



Placentia Founders Society

The Green Shingle

News from the Bradford House

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Spring 2023

Outstanding PFS Associates Honored at Chamber Event

Two Placentia Founders Society board members enjoyed recognition for their outstanding service to the city at the Placentia Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year ceremony in February.

Natalie Ter-Nedden, a senior at El Dorado High School who has volunteered with the PFS since her freshman year, was named Youth Volunteer of the Year. Despite being enrolled in Honors and Advanced Placement classes, Natalie has found time to volunteer not only at Bradford House but also at the Heritage House in the Fullerton Arboretum. She has trained with Orange County Parks to lead tours of their facilities like the local Key Ranch. Next year Natalie will enter college with plans to major in history and/or archeology.

Eric Holmgren, the main force responsible for the Society's presence on YouTube, was nominated by the Chamber itself for the Man of the Year honor. As a benefactor of Eric's community service efforts, the PFS wholly supported Eric and extends to both members our sincere congratulations. ☼



Natalie Ter-Nedden and Eric Holmgren were joined by PFS President Tina Maraj at the Chamber of Commerce event in February.

Annual Meeting June 9 to Install New PFS Board and Feature Tour Video

Parliamentarian Alice Husovsky and the nominating committee present nominations for the 2023-24 Placentia Founders Society board:

- President, Eric Holmgren
- VP Education, Nancy Murray
- VP Curator, Beth Woodard
- VP Activities, Tina Maraj
- Secretary, Wendy Elliott
- Treasurer, Carolyn Davis
- Parliamentarian, Alice Husovsky

After the business meeting, Eric Holmgren will describe the intricacies and challenges of creating the tour videos that he has worked hard to put online. Schools are encouraged to view parts of these tours as preparation before or substitute for in person visits by third grade classes. Everyone is invited to join behind-the-scene activities as a docent. ☼



Help for Mystery Inquirer

After the February lecture on historic buildings, a lady from the audience inquired about property on the south side of Palm Drive. Unfortunately, her name was not recorded.

We have information for her!! Old maps show the property between Placentia Avenue and Bradford Avenue belonged to J. J. Ortega, whose wife was Lucy Wagner, daughter of Charles and Josephine Wagner and sister of Charles, Jr., Joseph and John. An old Fullerton newspaper column provides details of the house interior and background on Ortega. Dear lady, if you'd still like to have this information, please email krfrazee@gmail.com. ☼



Docent Lynn Stahler explains gas lighting on a Sunday tour.



Sites and Stories Studied and Shared

In February and March fifty people attended two events to discover historic buildings in the city and meet longtime local residents. Thanks for this second series of historical speakers goes to Kathy Frazee, Dr. Lawrence de Graaf, Dr. Wendy Elliott, Lisa Quental, Mary Castner, and Irene Roche.

Members are invited to suggest topics for future talks. Share interesting stories about sites or residents of Placentia that you know. ☼



Art is Back at the Bradford House

The Placentia Founders Society was pleased to reinstate our Art Gallery series on February 26th featuring talented local artists Marla and Bruce Anderson. Marla displayed her beautiful paintings and Bruce displayed his amazing wood sculptures. The weather cooperated as Sunday was a clear day between rainstorms. Special thanks to the over fifty people who attended and to John Walcek for organizing this project. ☼



From The President's Desk

By Tina Maraj



Happy Spring PFS Members and Community Friends,

In the past few years we have had some challenges worldwide and locally.

Since I became President of the Placentia Founders Society, I was tasked to deal with renovating the apartment, a surprise flood and raising money in a post-pandemic world.

I became involved with PFS back in August 2000. Alice Husovsky was the President at the time and she recruited me to assist with the Haunted House.

Eight years later I joined the board as the Social Media Consultant, then Treasurer, and next VP of Activities and now President. I have personally been going through some changes in my life and I can no longer continue as President. I will step back into the position of VP of Activities as my good friend and fellow board member Eric Holmgren takes the position as President.

As always our board will work together as a team to keep the history of Placentia alive in our community. Thank you for your support over the past few decades! ☼

House Happening!

April 22: Love Placentia

April 26: School tours resume

May 14: Monthly tour, 2-4 p.m.
(Yes, that is Mother's Day)

May 22: OC Docent League conference at Moulton Museum, 9 a.m. to Noon.

June 9: Annual meeting, 7 p.m.

Join us when you can!



Pat Bailes (left) and Lauren Dahncke of the DAR were welcomed by vice-president for education, Nancy Murray.

Tree, Tea and Tour for Visiting Group

In April the local Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) dedicated a memorial tree and had their meeting and lunch in Bradford Park then toured the Bradford House. DAR members are obviously interested in US history on a national level, but as Alexander Dugin stated and we all know, “History is local . . .”.

Thanks to PFS members Jan Henderson and Pat Bailes for arranging for this DAR tour. ☘



So Many Thanks

As an all-volunteer organization, so many individuals assist us with the upkeep and activities of the Bradford House. First, our members, our board, our docents. We also have some very special people and organizations to thank.

*The Placentia Community Foundation for their funding of our house tours now available on YouTube

*Eric Holmgren for taping, editing, and posting the above videos

*The Fullerton Woman’s Club and Ocean Subaru for their assistance with our bathroom improvement project

*The EDHS digital design class for help in developing our new informational brochure. ☘



In April, representatives from the Woman’s Club of Fullerton and Ocean Subaru of Fullerton gave a grant of \$500 to the Bradford House. On hand for the event were (l-r): Natalie Ter-Nedden, Chris Maule, Jeffrey Sultzer, Tina Maraj, Kris Hanna, Nancy Murray, Alice Husovsky, and Debbie Adams.



Co-directors for maintenance John Walcek and Wendy Elliott oversaw two important projects. John secured dirt to fill the planters and Wendy met with contractors to clean and repair the gutters. Together their efforts kept winter rains from entering the basement.



Reminder: the Bradford House Tour Is Online

Different docents guide from the outside of the house to individual rooms, the basement, and the attic. Watch for just five minutes or spend the afternoon learning about the home of A. S. Bradford.

Click here <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7u9I36jKVNOYjthnf4OqNg> or go to the Placentia Founders Society Facebook page or search “Placentia History” on YouTube.

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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 2022-23 Board

Officers

President—Tina Maraj
VP-Activities—*Open*
VP-Curator—Beth Woodard
VP-Education—Nancy Murray
Secretary—Stephanie Dolan
Treasurer—Carolyn Davis
Parliamentarian—Alice
Husovsky

Directors

Art Gallery—John Walcek
E-media—Eric Holmgren
Historian—Natalie Ter-Nedden
Maintenance—John Walcek and
Wendy Elliott
Member-at-large—Chris Maule
Membership—Judie Dee
Newsletter—Kathy Frazee

Membership Support

Thank you to our loyal members who have paid their dues for this fiscal year. We have had several Life members and we appreciate all who help in our mission to preserve our beautiful Bradford House.

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

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Individual, \$30

Senior (65+), \$20

Student (full-time), \$10

Family/Dual, \$50

Lifetime individual, \$500

Benefactor, \$75

Patron, \$125

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

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