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## Placentia Founders Society

# The Green Shingle

News from the Bradford House

Spring 2021

**We're gonna open!**

# Welcome (back) to the House!!!

## Grand Reopening set for June 25

After a year-long COVID-19 closure, the Bradford House will reopen with a Placentia Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting at 5 p.m. Friday, June 25.

The event will culminate with the Annual PFS Membership Meeting and election of officers at 6:30 p.m. (See proposed slate of officers on Page 2.)

Activities for the evening will begin with arrivals of PFS and Chamber members from 5-5:30, followed by the official ribbon-cutting and presentation of certificates.

Refreshments will be served at 5:45, with time for socializing and networking, according to Tina Maraj-Tovar, PFS VP of activities, who is coordinating with the Chamber.

All activities will be on the lawn in front of the Bradford House, so attendees should bring lawn chairs.

COVID-19 guidelines for large events will be followed, which require masks when not eating and social distancing.



**'Love Placentia'** More than 30 people from the community swarmed outside in April to beautify the House and grounds in preparation for opening to the public.

## House to open for tours in July

Second-Sunday docent-led tours are set to resume from 2-4 p.m. on July 11, said Nancy Murray, VP of education.

Individual/small-group tours may be requested by email or phone,

but school group tours will still be restricted, she said.

Tour guests will be required to wear masks and social distance, and group size will be limited.

## From the President's Desk

Next month the Placentia Founders Society will elect and install new executive board members at our annual meeting on June 25.



Judie Dee

It has been my honor to serve as the President of Placentia Founders Society for the past three years, and I will continue to serve as needed by the board. I will forever be grateful for this experience to help keep the Bradford House preserved for our community, as well as for the many friends I have made on this journey.

Nancy Murray and Eric Holmgren are finishing

videoing digital tours of each room of the House that will be on YouTube for all to enjoy. We are grateful to the docents who participated in the episodes, describing highlights in each room, as well history of the Bradford family. We will let you know when these are available to the public.

June is the beginning of our annual membership drive, and you will receive a reminder soon. This past year, we were unable to hold any fundraising events, so your membership dues are even more vital in support of our beautiful community asset. For a house built in 1902, there is

always something that needs to be repaired or replaced, so expenses have not decreased.

Since we hope to open the house as soon as possible, we do need new docents to help with public tours. Your commitment of time can be structured to your personal needs. How else can you make new friends AND help in our mission to keep the Bradford House available to the community?

After this very different and difficult year, we're looking forward with enthusiasm. We hope you'll share it with us!

## New officers, new activities slated for the annual meeting

New officers for 2021-22 will be elected and installed at the annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 25.

A brief business meeting will update members on what has been accomplished in the House, despite being closed all year.

Nancy Murray, VP-Education, will preview the making of digital videos throughout the House, which will be available on YouTube in the near future.

The slate of officers that will be presented for members' voting follows:

President: Tina Maraj-Tovar

VP-Activities: Karen Mahoney

VP-Curator: Beth Woodard

VP-Education: Nancy Murray

Secretary: Wendy Elliott

Treasurer: Carolyn Davis

Parliamentarian: Alice Husovsky

The nominating committee included Stephanie Dolan, Wendy Elliott, Pat Graham, Janet Hayes and Jackie Shumway.

Members should bring lawn chairs and masks.

## Docents give a virtual tour

During our unusual year of closures, we have realized the importance of sharing the beautiful and historic Bradford House with the public in new ways. We are currently video-recording a docent-led tour of the Bradford House that will be posted on our website and that we hope will encourage future personal visits.

It will be available to teachers in lieu of or to reinforce student tours.

PFS member Eric Holmgren has volunteered to shoot the video. Docents who have shared their knowledge are Lynda Baker, Nancy Murray, Judie Dee, Kathy Frazee, Karen Mahoney, Wendy Elliott, Alice Husovsky, Lisa Quental, Jan Henderson, Tina Maraj and Beth Woodard.



**Lights, camera, action!** Eric Holmgren, at left, sets up his camera to video Kathy Frazee as she tells about the Bradford Bros. orange business. Above, Wendy Elliott demonstrates how the kitchen baking table was used in the early 1900s.

*More photos of docents giving virtual tours are on Page 5 of the digital edition.*



# 'Love Placentia' loves the Bradford House



A crew of more than 30 community volunteers and PFS members descended on the grounds of the Bradford House for the annual Love Placentia day. Because of COVID-19 limitations, everyone not on the PFS board worked outside. PFS education VP Tina Maraj-Tovar coordinated the event and Maintenance Director John Walcek designated tasks. Volunteers planted flowers around the perimeter of the House, trimmed roses and bushes, did touch-up painting and polished silver pieces that were brought out of the House. Below right, PFS President Judie Dee and Membership Director Karen Mahoney wash silver that was polished outside.

*(More photos are on a bonus page for the digital edition.)*





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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, when it's safe.

### Placentia Founders Society 2020-21 Board

#### Officers

President—Judie Dee  
VP-Activities — Tina Maraj-  
Tovar  
VP-Curator—Beth Woodard  
VP-Education—Nancy  
Murray  
Secretary—Wendy Elliott  
Treasurer—Michele Coddington  
Parliamentarian—Alice  
Husovsky

#### Directors

Art Gallery—John Walcek  
E-media—Stephanie Dolan  
Historian—Pat Graham  
House Maintenance—John  
Walcek  
Member-at-large—Carolyn  
Davis  
Membership—Karen Mahoney  
Newsletter—Lynda Baker

## Ready for some sun...



**Curator Beth Woodard** models old-time sunglasses donated by Rita Jones. The glasses are the latest acquisition she's taken in during the year the House has been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



# ...more 'Love Placentia'



Families worked together to plant flowers, (above and at left) and rake and clean the grounds around the sides and back of the House.

At right, the Bradford House event coordinator Tina Maraj-Tovar and Nancy Murray directed operations.



# ...more virtual tour

