

90th Anniversary of the AFS

2019 heralds the 90th Anniversary of the American Fuchsia Society! From its inception, the AFS has embraced its mission to acquaint flower enthusiasts about the beauty of fuchsias and the techniques to grow healthy blooming plants. The AFS was started by a group of growers who were interested in the development of fuchsias and from that core group an international society has emerged.

The society has expanded and contracted over the years. The AFS is known both nationally and internationally – with affiliated societies and members in over a dozen nations as well as branches in California and Oregon. One of its responsibilities is the international registration of fuchsias. The AFS has registered thousands of cultivars since 1948.

The society is looking forward to our 90th year in operation and plan to mark it with some of our best historical and educational articles. We'd like to encourage all of our members to submit photos for the photo contest and make this year the largest ever.

The year will culminate in our Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting is held in the month of October – the same month back in 1929 that the AFS was officially formed. We have already begun plans for the Annual Meeting of 2019. We are going to make it special. Stay tuned for more information and *Save the Date – Saturday, October 12.*

Let's all work together – members, associates and friends – to make 2019 a banner year for the American Fuchsia Society.