



The Pi Alpha Xi 2015 Photography Contest





Our Mission:

The organization was established to foster good fellowship among students, educators and professional horticulturists. The society mission is to promote high scholarship, fellowship, professional leadership and the enrichment of human life through plants.

The Contest:

We established the photography contest to foster appreciation for the beauty of the plant life we work with each day. The art of photography, and the skills one gains engaging this art form, fits well within the principals of horticultural science. We hope you enjoy viewing our contributor's submissions, and share our appreciation of the beauty that surrounds us as horticulturists.



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Category: Perfect Partners

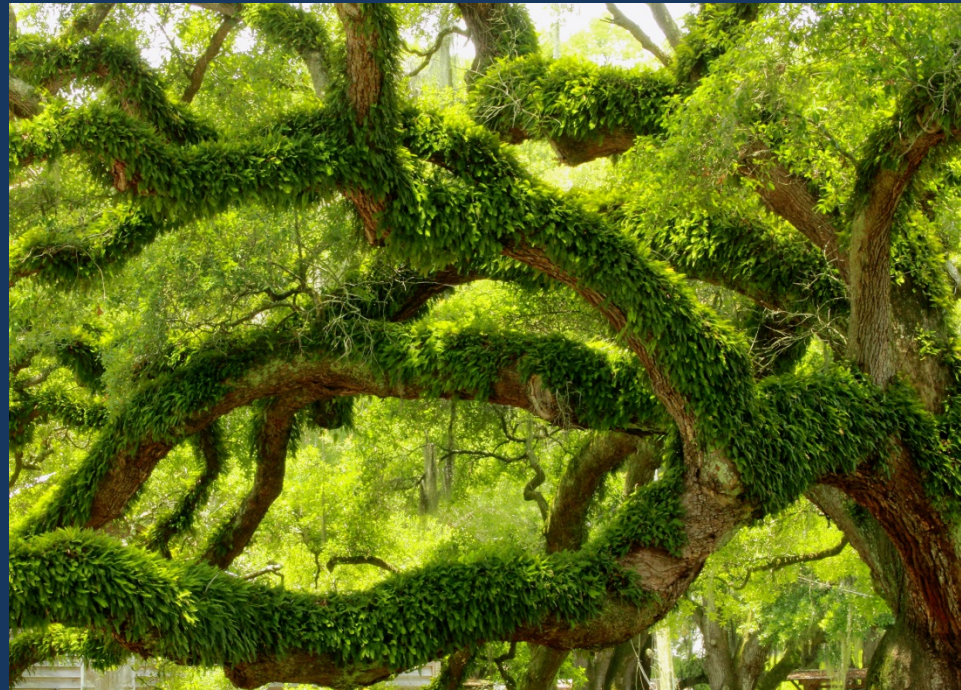
These images represent what the photographer believes to be outstanding plant combinations. These can be container, bed or floral design compositions. The images should show clearly how the two plant partners are being used, IE landscape setting, etc.



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Til Death Do Us Part – Resurrection Fern and Live Oak



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Sarracenia and Sheffield Pink Mum



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Water View



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Ornamental Grasses



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Category: 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.



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I Ain't Got Nuthin But The Blues – Blueberry Muffins





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Category: Serendipity

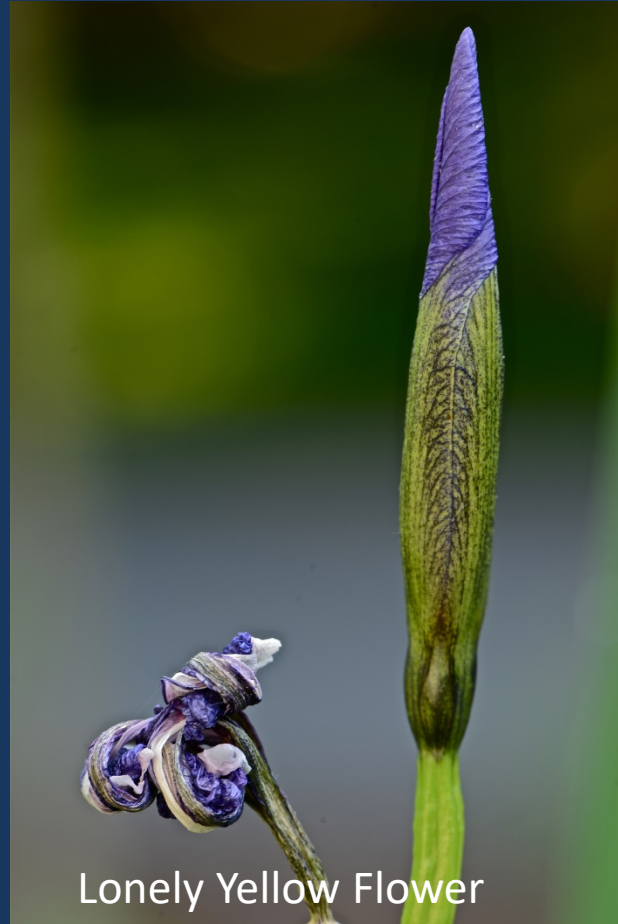
This image must represent a rare or unexpected, or “right place, right time” moment that the photographer did not, could not, control or stage during the taking of the image. Examples: Coconut palms at sunset, frost on strawberries, Erythrina in full bloom in a fog, fall color on Heuchera, or a hail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



