



Placentia Founders Society

# The Green Shingle

News from the Bradford House

January 2024

## Helpers Needed for Children's Tours in Spring

We are excited to once again offer all PYLUSD third-grade classes a docent-led tour of the Bradford House in 2024. We have not had a full-fledged schedule of student tours

since Covid when we posted video tours for teachers to reference on *YouTube*. They still are available to the public @placentiahistory6046.

Announcements will be sent to schools later this month to schedule visits February through June. We definitely would welcome additional docents in order to meet the expected demand without overtaxing our current volunteers. Considerations are (1) tours are always in the mornings during the week, (2) a script is provided, (3) you will have the opportunity to accept or deny any request, and (4) depending on the schedule, time commitment may be 2-4 hours. We need tour docents and also individuals willing to simply greet the classes on the front porch and monitor the front door when tours are in progress.

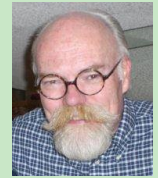
Students are well behaved and interested. We keep the groups small, and each group is accompanied by a teacher or parent. To volunteer please call Nancy Murray at 714-308-0652 or leave a message at 714-993-2470.



## Third Sunday Talks to Feature Rare Artifacts from Bradford House Inventory

Well-preserved and rare items that came to light during our recent museum inventory will be the main focus of the 2024 Third Sunday Speakers' series.

In February, artifacts belonging to Hartwell Bradford that are hidden within the permanent display will be brought to light. There also will be seldom seen photos of Bradford family outings, beach parties, and college dorm activities that only a young man would share. John Stahler, a docent at both the Bradford House and the Nixon Library, discovered the images of Hartwell Bradford while working on his master's project at Cal State Fullerton.



In March, longtime PFS member and well-known quilter and quilt collector Del Thomas will share her insights on the skill needed to create some finely detailed textiles that are among the Bradford House holdings. Some items to appear have not been on display for more than twenty years. Older quilts and sturdy garments also revealing admirable workmanship can be seen. A special find from the closet that visitors will see is a fashionable fox stole.



Plan to be at Bradford House in February and March on the Third Sunday at 3 p.m. Bring along a friend; everyone is welcome.

## Orange County Historical Commission

The Bradford House was pleased to host the December meeting of the Orange County Historical Commission and to share our lovely Placentia historic home with its members. Orange County historical and park staff also attended.

They were able to view the house in its holiday splendor thanks to Kathy Frazee, Kim Deweese, Natalie Ter-Nedden, and Judie Dee who served as docents for the tours.



## A Message From the President

by Eric Holmgren



Happy New Year! 2024 is a special year. It marks the 50th anniversary of the creation of the Placentia Founders Society. The early founders and members of the PFS did a tremendous job saving the Bradford House from the wrecking-ball. Over the decades, our leaders and members have been successful in preserving and sharing the Bradford House with the community.

To celebrate our 50th anniversary, we are joining the Placentia Chamber of Commerce with a celebration on Saturday April 13th, 2024, 4-7pm. The chamber is celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. The chamber was founded by A.S. Bradford, so we thought it best to celebrate both anniversaries at the Bradford House! Please mark your calendar for this important celebration event...all current and past PFS members are invited! More details to follow.



## Timely Defensive Move at BH



As every homeowner knows, house maintenance is a never-ending major expense. Add to the fact that the Bradford House is over 120 years old, maintenance becomes even more important. Recent dry weather allowed for craftsmen to do some exterior painting, exterior grit cleaning and wood patching. In the kitchen, wall cracks were patched and painted. Hopefully these preventative measures will forestall major future problems. Membership dues and additional donations help fund this work.





The winter holiday season opened for the Placentia Founders in early December with the time-honored Christmas party for members, complete with holiday music, traditional games and yummy food. The board wrapped up the year with a celebratory luncheon later in the month.



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## Upcoming Events:

- Feb 11, Monthly Tour, 2 & 3 pm
- Feb 18, Third Sunday talk, 3 pm
- Mar 10, Monthly Tour, 2 & 3 pm
- Mar 17, Third Sunday talk, 3 pm

## 2023-2024

### Placentia Founders Society Board

#### OFFICERS

- President— Eric Holmgren
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- VP-Curator—Beth Woodard
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- Art Gallery—John Walcek
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- Historian—Natalie Ter-Nedden
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- Members-At-Large—Chris Maule, Bob Robinson
- 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.

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Individual \$30  
Senior (65+) \$20  
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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.*