

HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Having learned about these two great botanist, Miss Alice Eastwood, Curator of the California Academy of science, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, brought together the leading fuchsia enthusiasts and hybridizers to form a fuchsia society. The first organizational meeting was held in October, 1929. The name selected for the new group was "THE AMERICAN FUCHSIA SOCIETY".

Enthusiasm spread and the first regular meeting of THE AMERICAN FUCHSIA SOCIETY was held on May 18, 1930, with about fifteen members present. Officers elected were: Honorary President, Mr. H A. Greene; President, Mr. William F. Ewing; Vice President, Mrs. Seldon A. Smith and Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Evelyn Steele Little.

From this nucleus of growers interested in the development of fuchsias has grown the AMERICAN FUCHSIA SOCITY. Now, the society is known both nationally and internationally. Membership has spread throughout the United States and, internationally, there are members in over a dozen nations. The society also has twenty-three branches in as many cities, to further the culture of fuchsias.

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