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## PAX Summer Educational Tour Visits Atlanta



Desert House Curator Kara Ziegler gives PAX members a private tour of the Atlanta Botanical Garden.

For four days in August Ohio State members of Pi Alpha Xi (PAX), the Honor Society for Horticulture, toured Atlanta, Georgia, visited botanical gardens, and attended a horticulture trade show. The 2006 PAX summer education tour provided OSU undergraduate and graduate students and Horticulture & Crop Science Department staff the opportunity to study horticultural designs and installations.

The [Southern Nursery Association's](#) (SNA) Conference and Trade Show provided PAX members an interesting contrast to the two major Columbus-based floriculture and landscape trade shows. Held from August 10-12 in Atlanta, Georgia at the Georgia World Congress Center, *SNA 2006...The World's Showcase of Horticulture* proved to be both educational and informative. The SNA show combined landscape and floriculture plant displays with landscape design elements and also included equipment displays.



Sharon Treaster photographs an interesting planting during the PAX tour of the Atlanta Botanical Garden.

The group enjoyed a private tour of the [Atlanta Botanical Garden](#) lead by Desert House curator **Kara Ziegler**. The group was impressed by the exhibits and returned with some good ideas that they hope might be incorporated into the Ohio State Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens. The garden visit inspired the horticulturists to consider new functional spaces, increased circulation patterns and improved educational signage throughout the arboretum.

A tour of the Oakhill Cemetary proved both rich in history and horticulture with magnificent old trees and many tombs with botanical motifs. PAX members also visited Stone Mountain, The Georgia Aquarium, The King Center, Centennial Olympic Park, Callaway Gardens and several historic Atlanta neighborhoods.



Sherril Massey was impressed by the interactive educational kiosks in the Atlanta Botanical Garden.

PAX members who toured include: **Sherril Massey, Jenny Pope, Sharon Treaster, Berteena Rollins, Liberty Gibson, Kay Jeong, Sungjun Jung, and Laura Burchfield**. The annual trip is made possible at a nominal cost via PAX fundraisers throughout the year, including the holiday Poinsettia Sale set to take place this year from November 29 through December 1 in the OSU Howlett Hall Greenhouses.

PAX, founded in 1923, is the national honor society for floriculture, landscape horticulture and ornamental horticulture. Since its founding, it has grown to 35 chapters at baccalaureate-granting institutions. Its mission is to promote scholarship, fellowship, professional leadership, and the enrichment of human life through plants. In 2006 Pi Alpha Xi became the official Honor Society for Horticulture.



One of the destinations for the 2006 PAX summer educational tour was Atlanta's Stone Mountain Park.

The Ohio State University chapter Epsilon was chartered January 6, 1929. Only the top students in the junior and senior classes with a demonstrated interest in horticulture are invited to join. Graduate students and faculty with an emphasis in these fields are also eligible. Students must have an academic average of at least a "B".

On May 19, 2006 Ohio State students, staff and volunteers assembled for the purpose of initiating the elected candidates into the Epsilon chapter of Pi Alpha Xi. Student inductees included: **Dan Burcham,**

**Melissa Burton, Dennis Lee, Youyoun Moon, Roel Rabara, Mark Shinninger, Kristin Six, Zhibin Wang, Nicole Waterland, Kerri Weisenauer and Jenna Ziolk.** Volunteer honorees included: **Caye Aiello, Deb Cameron, Joanne Dole, Sue Downey, Marlin Languis, Sherril Massey, Gretchen Nicol, Cory Skurdal, and Jane Walsh.** Staff inductees were **Stephanie Burns, Michele Hobbs, and Mike Pfeiffer.**

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