



Placentia Founders Society

# The Green Shingle

News from the Bradford House

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**VOTE** 

## June Elections and Membership Renewals are Upcoming

Parliamentarian Colson Teal assembled a nominating committee to prepare the slate of officers for the PFS Executive Board for 2026-2027. He reached out to all members via email, so everyone had the chance to volunteer and bring new ideas and fresh energy to the PFS board.

Elections are held at the Annual Meeting in June every year, which will be Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. this year. Please plan to come and vote for the incoming slate of officers and send the out-going volunteers off with a jolly toast! Thanks go to Eric Holmgren, Nancy Murray, Panida Pawasittichot, Wendy Elliot, Kim DeWeese, Michele Jones and Colson Teal for shepherding the Bradford House through one more significant year. As of the writing of this article, most of the current board were eager to continue in their same roles next year. The one opening available is the VP-Curator. If you enjoy record keeping and gentle antique care, please email Colson at the address above and throw your hat in the ring.

June is also the time annual memberships are up for renewal. Membership dues are vital for the maintenance of and programs at the Bradford House. On the last page of this newsletter, there are a couple ways to get to our web site to join/renew online as well as information on using the traditional

**SUPPORT** 

USPS. Please renew, bring a new friend along and support the local history as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Placentia.



## Ice Cream Social to Celebrate Dedicated Volunteers

Everyone is invited to celebrate the many wonderful volunteers who give their time to make our city better. The second annual Celebration of Dedicated Volunteers will be open to all service organizations wishing to honor their stand-out volunteers.

On Sunday, June 28, members of the outstanding El Dorado High School jazz band will play while guests can visit various vendors, consider taking home a piece of history from the Bradford House Deaccession Sale, tour the House and enjoy an ice cream cone courtesy of Rich Farm.

Supported by the Bal & Tina Maraj Family Foundation, the event will be from 1-4 p.m. Come to meet the amazing volunteers and maybe even decide to join them.



## Scones and Cream for Mother's Day

Another lovely Mother's Day Tea on May 10<sup>th</sup> offered special guests the chance to enjoy an English tea in the historic Bradford House using Bradford House dishes. A docent-led tour followed the delicious offerings. Proceeds from the event will help maintain the house in coming years.

## YOUNG AND OLD, EVERYONE LOVES A GREAT TOUR



We love offering tours of the Bradford House. They are made special by our devoted docents who inform and entertain guests from third-grade students to senior citizens.

From January to June 2026, we have conducted or have scheduled six open Second-Sunday tours, four private adult tours, and fifteen third-grade class tours. The

adults (above left), a local group from the Daughters of the American Revolution, seemed most interested in the history of the family, the house and A. S. Bradford's contributions to the development of the area. The

students (above right) tell us they enjoy the lovely red ruby window and the many items on display, especially the antique toys and kitchen items. We thank the Placentia Community Foundation for supporting student transportation for these school tours.

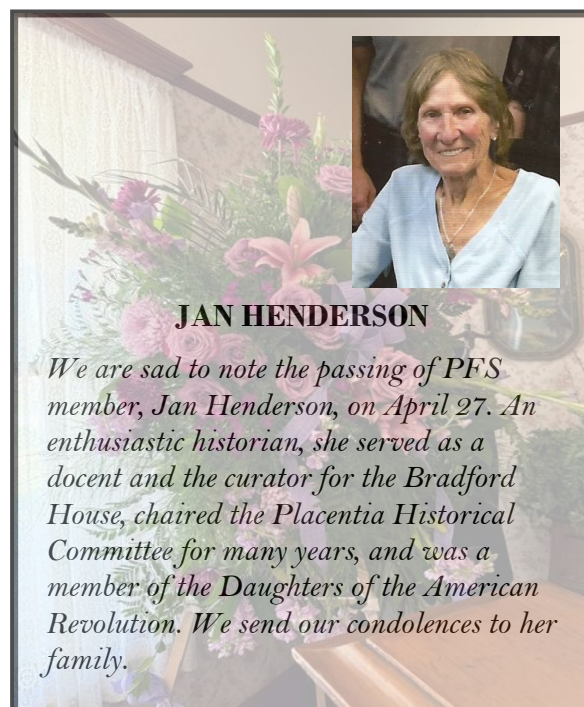


To the left, the great-great-great grandson of A. S. Bradford, Michael Spellmire, and his mother, Annette, were amused by the changes in data computation that have taken place. Here they compared the adding machine used in Bradford's time with the smart phone/calculator/camera all-in-one that we have today.

If you are interested in our on-going docent training, please let us know by calling 714-993-2940.

### Docent Perk: Inside Stories

One of the side benefits of being a docent is meeting the interesting guests who share unusual personal stories that relate to the period when the house was built. One of our PFS members, Pat Bailes, was a part of the DAR group touring the Bradford House. She noted the photograph of the Placentia Philharmonic Society that is on display. Around 1906, the group traveled to Los Angeles by the Pacific Electric Railway, "the red cars", that linked Los Angeles with areas of Orange County. The group picture was taken on the steps of the Soldiers Home in Sawtelle where they performed for veterans and had a picnic. Pat's great-grandfather was a resident there.



**JAN HENDERSON**

*We are sad to note the passing of PFS member, Jan Henderson, on April 27. An enthusiastic historian, she served as a docent and the curator for the Bradford House, chaired the Placentia Historical Committee for many years, and was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. We send our condolences to her family.*

## Message from the President

by Eric Holmgren



During the last 5 years I have been on the board of the Placentia Founders Society, the number of active members who support our mission to maintain the Bradford House has hovered a bit above 100. Compared to the city of Placentia's population that represents only .2%. However, our annual membership dues represent 20% of the funds we use each year for the care of the Bradford House!

Our goal for the next 12 months is to double the number of members! This will help with our next major capital expense for the house...a new roof!

Members receive first notice of upcoming events at the house, like the teas, murder mystery events, and musical programs. They are invited to an exclusive holiday party! Members also receive satisfaction knowing that their contribution helps preserve the historic legacy of the community through our tours and school field trips.

You can help. If you are not already a member, please consider joining. If you are already a member, then please share this message with your friends and family. We have membership options for students, families, seniors and businesses. Purchasing your membership is easy; use your credit card at our website, [thebradfordhouse.org](http://thebradfordhouse.org).

Thank you for your support!



So Many  
  
 Placentia

Thanks to everyone who helped at the Love Placentia service day. We were able to accomplish a few tasks never or seldom done before including cleaning the dining room chandelier, hanging a few large display pictures, and vacuuming the upholstered furniture. We also did a lot of trimming and planting outside. Nice coverage followed on Sunday in the *Orange County Register*.



## Musical Third Sunday Option



On the Third Sunday in April, live music once again filled the parlor at Bradford House. Guided by pianist and music historian CarolAnn Tassio, guests were taken on a virtual tour across the country to visit the towns and sights well-known in song. The melodies were familiar and words were provided. Ms. Tassio provided souvenirs from some of the states, much to the delight of all.

The Third Sunday presentations offer the community a variety of musical, cultural or historical opportunities in keeping with the request of the descendants of A. S. Bradford when they donated the building to the city.



The Bradford House

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### 2025-2026 PFS Board

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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.*

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\* **Paper check lovers** can send this form with payment to the Palm Circle address shown above.

\*\*\* THANK YOU!! \*\*\*

## Membership Support

Thank you to our loyal members who have supported the Bradford House in the past. Our fiscal year begins on June 1. Membership renewals for 2026-27 are now due. \* *New members are most welcome.*

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Individual \$30

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