

#### Placentia Founders Society

# **The Green Shingle**

News from the Bradford House

June 2024

## Despite Rain Delay Placentia Community Partied with Another Celebration on Tap

April showers may have changed the venue for the Placentia Founders Society's 50th Anniversary party on April 13, but friendly smiles still filled the quickly arranged new space. Originally scheduled in Bradford Park with tours of the Bradford House planned, weather forced a quick switch to the Backs Building where food and festivities seemed to bring out the sunshine.

PFS partied alongside the Placentia Chamber of



Commerce who were celebrating the 100th Anniversary of their founding by A. S. Bradford. They had organized games, toasts, and presentations that were accommodated very nicely in the impromptu venue. Various restaurants provided a

tasty selection of foods that pleased everyone.

Board members from the Founders Society invited those present to take part in our Golden Anniversary Sponsorship Program: **\$50 for 50 Years**, with all donations to be earmarked for future maintenance of the Bradford House.

There is another chance to become a sponsor at the Annual Meeting on June 14 at 7 p.m. As in the past, this meeting takes place at the Bradford House. The nominating committee will present a slate of new officers for the upcoming year and members present can nominate from the floor or elect the slate as presented.



Nancy Murray, Wendy Elliott, Judie Dee, Eric Holmgren, Chris Maule, Kathy Frazee and Kim Deweese greet party-goers.

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting and join the following as a **\$50 for 50 Years** sponsor!

MARYANNE STREHLOW MARGE SIMMERMACHER THE N. WOODARD FAMILY THE F. HURST FAMILY KATHLEEN FRAZEE LINDA SCOTT BRENDA BENNER WENDY ELLIOTT CODY ELLIOTT THE ROCHKE FAMILY CHRIS MAULE KIM DEWEESE STEVE MURRAY NANCY MURRAY BETH WOODARD JAN HENDERSON BONNIE CARREN MAUREEN PLEGEL JUDIE DEE CAROL PETERSON SHEREE SANTOS MARILYN PIKE JOHN STAHLER LYNN STAHLER

All sponsors who join the **\$50 for 50 Years** at the meeting will receive their lapel pin and special honor along with those listed above. There is a program of games, readings and party cake being developed. So come for the fun as well!

## Our Guest List is Growing



**M**iss Placentia Teen, Julianne Rocke, accepted the invitation to tour the Bradford House that was extended to her during the Chamber of Commerce/ PFS anniversary party described on page one. She and her mother came to the next regular tour that was scheduled on the second Sunday of the month. They were greeted by docents Chris Maule, Nancy Murray, and Kim Deweese. Tour times are 2 and 3 p.m.

Alma and David Dennis were caretakers of the Bradford House for Hartwell Bradford. Their granddaughters, Joyce Lane (I) and Janis Tefteller, brought Dennis's cancelled checks from the Placentia National Bank that was founded by A.S. Bradford, the Bank of Italy that bought it out, and from the Bank of America that finally took it over. They had been mounted and presented to Mr. Dennis as a longtime customer of BofA.





Student tours of the Bradford House are back in full-swing, and the docents are thoroughly enjoying touring local third-grade students. In early May we had visitors from Woodsboro and Sierra Vista Elementary Schools. Tynes Elementary scheduled on May 31 and June 4. Morse Elementary chose to come on June 6. Special thanks to Kim, Kathy, Chris, Pauline, Brenda, Lynda, Natalie and Loralee and who all helped out during May and June.

#### A Message From the President

by Eric Holmgren



My first year as president of the Placentia Founders Society has flown by! The Bradford House has resumed it's rightful place as a center of community activity in the city. Our 2nd Sunday tours have been augmented by the return of our local third-grade field trips. In October, we hosted the Halloween Haunt and in December our members' Holiday Party! Our spring time history lectures were a success and we are planning on resuming musical performances at the house. The Murder Mystery

Night proved popular and will be repeated regularly.

All of these wonderful tours and programs could not have happened without the volunteers on the board, our docents and those businesses and individuals who financially contribute to the PFS. Thank you all for your dedication and support!

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## Love 🛡 Placentía

Many hands made for quick work on April 20 when thirty volunteers engulfed the House and its flower beds to remove dust from high railings, polish windows, and move a mountain of mulch from the far end of the park to the garden. A big thanks to all who chose to share their time and energy with PFS and Bradford House.







## Placentia Community Foundation Funds Transportation



We are very grateful to the Placentia Community Foundation for their continued support of student tours. Their grants to the Placentia Founders Society have funded the transportation of local third-grade students for several years, and we appreciate the 2024 funding. We want to include not only schools close enough to walk for their tour but also PYLUSD third graders whose schools are more distant or those that may not have as much financial support for busing. Students from Woodsboro Elementary were the first classes to benefit from this renewed Foundation support.

### Murder Mystery Night Applauded

Good detective work and clever deductions marked the first Murder Mystery Night at the Bradford House. Costumes from the '20s were encouraged and everyone easily got into the spirit of the evening. Working with prepared scripts, guests had to determine who had done in the victim. "I had so much fun!" Caitlin Peters said. Kelly Peters also enthused, "Tell me you're doing this again."

Stay tuned, we just might.

#### WAYS YOU CAN HELP THE BRADFORD HOUSE

Non-Financial Ways to Help:

- Follow the Placentia Founders Society on Facebook and Instagram and "Like' posts.
- Follow the Placentia Founders Society on YouTube @placentiahistory4026.

Train as a docent or door monitor for tours. Attend our annual June Members Meeting (This year on 6/14 at 7PM).

If you are a handy person, donate time for small chores/fixes at the house.

Financial Ways to Help:

- Renew your membership when due in June each year.
- Join a higher membership category or add a donation to your membership form.
- Participate in our Golden Anniversary "\$50 for 50 Years" campaign.
- Consider a donation to the Bradford House in the name of a deceased person.





Include the Placentia Founders Society in your estate planning.



The Bradford House



As a PFS member, a resident of Placentia, a local history buff or a neighboring lover of old houses, please consider becoming a sponsor by joining our "\$50 for 50 Years" program.

#### Golden Member sponsor benefits include:

- 1. Name displayed on a plaque in Bradford House
- 2. Bradford house lapel pin
- 3. Certificate for display at home or business
- 4. Acknowledgement listed in PFS newsletter and on social media
- 5. Private group tour at your scheduling
- 6. Honored at our annual membership meeting

Please fill in the form below & mail with a check to Bradford House, 136 Palm Cir., Placentia, 92870

I want to support the upkeep of the Bradford House by becoming a Golden Anniversary Sponsor. Included is my check for \$50.

NAME	
ADDRESS	
E-MAIL	PHONE
BUSINESS NAME (if applicable)	



The Bradford House

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#### **Upcoming Events:**

- June 9 Sunday Tour, 2-4 pm
- June 14 Annual Meeting
- July 14 Sunday Tour, 2-4 pm

#### 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
- Parliamentarian—Alice Husovsky **DIRECTORS** 
  - Art Gallery–John Walcek
  - E-media—Tiffany Davila
  - 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.