20 Karen Stoltz
21 Joshua Krausse
Report on Proposal for a Permanent Home for and Shifting Responsibilities of Pi Alpha Xi National

By Ellen Paparozzi
President Pi Alpha Xi National

During the Pi Alpha Xi National meeting held in conjunction with the American Society for Horticultural Sciences at Scottsdale, AZ this past July, a written proposal was handed out and discussed concerning the future of Pi Alpha Xi National. According to the Pi Alpha Xi National Constitution Article VIII Section II:

“Society business needing a vote will be approved by two thirds of members present at the National Convention, or be approved by two thirds of the chapters by written ballot. The President, with the advice of the Board of Directors, will decide if the business requiring a vote will be by chapter or individual.”

At the Scottsdale, AZ meeting it was unanimously approved that this proposal be shared with chapters and members receiving the *Lotus Leaflet*. The proposal was published in the Fall 2007 edition of the *Lotus Leaflet*. A formal request for chapter approval of this proposal by written ballot occurred soon after its publication. The results of that ballot, which was due in early January 2008, are presented below.

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P I A L P H A X I
Pi Alpha Xi established a photography contest in 1996 to be held annually in conjunction with the Annual Conference of the American Society for Horticultural Science. The winning entries from the 2007 Photography Contest which was held at Westin Kierland Resort and Spa, Scottsdale, Arizona on July 16–19, 2007 were featured in the Fall 2007 Lotus Leaflet. We would like to thank our judges, Drs. Kim Williams, Karen Panter, and Richard Criley, for their time, expertise, and commitment to the Pi Alpha Xi Photography Contest. The purpose of the contest is to promote excellence in photography as well as promote Pi Alpha Xi. A scholarship program is supported by entry fees associated with the contest, and several of the award-winning photographs are available as beautiful Pi Alpha Xi note cards. Please visit the Pi Alpha Xi National website (www.pax.okstate.edu) for sample images or contact Dr. Dave Graper at South Dakota State University by email at graperd@brookings.net to place a note card order.

This year’s competition will take place at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, Florida on July 21-24, 2008. As in past years, the contest is open to all. One does not have to be a member of Pi Alpha Xi to submit an entry in the competition. This year the categories for entry will be

1. **Flower** – The flower, flowers, or flower parts of a plant or floral arrangement.
2. **Plant** – A plant or plant part other than flowers.
3. **Landscape** – A landscape or interiorscape with plants as the principal focus.
4. **Challenge Category** – A different subject matter of relevance to horticulturists is chosen each year. For 2008, the subject will be **Association of Collegiate Branches (ACB) Activities**.

A complete description of the competition rules, entry forms, and description of the Challenge Category, can be found on pages 11 and 12 of this Lotus Leaflet.

Submitted by Daniel Warnock,
University of Illinois, Vice-President
2008 Pi Alpha Xi Photography Contest

2008 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 part of a plant, other than flowers.

Landscape — A landscape or interior landscape with plants as the principal focus.

Challenge category — A different subject matter of relevance to horticulturists is chosen each year. For 2008, the subject will be Association of Collegiate Branches (ACB) Activities. Photographs should reflect both student participation and plants.

Regulations: Contestants must submit photographs, technical data cards, CD, and fees at the ASHS Registration Desk prior to the beginning of Poster Session I at the ASHS annual conference. The entry fee is $10 per photograph, by check made payable to Pi Alpha Xi. A maximum of 4 photographs—all in one category or distributed among categories and no larger than 9" x 12"—may be entered per person. Photographs shall be mounted on firm backing with mat border for an overall size of no more than 13" x 16" x 1/4". Two data cards (see below) should be submitted with each entry, one affixed to the back of the photograph and the other(s) enclosed with the entry fee check. A CD containing a TIFF (preferred) or JPEG file for each photograph must also be submitted. The minimum pixel dimension for the short side is 1200 pixels. Entrants should remove their mounted photographs at the end of the poster sessions.

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 (20 pts) Focus, exposure, color, free from blemishes, etc.

Impact (20 pts) Eye-catching, distinctive.

Composition (20 pts) Effective arrangement of elements.

Presentation (20 pts) Mounted as per contest regulations, not curling or bending, mat board is cleanly cut and complements photo.

Creativity (20 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

Photo entry data card

Name

Institution/Company

Address

Entry Category (check one)

Flower

Plant

Landscape

Challenge category (ACB activity)

Scientific & common names or Setting

Signature

Photo entry data card

Name

Institution/Company

Address

Entry Category (check one)

Flower

Plant

Landscape

Challenge category (ACB activity)

Scientific & common names or Setting

Signature

PI A L P H A X I
2008 Pi Alpha Xi Photography Contest

Pi Alpha Xi
Horticulture Honor Society Photo Contest

Special ACB Activities Category!

A special entry category will be open to student members of the Association of Collegiate Branches at the 2008 Annual American Society for Horticultural Science Conference in Orlando, Florida, July 21–24, 2008. The intention is to feature photos of horticulture club activities ranging from shows and exhibitions to campus and community projects. Photographs should reflect both student participation and plants. Awards - 1st place: $20 and ribbon; 2nd place: $10 and ribbon; 3rd place: $5 and ribbon - will be presented during the Pi Alpha Xi luncheon. Winning photos will be featured in the Fall 2008 Lotus Leaflet.

Judging: Photographs will be judged on technical merit, creativity, composition, and presentation.

Rules: Contestants must submit photographs, technical data cards, CD, and fees at the ASHS Registration Desk prior to the beginning of Poster Session I. There is $10 entry fee per photograph, payable by check to “Pi Alpha Xi.” A maximum of 4 photographs per entrant may be submitted and should include a brief caption. The maximum size is limited to no larger than 9” by 12”. Photographs shall be mounted on firm backing with mat border for an overall size of no more than 13” by 16” by ½” thick. Two data cards (see entry form in ASHS newsletter or on the PAX website) should be submitted with each entry, one affixed to the back of the photograph and the other enclosed with the entry fee check. A CD containing a JPEG or TIFF file for each photograph must also be submitted. The minimum dimension for the short side is 1200 pixels. Entrants should remove their mounted photographs at the end of the poster sessions. Visit www.pax.okstate.edu for more information.

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