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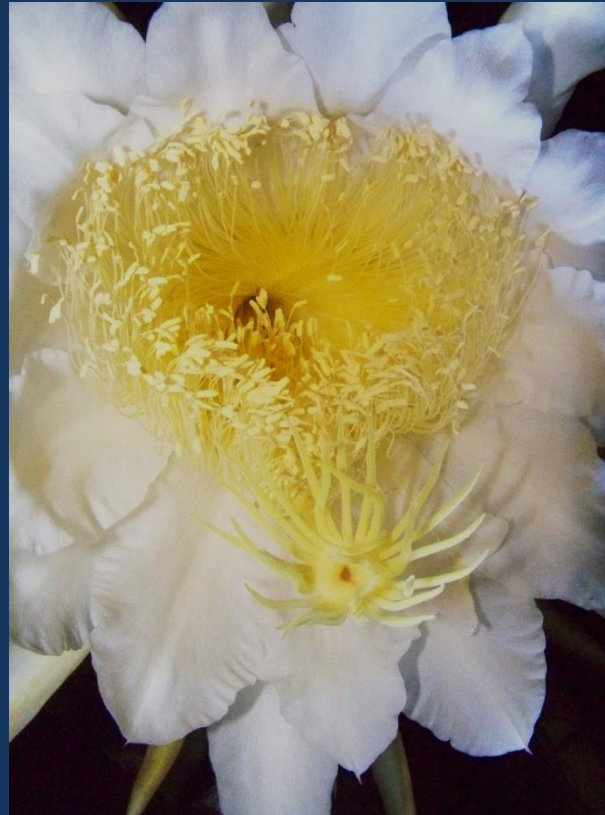
Lonely Yellow Flower



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Hylocereus undulatus – Night Blooming Cereus



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Lindsay Davies



Nymphs On A Leaf



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Good Morning



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Coprinus Invasion



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Syngonium podophyllum – Avatar Plant



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Mesmerizing Eastern Tiger Swallowtail Visits Rhododendron spp.



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Category: Garden 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 of animals/insects etc, is permitted. However, the image must be balanced in regards to the impact of the visitor and the horticultural item. A cat sleeping inside a carved pumpkin, a hummingbird visiting a flower, or a deer munching on pansies would qualify.



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Monarch On Verbena



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Alice Le Duc



Collecting Pollinia



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Michael Geiger



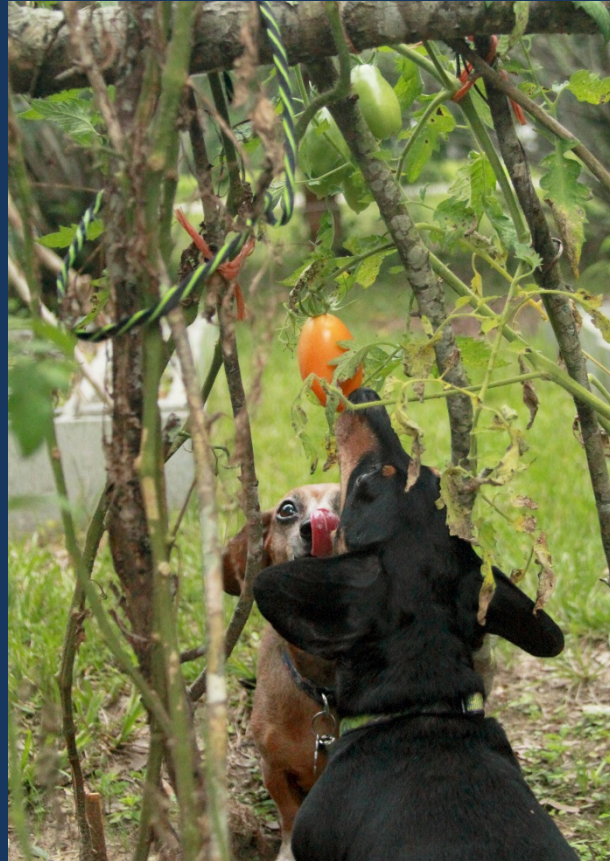
Busy Bee



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Night of the Living Dachshund – An unexpected pest of the tomato



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Standing Tall



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Where Is The Cat?



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Girish Panicker

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The incredible aftereffect of climate change in Muscadine vineyard. The crop failed to produce fruits in Mississippi!!!

Muscadine Grape Vineyard and Climate Change



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.... And finally, Best of Show!



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