



Placentia Founders Society

The Green Shingle

News from the Bradford House

January 2025

Legacy Gift Benefits Bradford House



The Bal & Tina Maraj Family Foundation provided a generous gift to the Placentia Founders Society at the end of the year. The Maraj Family Foundation was created to support various local charity organizations to which Tina Maraj had dedicated herself.

As many of you know, Tina was very active with the Bradford House until her untimely death in 2023. We all miss Tina and are grateful to her family for the donation.

A Message From the President

by Eric Holmgren



In December, the Placentia Founders Society renewed its lease of the historic Bradford House with the city of Placentia for another 5-year term. We are grateful to the city for the trust they have placed in us to be good stewards of this unique home.

2024 marked the 50th anniversary of the PFS and our work in preserving and sharing the Bradford House. Over the decades, hundreds of concerned citizens have volunteered as members, docents and officers. Their efforts have helped the PFS flourish and keep the Bradford House thriving. Our current success is a tribute to all those who came before us!

As 2025 begins, we have more plans of events to spotlight the house and the history of our community. This winter, we will be resuming our historic lecture program, hosting a murder mystery night, and holding a public concert. In the spring, we will be holding a special Mother's Day Tea and Tour! Other fun events are planned and we will share the details when they approach.

Thank you for your membership and support.

Third Sunday Events Feature Live Music Once Again



Reminiscent of the chamber music concerts that were presented for twenty-nine years, on February 16 at 3 p.m. another concert will infuse Bradford House with music. Pianist CarolAnn Tassios will present *When You Wore a Tulip: Music from the era of Albert Bradford*.

She will play tunes that the musical members of the Bradford family might have shared with neighbors when they gathered for an afternoon of fun. The Kimball phonograph displayed in the house dates from 1917. Prior to that, people enjoyed sharing their vocal and instrumental talents with each other. Likewise, guests in February will be invited to sing along with familiar melodies that CarolAnn will discuss and perform.

PFS members are familiar with CarolAnn from our holiday parties where she provides informal piano entertainment. Please plan to come and enjoy live music while basking in the historic parlor setting.

Not since March of 2020 has Bradford House scheduled a concert. But in November, folding chairs once again filled the parlor and the entry. Live music gently wafted through the house much to the pleasure of everyone present.

Bill Zavala's soul*jazz posse performed tunes from the decades between 1950 and 2000. The

skilled musicians shared insight on performance techniques, the history of many of the selections, and some personal background information. It was a friendly encounter between the performers and the audience.

That event was part of the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Placentia Founders Society.



Fall Student Tours



We are so pleased to incorporate student tours in the Fall and Winter of 2024 to add to our earlier Spring 2024 student tours. During this time, we have toured third grade students from Lakeview, Wagner, Ruby Drive, and Golden elementary schools totaling ten classes and 220 students. During the tour they learn about life in the 1900s and how the area has changed over time. We sincerely thank the Placentia Community Foundation for their support of student transportation to enable such a tour for schools too distant for students to walk.

Bradford House Docents Visit Anaheim's Founders Park

Our wonderful Bradford House docents, who lead all our student and adult tours, had the pleasure of attending the Orange County Docent League's Conference held at Anaheim's Founders Park on September 30th. The group included Chris Maule, Judie Dee, Pauline Rogers, Kim Deweese, Pam Horn and Nancy Murray.

Not only did they tour the lovely home, but they also heard reports from various Orange County docent groups, large and small, with special presentations from Founders' Park, Centennial Farms at the OC Fair Grounds, The Bowers Museum, and The Holocaust Education Center of OC.

We are always looking for Bradford House docents, so leave a message at 714 993-2470 if you would like additional information.



Heritage Days



PFS representatives Chris Maule, Natalie and Angelica Ter-Nedden, and Nancy Murray participated in the parade and festival in Tri-City Park on October 19. Two board members, Parliamentarian Wendy Elliott and President Eric Holmgren, were honored as Citizens of the Year.



Halloween Haunt

The Halloween Haunt at the Bradford House in October was a fun and spooky time for all participants! We had approximately 130 kids and adults visit the house and trick-or-treat. We had a dozen teens from the National Charity League of Anaheim Hills volunteer to direct the visitors, distribute candy, and be frightful ghosts!



The event was made a success due to the help of many volunteers and the donations of the following local businesses: Costco, Republic Services, Sam's Club, Face Painting by Tiffany, Gryphon Archery and Fencing Club, Perimeter Protection and Surveillance Systems, Purple Notary Signings, and The Placentia Chamber of Commerce. Thank you to all our volunteers and sponsors for making this a successful event!





Holiday Cheer

As guests arrived for the traditional Christmas Party this year, they were welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Bradford, enthusiastically portrayed by Alice and Joe Husovsky. Decorations arranged by a merry band of elves brought everyone into the holiday spirit. All agreed that the afternoon hour was comfortable as they enjoyed the holiday music, traditional games and yummy food.





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Upcoming Events:

- 1/12 Sunday Tour, 2-4 p.m.
- 2/16 Piano concert
- 2-9 Sunday Tour, 2-4 p.m.
- 3/9 Sunday Tour, 2-4 p.m.

2024-2025

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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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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.