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.
Letter from the President

Classes started here January 26, so yours truly has been madly trying to clear off the top of her desk before then! On top of the clutter are several Pi Alpha Xi documents: the Operations Manual (eternally open), the Photography Contest materials, and some of the application paperwork for our request to form a PAX chapter here at UWyo.

First things first: The Photography contest is our big project each year, benefitting our scholarship program. Paul Thomas (University of Georgia) is heading up the effort this year and he and his committee are making some changes and improvements to the program. We’d like to remind everyone that entries may be submitted by anyone residing anywhere on Spaceship Earth – membership in PAX is not required. So spread the word far and wide and plan on submitting a photo or three of your own! Information for the 2015 version of the contest is included in this newsletter and is also and will shortly be on our web site as well (www.ashs.org/pax/).

Second things second: Our materials are largely put together for submitting a request for a new UWyo chapter of PAX. I must say I’m pleased with the support I’ve gotten for this effort as students, faculty, and administration alike have all thought this a great idea, and a huge benefit for our students. We may not be the biggest land grant school around but we have some very dedicated horticulture undergraduates and graduate students. I am hopeful for at least one additional application this year for a new PAX chapter besides UW!

Last but not least: My copy of the Operations Manual has been used so much lately it’s already falling apart. My sincere thanks go to Immediate Past President Mary Lewnes Albrecht (University of Tennessee) for putting it together. It details responsibilities and procedures for all PAX activities and is awesome. We will need to tweak it a bit fairly soon to reflect digital submission of new chapter application materials. There may be some additional minor changes to make, but so far the Manual has been a terrific resource. Thank you Mary!

Best wishes to all of you for a successful and productive spring! And welcome to all new inductees as we move through the academic year.

Karen Panter
Pi Alpha Xi President
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August 2014 – August 2016

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2015 Open Horticultural Photography Contest
Sponsored by
Pi Alpha Xi – The Honor Society for Horticulture

Note: Entries taken on-line only, not at the ASHS Annual meeting.

Purpose: To promote Pi Alpha Xi (PAX), to support PAX’s scholarship program, and to encourage horticulture-related photography. All horticulture-related subjects and commodities are welcome, including fruits, vegetables, flowers, all plant habits, landscapes, production situations, and traditional horticultural settings. Contestants need not be members of PAX to participate and all participants are encouraged to review, “Creating a Better Image: An Introduction to Selected Rules of Composition” found at: http://pax.ashs.org/index.php/photography/creating-a-better-image

Deadline: Entries must be submitted online by July 10, 2015. (Note: Pay your entry fee before this date to allow time to receive your upload instructions.)

Entry Categories:
• Partners– These images represent what the photographer believes to be outstanding plant combinations. These can be container, bed or floral design compositions. The images should show clearly how the two plant partners are being used, IE landscape setting, etc.

• Horticulture In The Kitchen – Images should show the end result of horticultural products we use for food. The horticultural product must be recognizable to the viewer, example: Apple Pie cut-away. Fruits, Roots, Tubers, Leafy Greens, Vegetables, Herbs and Spices are all fair game.

• Serendipity – This image must represent a rare or unexpected, or “right place, right time” moment that the photographer did not, could not, control or stage during the taking of the image. Examples: Coconut palms at sunset, frost on strawberries, Erythrina in full bloom, fall color on Heuchera, or a hail-decimated garden would qualify.

• Visitors – Humans are not the only entity that engages gardens. Images are to show other life forms visiting / interacting with gardens, landscapes and indoor plants. In this category, staging is permitted. However, the image must be balanced in regards to the impact of the visitor and the horticultural item. Specifically, close ups of cats and dogs no do not qualify. A cat sleeping inside a carved pumpkin, a hummingbird visiting a flower, or a deer munching on pansies would qualify.

Entry fee: The entry fee is $10 (USD) per image and should be paid online at the ASHS website (http://shop.ashs.org). You can purchase the right to enter up to TEN (10) total images across all categories. You will be contacted and given instructions on where to upload your images and entry information.

Awards in Each Category ($USD):
Summa Cum Laude: $20
Magna Cum Laude: $10
Cum Laude: $5
Image Magnifica: $25 – awarded at the judges’ discretion to one or more photos that exhibit outstanding, unique, and/or special qualities.

There will be no ties for the Summa Cum Laude Awards and all winners will be announced at the American Society for Horticultural Science’s (ASHS) annual conference and online afterwards.

