



Placentia Founders Society

The Green Shingle

News from the Bradford House

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Notable Volunteers

In June, the Founders Society held its second annual Celebration of Dedicated Volunteers. Singled out for her frequent work with both Sunday and school tours was volunteer Chris Maule. She also was recognized for her time as an active board member.

Besides her activity with the Bradford House, Chris volunteers at the Nixon Library and the Arboretum and Botanical Garden at Cal State Fullerton. Chris especially enjoys working with the third grade students and their local history study.

Generously sponsored by the Bal & Tina Maraj Family Foundation, the event was established to especially honor the memory of one of our past presidents, Tina Maraj, who devoted many hours over the years to the Bradford House.

Music that day was provided by the El Dorado High School jazz band and added to the festive spirit. Free tasty ice cream from Rich Farm delighted everyone.



Planning Spooks

If your favorite word in October is BOO! and you love to make a little frightful excitement, please join the Spooky Founders in creating the Halloween atmosphere at the Bradford House.

In early October volunteers will create the perfect balance between scary and fun. To sign up to help, just click this link. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4DABAF2AA31-66016780-halloween#/>

Or scan



The big event is October 17, from 6-8 pm when spirits will soar and live characters will greet visitors and pass out candy.

This is a great opportunity for teens to earn community service hours while having fun.

Heritage Festival

October 10

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of
Placentia's Incorporation

Watch for our entry in the parade and give us a wave. Stop by our booth and share some of your memories (or your Grandma's memories) of the first 100 years of our city.

“Symphony under the Stars” at Bradford Park

As the extreme heat of the day subsided on the last Sunday of August, classical music lovers established themselves in the growing shade in Bradford Park. Pushing strollers while toting chairs and blankets, an eager crowd settled in for a performance by The Pacific Orchestra sponsored by the City. Placentia Founders Society members were offered special seating and refreshments on the porch.

Prior to the concert, many visitors delighted in their first tour of the Bradford House and considered taking home a bit of history at the deaccession sale on the sidewalk.

Thanks to the National Charity League for their assistance with the sale and appreciation once again to our Bradford House docents who welcomed everyone to the tour.



Historical Collaboration

Last July, the Placentia Library invited the Placentia Historical Committee to participate in their quarterly speaker series. Two PHC members, Bradford House docent Kim Deweese and PFS member Bonnie Carren, prepared a talk on the role of women in the first century of our city's growth. Using the library's History Room resources, Kim and Bonnie found a variety of musical, literary, educational, governmental and Olympic achievements of Placentia ladies.

Watch this newsletter for date and time as we hope to repeat this animated presentation during our Third Sunday series this winter/spring.



Ford Club Visits

The local group of the national Early Ford V8 Club chose to visit Bradford House in June. They felt very comfortable in the house and enjoyed the tour provided by Chris Maule, Lorelee Page-Ortiz and Nancy Murray. Our own PFS car enthusiast and photographer, John Walcek, was delighted to share these pictures of the group and their cars.



Message from the President

by Eric Holmgren



Volunteers are an essential part of the Placentia Founders Society, providing valuable time, skills, and support that help advance its mission. Their contributions allow us to serve more people, strengthen programs, and make a greater impact in our community. Beyond the work they accomplish, volunteers also bring passion, new ideas, and a sense of connection that can inspire others to get involved.

By giving their time and talents, volunteers help us accomplish goals that might otherwise be impossible with limited resources. I want to thank all of the volunteers who give their time to support the Bradford House!

If you would like to help the community as a docent, volunteer or member of the board, please contact us. We would love to have you!

Mark your Calendar

11/14/26

Do you have extraordinary perception skills or logical deductive strength? If so, maybe you should mark your calendars for November 14 to spend an evening at the Bradford House helping to solve a *Murder Mystery*.

Guests are assigned a character and given a script with all the clues. As the script develops throughout the evening, each person has the chance to identify the culprit. Light refreshments are available to keep the mind clear and active.

Watch your email for a flyer and plan to bring friends who can collaborate with you in the investigation. These fundraising events have been quite enjoyable in the past, so the limited number of characters may fill quickly. Get ready. Come. *Deduce!*



Student Tours Need Docents

School is back in session for the 2026-27 academic year, and we are excited to again offer free, docent-led tours of the historic Bradford House to all PYLUSD third-grade classes beginning in October.

If you are retired or just looking for a way to give some valuable time to the community, consider becoming a Bradford House docent for both adult and student tours. Training includes an informative script and the ability to "shadow" an experienced docent until you are comfortable. No minimum service, just look at the needs sent out on a

monthly basis and decide if you can assist with any of them.

If you would like more information, please leave a message at 714-993-2470 or send a message to bradfordhse@yahoo.com and you will receive a return call or email.

We thank the Placentia Community Foundation for transportation funds for schools too distant to walk to the Bradford House. We rely on generous volunteers to make these visits worthwhile experiences.





The 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.

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*** 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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