



Placentia Founders Society

The Green Shingle

News from the Bradford House

April 2024

Golden Anniversary of Founders Society

\$50 for 50 Years

Since 1974, the Placentia Founders Society (PFS) has been responsible for the regular upkeep of Bradford House. Exterior painting, vintage screen repair, earthquake damage, preserving period furnishings, and water leaks are just a few of the issues the PFS has handled. Expenses were covered by memberships, donations, and fundraising events.

Please take part in our Golden Anniversary Sponsorship Program: **\$50 for 50 Years**. All donations will be earmarked for future maintenance of Bradford House. Each Sponsor will 1) have their name displayed on a plaque in the Bradford House, (2) receive a Bradford House lapel pin and a certificate for display, (3) be recognized in our quarterly newsletters and on social media posts, (4) be honored at our annual membership meeting in June, and (5) receive a private group tour of the Bradford House. *Send a check for \$50 and your contact information to The Bradford House, 136 Palm Circle, Placentia 92870.*

Albert and Fannie Bradford built this home for their family in 1902. With fifteen rooms, a full basement and attic, built-in closets and indoor bathroom, it cost \$8,000 and was the heart of their "Tesoro Rancho."

The Founders Society has contributed countless volunteer hours to provide public tours, exhibits, events and speakers over the last half century. Bradford House is not just a museum; it is a precious community heirloom.

Please become a Sponsor today.

Citizens of the Year 2024



Placentia Founders Society is proud to announce that in February our members swept the Chamber of Commerce competition for Citizen of the Year. Our president Eric Holmgren won in the male category. Our VP for activities Wendy Elliott was selected in the women's category. Congratulations to both hardworking and dedicated members of the PFS board. And thanks to both of these people for their vital support of the Bradford House.

Community Party!!

The Placentia Chamber of Commerce celebrates its 100th Anniversary this year! The Chamber and PFS invite the community to a joint anniversary party on April 13 in Bradford Park.

A. S. Bradford was instrumental in bringing the Santa Fe Railroad to this area in 1910 before the town was formally established. He organized the Chamber of Commerce before the city was incorporated in 1926. Indeed, he was a founding father of Placentia.

For more party details, see *A Message from the President* on page 2.

A Message From the President

by Eric Holmgren



On April 9, 1924, A.S. Bradford established the Placentia Chamber of Commerce. Ever since then, the chamber has fostered new businesses in the city, helped with employment of city residents, and acted as a liaison between the business community and local government. Currently, the chamber of commerce is an important partner in the revitalization of Old Town Placentia. The Placentia City Council will be proclaiming April 9, 2024 as "Placentia Chamber of Commerce Day"!

To celebrate the historic anniversary, the Placentia Chamber will be holding a party at the Bradford House on Saturday April 13th from 4-7pm. There will be food, beer, wine, champagne, a photo booth, casino games, and tours of the Bradford House. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased online at <https://www.placentiachamber.com/100thanniversary/>.

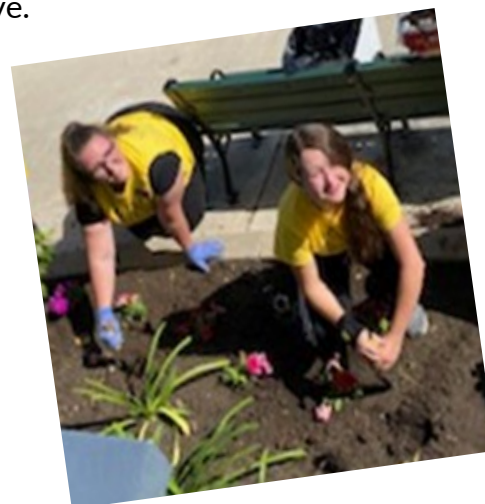
Since we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Placentia Founders Society this year, we are piggybacking on the party! Please come out to mark these important milestones in the community! I hope to see you there!



Love ❤️ Placentia

Love ❤️ Bradford House

The Placentia Founders Society is pleased to participate in the yearly Love Placentia event as we spend the morning of Saturday, April 20th "sprucing up" the Bradford House. Sign up online at loveplacentia.com to join as we weed, plant, dust and polish the house we all love.



SAVE THESE DATES!!

PLANS ARE IN THE MAKING

An evening of mystery and intrigue is coming to the Bradford House on **Saturday, May 18**. Watch email and social media for details.

Circle the evening of **Friday, June 14** for the annual meeting of the Founders Society. It is a special celebration of our 50th anniversary for all members and sponsors. Watch for your email with details.

Third Sunday Speaker Series Supplied New Information for Docents and Guests

In February, John Stahler showed family photos of Hartwell Bradford, eldest son of A. S. Bradford. Images of his childhood as well as from his college experience revealed a young man with a sense of humor. During Sunday tours, docents comment that A. S. was in San Francisco in 1906 at the time of the great earthquake and share his picture of the smoking ruins. After hearing John's lecture, they now know why he was there.



In March, interested guests admired the ability of Del Thomas to use patterns and fabric types to date the time a garment was made. Del's wealth of information on quilting history was appreciated by several quilters present. Everyone joined in the discussion on English paper piecing, a quilting method involving small paper patterns, basting, and whip stitching.

For anyone who missed either presentation, go to YouTube where you can view them both. Just click on [@placentiahistory6046](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCplacentiahistory6046), the same place to find our online house tours.



Your \$\$\$ at Work

Thanks to earlier memberships and donations, the bathroom (left) used by the public could be refreshed this month. After a long search, our curator located a craftsman willing to take on the small repair job.

Sponsorships also will help preserve this high chair (right) that was used by the great- and great-great-grandchildren of A. S. Bradford. It comes from his granddaughter Rene Kamin.





The Bradford House

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Upcoming Events:

- Apr.13 Anniversary Party
- Apr. 14 Sunday Tour, 2-4 pm
- Apr. 20 Love Placentia
- May 12 Sunday Tour, 2-4 pm
- May 18 (tentative) Mystery Night
- June 14 Annual Meeting

2023-2024

Placentia Founders Society Board

OFFICERS

- President— Eric Holmgren
- VP-Activities—Wendy Elliott
- VP-Curator—Beth Woodard
- VP-Education—Nancy Murray
- Secretary—Kim Deweese
- Treasurer—Carolyn Davis
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- Art Gallery—John Walcek
- E-media—Vacant
- Historian—Natalie Ter-Nedden
- Maintenance—John Walcek
- Members-At-Large—Chris Maule,
Bob Robinson, Dana Collins
- 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.

Name_____

Address_____

City/State/Zip_____

Individual \$30
Senior (65+) \$20
Student (full-time) \$10

Family/Dual \$50
Benefactor \$75
Patron \$125

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

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.