Rules:
• Images must be the original work of the person entering the contest.
• All entries must have a TITLE and CAPTION.
• No identifying or distracting artifacts (copyright symbols, dates, etc.) may be visible on images.
• Images must be in JPG or PNG format. In the interest of judging fair comparisons, it is recommended that images have a minimum resolution of 1024 x 768 and not exceed 2056 x 1532.
• Photographers will retain original copyrights to their photos but grant PAX and ASHS the right to make use of their entries in advertising, promotional and fund-raising materials, publications of the societies, etc., without monetary compensation. Photographer credits will accompany each use.
• The decisions of the judges are final.
• Entrants must be 18 years old or older
2015 Open Horticultural Photography Contest

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Judging: The 3 judges will blind-judge all entries, which were randomized prior to their review. Judges will score the photographs according to the following criteria:

• **Interpretation** (30 pts) Assessed level of success to clearly interpret the stated intent of the category.
• **Technical Mastery** (25 pts) Evidence of camera-based (mechanical) abilities and/or digital (electronic) manipulation skills to create the image.
• **Artistry** (25 pts) Evidence of creative, visually appealing image creation from camera-based and/or digital manipulation tools.
• **Impact** (20 pts) Assessment of the “wow factor” or exceptional visual qualities.

ADDITIONAL RULES AND CONDITIONS:

• PAX reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify and remove any entry that does not comply with the requirements set forth by PAX.
• You are solely responsible for the protection of both your photography and the confidential information that you may provide during registration (i.e. username and password). PAX will not be held liable for any resulting damages related to a breach or theft of this personal information or work.
• You must have obtained proper permission to photograph any subjects portrayed in your entries, and you accept all responsibility and liability for such authorization or permission.
• For a photo in which a person is recognizable, you must secure a model release from the subject or, in the case of a minor, the subject’s parent or guardian and provide it to PAX upon request.
• Your entries must not infringe upon any person’s privacy rights.
• All terms and conditions subject to change without notice and at the sole discretion of PAX.
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):

- Brian Denig
- Kaitlyn Anderson
- Jeffrey Janusz
- Christian Lesage
- Sarah Odell

- Adam Karl
- Jason Gregory
- Joshua Kaste
- Patrick McLoughlin
- Danielle Park

- Miles Schwartz-Sax
- Andrew Harner
- Justin Kondrat
- Jonathan Namanworth

Epsilon (Ohio State University):

- Peter Braun
- Jennifer Fullenkamp
- Josh Henry
- Jennie Pugliese

- Allison Davis
- Abby Gerdes
- Amy Miller
- Dylan Sedmak

- Lyndsey Davisson
- Anna Glasser
- Becky Ohler
- Katie Spencer

Upsilon (California Polytechnic State University):

- Julianna M. Arvin
- Caylin M. Crivello
- Hannah E. Lenz
- Alexandra N. Ruettgers
- Julia C. Stuffer

- Thomas M. Brian
- Taylor M. Hoover
- Rachel L. Maiorino
- Cory K. Shallow
- Leah Van Der Heide

- Carlos D. Clark
- Kelly L. Ivors
- Nathan S. Meeks
- Scott J. Steinmaus
- Zachary A. Baptista
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# Pi Alpha Xi National

**Unaudited Statement of Financial Position**

As of December 31, 2014

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## ASSETS

- **Current Assets**
  - Checking/Savings
    - Suntrust: 36,511.17
  - Total Checking/Savings: 36,511.17

- **Total Current Assets**: 36,511.17

**TOTAL ASSETS**: 36,511.17

## LIABILITIES & EQUITY

- **Equity**
  - Temp. Restricted Net Assets: 2,000.00
  - Unrestricted Net Assets: 36,200.44
  - Net Income: -1,689.27

- **Total Equity**: 36,511.17

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY**: 36,511.17
Pi Alpha Xi National  
Unaudited Statement of Activities  
July through December 2014

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Total Expense 4,072.27

Net Income -1,689.27
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
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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.

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- Brian Trader, Longwood Gardens, btrader@longwoodgardens.org
- Pi Alpha Xi Past President John Peterson, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, drjohnnp@calpoly.edu

Ad Hoc Committee 2014-2016

Website Committee - oversees development and maintenance of the society’s website.

- Tim Rhodus (chair), Ohio State University, rhodus.1@osu.edu
- Executive Secretary, Cindy Slone, ex officio, cslone@ashs.org or Mike Neff, ex officio, mwneff@ashs.org
- Pi Alpha Xi President, Karen Panter, University of Wyoming, ex officio, kpanter@uwyo.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.