

**Forest Home Improvement Association
Annual General Meeting, October 22, 2018**

Report on the Revised Web Site

History

The Forest Home Improvement Association has had a website maintained by volunteers since 2000. The original site was created by Erika Merschrod. Dani Novak was an important early contributor and many other people have given their time and effort to the site. More recently, Wendy Petti was webmaster from 2005 to 2018.

In 2017, the FHIA board asked Bill Arms and Jeff Holden to build a new version of the site, and appointed Caroline Arms as the board representative to oversee the project.

Goals of the new website

The site serves the following audiences:

- To provide information about Forest Home for the general public.
- To provide information for FHIA members and potential members.
- To provide the FHIA officers a site to communicate with members.

When building the site, the specific goals were:

- The content should be easy to keep up to date and easy to add new material.
- The site should be easy to maintain technically.
- The site should be suitable for both large computer screens and small devices such as smartphones.
- Content from the old website should be migrated to the new one.
- The cost should be as low as possible.

Content

We encourage everybody in Forest Home to contribute material for the site.

The new site is an open platform, which is easily expanded for the benefit of the community. There has been extensive addition of new material and reformatting of the old. A News page has been introduced for FHIA board members to post announcements.

The old site has been archived at the Internet Archive. Much of the content from the old site has been incorporated into the new site. Whenever known, the originators of the material have been acknowledged, but for some material the author is unknown.

Technical information

- The address of the site is <https://fhia.org> or <https://www.fhia.org>.
- The site uses the Wordpress framework running on Amazon Web Services.
- Google is used for email and the domain name registry.
- The cost is around \$60 per year.

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