



Placentia Founders Society

The Green Shingle

News from the Bradford House

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From

The President's Desk

By Tina Maraj



On Friday June 25 at our annual meeting, we officially reopened The Bradford House to the public with a ribbon cutting assisted by the Placentia Chamber of Commerce members and representatives of State officials. We are grateful for their support. We honored our docents, past board members and concert chairpersons. A new slate of officers took the helm with plans toward making our historic Bradford House an even greater community resource.

The Bradford House apartment is now vacant and after many years it is in need of renovations. PFS's main goal is to maintain the house so we do have reserves for this. Covid-19 has restricted our fundraising options, so any additional donations or recommendations of licensed contractors willing to donate time or offer discounts to us would be greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank the Rotary Club of Placentia for their "environmental project" in Bradford Park that is featured in another article. I love when city clubs collaborate!

Please use our new Website to reach out to us and keep up with news and events: <https://thebradfordhouse.org/>

I am honored to serve as your President since my initial participation in the Haunted House in October 2000. ❖



Above: Ribbon floats to the ground.

Below: New and returning board members line up for action in 2021-22.



Stepping out

By Karen Mahoney, Activities VP

As COVID restrictions slowly lift, we at the Bradford House along with our community are beginning to open up.

The 56th Annual Placentia Heritage Parade and Festival is back and will be held Saturday, October 9. The parade will step off at 9:15AM and end in Tri-City Park where the Annual Heritage Festival will take place. This year's theme is "Placentia Honors our Heroes".

Bradford House will again be represented by the Placentia Founders

Society with an entry in the parade as well as a fun photo booth at the park.

If you've always wanted to be in the parade and would like to drive your vehicle so two PFS folks could ride in it, please let me know: dkk3@earthlink.net

Come to the park and say hello to PFS board members while taking your photo in fun costumes or in your own special outfit. We look forward to seeing you.



Future plans include hosting our Annual Holiday Party scheduled for December 5 and the Chamber of Commerce Event on December 2nd. Continue to keep a look-out as other events are scheduled. ❖

Catching Up

Due to a shift in editors, the *Green Shingle* summer edition did not appear. This Summer/Fall issue will bring readers up to date and shed a little light on future events planned by the Placentia Founders Society. ❖



Santiago String Quartet

Chamber Concerts come to a close

After 29 years of presenting chamber concerts at the Bradford House, the PFS Concerts Committee and Board announced that the annual series is ending.

A casualty of the COVID-19 pandemic and changing circumstances for program coordinator Linda Owen, the series provided the community

with 118 free concerts that included ensembles of strings, woodwinds, voice and guitar over the years.

The final concert in March 2020 featured Owen's Santiago String Quartet, which was on the agenda for each of the 29 seasons.

"It has been a pleasure to present these concerts through the years," Owen said. "The Concert Committee and I will miss them and miss seeing ... our faithful audience."



Linda Owen

By Lynda Baker



Outgoing president Judie Dee thanked concert organizers Lynda Baker(l) and Linda Owen at the annual meeting

Tours Resume At Bradford House

The Placentia Founders Society was pleased to open its doors for monthly second-Sunday tours beginning in July 2021. Our first two docent-led tours in over a year went smoothly with a few new safety precautions in place like smaller tour groups, social distancing,



mask wearing, and presenting introductory information outdoors on the front porch. Such safety protocols will continue for the foreseeable future to protect our docents and our guests.

The docents enjoyed showcasing the house after such a long

hiatus, and as usual the guests were awed by the historical importance of the house and the artifacts it displays. Special thanks to those docents who assisted with the reopening of the house and adjusted so well to the changed

procedures: John Stahler, Lynn Stahler, Wendy Elliott, Natalie Ter-Nedden, Judie Dee, Pat Graham, Brenda Benner, and Jan Henderson.

Our next Sunday tour will be on September 12 from 2 to 4 PM which also happens to be Grandparents Day. Why not invite your grandparents or, more than likely, your grandchildren to join you in a Bradford House tour?

