



Placentia Founders Society

The Green Shingle

News from the Bradford House

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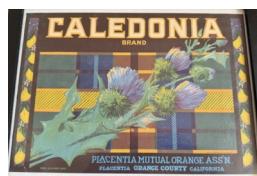
New Items on Display

We have recently spent time changing display items at Bradford House.

Clothing that's been stored for years in archival boxes now see the light of day.

We have added a few new items specific to the history of Placentia.

While we have a large display of crate labels under the Bradford Brothers' name, we were pleased to receive a framed Caledonia orange crate label from the Placentia Mutual Orange Association, circa 1940, to add to our collection. To mark the city's centennial, come see the changes.



Tea Times at Bradford House



The Bradford House ended 2025 with a lovely Holiday Tea combined with a special tour of the historic house which was beautifully decorated for the holidays. Guests dined on tea, sandwiches, homemade scones, and sweets while seated at the Bradfords' own dining room table under the original chandelier. It was the second Tea of the year at the Bradford House.

Make your reservations now for a Valentines' Tea on February 15, 12-2 p.m. by signing up on our web site. Cost is \$40.

Check out Upcoming Events

★ Second Sunday Tours

February, March, April, 2 & 3 p.m.

Public tours inside the Bradford House

★ Galentine Tea

February 15, 2026

Enjoy an afternoon of treats and tea after Valentine's Day. See p. 1, *Tea Times*

★ Centennial Show-and-Tell

March 15, 2026

Share mementos of history, her-story, or your-story. See p. 3, *Centennial*

★ Murder Mystery Night

March 21, 2026

Join friends to solve the question, "Who dunnit?" See photo p.2, p.3 *Murder*

★ Travel USA in Song

April 19, 2026

Travel the country in song as we hum and sing along with CarolAnn Tassio. See p. 3

Message from the President

by Eric Holmgren



As we look back on 2025, we can be proud of the expanded activities the PFS was able to host at the Bradford House. We held a Mother's Day Tea and a Holiday Tea, two Murder Mystery Nights, the Halloween Haunt, and the June Ice Cream Social. In September, the house and park played host to the Pacific Symphony String Quartet. Last spring we also hosted a jazz concert and piano concert!

Of course, we couldn't do these events without the wonderful volunteers and docents. We are also assisted by the financial donations of our sponsors. For 2025 we thank; The Bal and Tina Maraj Family Foundation, Coralles Law Group, Gryphon Archery & Fencing Club, Manos Electric, Martir Financial Group, and Perimeter Protection Surveillance.

If you work for a company or own small business and would like to contribute to the programs at the Bradford House, I would be happy to talk with you about sponsorship activities. We have many exciting programs planned for 2026!

Review of Fall

2025



Heritage Days
October



OC Symphony Concert on the lawn
September



Mystery Night
September



Christmas Party
December



Murder Mystery Night

Bring your sleuthing skills along with all the critical thinking you can muster and join friends at the Bradford House for another popular Murder Mystery Night. On Saturday, March 21, from 6-9 p.m. join other detectives to uncover the malicious demon among the group. Scripts are distributed so that everyone will have lots of clues; beverage and light dinner will provide sustenance to see you through the challenge.

Sign up for \$65 on the Bradford House web site. Hurry before all the evidence is compromised!

Third-Grade Student Tours

The first few months of the 2025-26 school year saw the resumption of PYLUSD third-grade Bradford House tours after the summer hiatus. In the first 5 months of the school year, nine classrooms totaling nearly 300 students have visited the Bradford House with other classrooms scheduled for the Spring.

We sincerely appreciate the Placentia Community Foundation Grant for financing bus transportation for this educational experience for local students. Without their support, many students, especially those from more distant schools, would not be able to visit the Bradford House.

The student tour docents share information about the Bradford family and their influence on Placentia, but they also stress the concept of "change over time". The students are amazed at the differences and also similarities of their life compared to life at the beginning of the 20th Century. For example, they recognize many of the toys, dolls, and games but also notice that none are made of plastic.



Centennial Memories

Placentia will mark 100 years as an incorporated city on December 2, 2026. A rich local history can be built using treasured memories of special events and countless personal experiences.



Retaining wall made from parts of old Placentia Ave.

Share the part you played in creating Placentia's story. Dig out the ribbons, trophies, photos, flyers, pens, shoes, books or cherished artifacts that you saved from events at the schools, churches, City Hall, library, businesses, and clubs in Placentia.

What might you have? A community cookbook from Atwood, remnants from a lost building, a menu from an early restaurant, bling from your march in the Rose Parade, photos of lost open space or park structures all would add to the city's history.

On Sunday, March 15, Placentia Founders Society will host a Centennial Show-and-Tell party, 2-4 p.m. at the Bradford House. To help us plan please send an email to bradfordhse@yahoo.com and tell us what you would like to share. Use "Show and Tell" as the subject line.

Travel the USA through Song

Board a virtual flight from Los Angeles to Massachusetts, experience the sounds along the East Coast, travel to the Smokey Mountains, then fly on to Georgia and Texas. Twenty musical stops along the way celebrate different states before returning to the OC and John Wayne Airport.

Popular pianist and music historian CarolAnn Tassio, known to many for her lilting music at the Founders' Christmas party, will provide song sheets and information. This free concert is open to the public.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, April 19 from 3-4:30 p.m. Join the Placentia Founders Society in celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Raise your voices proud and strong!



The Bradford House

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*** THANK YOU!! ***

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.

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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