

AFS Website History

American Fuchsia Society (AFS) enters The Modern Era of Technology. Following his term as President, Al Sydnor saw the need to bring AFS into the digital world of the internet, so designed, built and managed the fuchsia societies first website in 2000. The initial AFS website contained numerous fuchsia culture care articles, individual branches contact information and meeting locations. Al maintained and continued to improve the website until 2007.

Our current AFS webmaster, Tony Prodger, lives in Gasport, England and was a member of the British Fuchsia Society. **The American Fuchsia Society had an AFS Bulletin exchange program to ease the money exchange problem in various countries.** Tony was friends with Al & Elsie Sydnor at the time and Elsie recommended Rodney & Janis Bergquist do an AFS Bulletin exchange membership with Tony & Sue. Tony Prodger had a fascination with U.S. History and liked to visit the United States and was invited to stay with Al & Elsie on their next visit to the U.S. During one of Tony & Sue's visit, Rodney & Janis were invited to dinner with Al & Elsie and the Prodgers so we could meet the people we exchange membership with from England. After dinner, Al brought up the topic of the AFS website. Tony indicated he was a webmaster in England managing several websites. When the discussion lead to Al wondering who would continue maintaining the website after him, Tony said he would be willing to manage the AFS website from his home in England.

After several years of Tony managing the website Al Sydnor built, the AFS Board decided it was time to upgrade, refresh our website, make it look more modern. Tony agreed to build a new AFS website if the AFS Board would put together a basic design as to the content we wanted on our new website. Tony's website development skills were displayed on October 1, 2012 when our NEW AFS website was launched and it was wonderful. Tony has continued as our AFS webmaster constantly maintaining and improving our website design. AFS could never say 'thank you' enough and have limited ways we can show our appreciation to our longtime AFS member, webmasters and friend across the pond, in Gasport, England.