By Nancy Murray, Education VP



(Clockwise from left) Docents Natalie, John, Wendy, Lynn, and Brenda enjoy sharing the story of A. S. Bradford once again with visitors.

Bradford House Tour on-line

The first of a dozen installments of our videotaped docent-led Bradford House tour is now posted on-line at <https://youtu.be/eqlvPOcSuKA>. Access is also available on the Placentia Founders Society Facebook page.

This first installment discusses the outside of the house, with later installments from each room inside the house including the basement and attic. Special thanks to our videographer and editor, Eric Holmgren. Stay tuned! ❖



Pause to Wonder, Dare to Share

Since COVID has wrecked such havoc on our modern lives, have you ever wondered how the last global pandemic affected Orange County? Are you curious about Sue Street? What role did Placentia residents play in the space race? Why is the map of Placentia such a funny shape?

Hoping to make the Bradford House the historical heart of Placentia, the Placentia Founders Society Board is mounting a new effort to serve and engage the community in research and discovery to find answers to these and other historically based questions.

As Placentia's 100th anniversary of incorporation approaches, the Founders Society in conjunction with the Placentia Historical Committee will encourage people to learn local lore and history, meet earlier residents, and become aware of past local customs while sharing and preserving their own family traditions.

Photo displays, lectures, panel presentations, artifact exhibits and much more are being considered. Because plans are very much in the early stages, all suggestions for topics to investigate are welcome. If you have some research that you would like to share, please let us know by contacting us at bradfordhouse@yahoo.com or by leaving a message at 714-993-2470. ❖



Rotarian Environmental Project Takes Root

The Rotary Club of Placentia offers their help to preserve and maintain the Bradford House. In the past they have assisted with indoor maintenance.

On a cool Saturday morning in August they provided some outdoor beautification when they planted a sturdy little tree near the house.

Eight Rotarians shoveled soil and tamped the grass before sweeping through the park and garden plots to remove litter. Special thanks to Rotarian President Kathryn Baldwin for directing this generous effort. v



Quarterly Questions

1. What was the name of the man who came to Placentia in 1944 as a physical education teacher and then went on to serve the city as physical education coordinator, school district superintendent, city council member and mayor?
2. What was the El Farolito Café before it became a restaurant?
3. Who owned the first motor driven autos in Placentia?
4. Who was Charter member of the Placentia Round Table famous for concerts and parties in her barn?

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1. John Tynes; 2. An ice cream shop; 3. A. S. Bradford and Thomas Strain; 4. Antoinette Nanno

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The Bradford House

The Placentia Founders Society was established in 1974 to preserve and maintain the Bradford House, which was built in 1902. Now it is a living museum, providing a glimpse into the lives of a pioneering family who made their fortune in the citrus industry. The House will open to the public for docent-led tours from 2-4 p.m. the second Sunday of each month, COVID precautions in place.

Placentia Founders Society 2021-22 Board

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Walcek
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Seeking Member Support

A huge thanks to those members who have paid their dues for 2021-2022! Our lovely Bradford House will be 120 years old in 2022 and needs a lot of TLC to keep it available for use by our community!

Those of you who have not renewed will be receiving a reminder from me in the next few weeks. We would appreciate

your inviting your neighbors and friends to join in the fun with you!

One of the benefits of your membership is that you can schedule a private tour for family or friends. As the membership chair, I am available to schedule a tour, hear your suggestions or solve any problems you have as a member of PFS! My e-mail is jabcucumb@aol.com.

By Judie Dee, Membership chair

Include me/us on your membership list! My choice is circled below.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Individual, \$30

Lifetime individual, \$500

Senior (65+), \$20

Benefactor, \$75

Student (full-time), \$10

Patron, \$125

Family/Dual, \$50

*Thank you! Your tax-deductible donation will help preserve
the historic Bradford House for future generations.*