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Sat. & Sun.
Sept. 30 & Oct. 1
Pow Wow & Native
American Craft Fair

Sunday Oct. 8th
11am - 4pm
Bow Wows &
Meows Pet Fair

Sat. & Sun.
Oct. 14 - 15
SCV Artists Assoc.
Art Classic

Saturday Nov. 4th
SCV Rose Society
annual rose show

Sat. & Sun.
Nov 25 - 26
Hart Holiday Boutique

Saturday Dec. 2nd
Cowboys & Carols

Message from the President

of the Friends of Hart Park

Our beloved Hart Park Superintendent of 30 years or so has advanced in his career as a park professional.

Norm came to Hart in 1986 with enthusiasm, a lot of talent, energy, and a big heart for all things in Hart Park. Norm loves animals and nature of course as he grew up on the family farm in Illinois. The Hart Ranch was a perfect fit. Over 200 acres of buildings, artifacts, animals, fences, stables, trees and everything needed some TLC.

Hart Park did not have a revenue stream then. Norm worked first with county counsel to make a way for rental reservations, the FOHP Gift Shop we treasure today and the fundraising we do now.

In 1987 Mr. Phillips worked to bring back the Natural History Museum to operate Bill Hart's home – the museum of unparalleled historic value.

In 1993 an issue with dangerous farm equipment under the then open "pole barn" arose. Norm made the decision to make the area safe. Then the 1994 earthquake hit and the empty open pole Barn became SCV's DAC (Disaster Application Center). The barn wrapped in sheet plastic served well, but it opened up possibilities. The Hart Hall you see today has changed everything for Hart Park. Thank you Norman Phillips for truly being a Friend of Hart Park.

Every structure is improved, our animals are safer, our gift shop is wonderful. Hart Hall joins our community in so many ways. Today we see Movies in the Park, Cowboy Festival, Art Events, Live Music, Cultural Festivals including

our Hart Pow Wow, the Pacific Islander Festival, Bow Wows & Meows Pet Adoptions, and Silents Under the Stars.

The brand new front and entry to Hart Park segues into Old Town Newhall's revival and SCV Historic Society Preservation efforts. Beautiful brides now have weddings and sometimes family & friends gather together to say one last goodbye to loved ones. Bill Hart would have been so proud of you Norm, for your dedication, commitment, and love of his legacy for our County, our Country and all future generations.

This wonderful professional man was honored at Silents Under the Stars on July 29, 2017, by our very dedicated LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger. The beautiful scroll had an amazing amount of Norm Phillips accomplishments for LA County Parks. Thank you Supervisor Barger !!



Award Recipient and Park Supervisor Norm Phillips, with County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, and Santa Clarita Mayor Pro Tem and Friends of Hart Park President Laurene Weste

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Message from the President concluded

Friends of Hart Park gave Norm a truly historic tribute with the 2nd only replica of William S. Hart's branding iron. Former Supervisor Antonovich received the first one upon his retirement last year. How fitting this was for Norm who consistently worked with the Supervisor's office to improve and protect our precious park. With extreme thanks to a great park professional & public servant, Norman Phillips, we know you will also do a great job in your new position at Castaic Lake.

All our Hart felt thanks

Laurene Weste
President, FOHP



Norm Phillips and well-deserved award from The Friends of Hart Park.

M o v i e s i n t h e P a r k

Hart Park presents free Movies in the Park during the Summer!



Trading Post Offers Thanks to Volunteers

With the annual Pow Wow in the Park coming up in the next month the Gift Store will be offering a 20% off sale on jewelry, including Native American Indian jewelry along with a variety of Western necklaces, bracelets, earrings, etc.

The old log cabin used book store next to the animal pens will be open both days of Pow Wow and will be selling off a stock of books primarily priced between \$.25 and \$1.00. We try to make our wide variety of donated books affordable to children and adults.



Volunteer recognition is due the folks who keep the Gift Store open during weekends.

"Many Thanks!" to the gift store ladies –

Carol Frost, Joanne Grosh, and Veronica

Montion, and to my husband, Roger, who manages the used book store. My sincere appreciation to my helpers who keep the stores up and running!

Please visit us if you are in the Park on a weekend day – our store has the best stock of Western items to be found in the Santa Clarita Valley, and our profits go right back into Hart Park.

Becki Basham
Gift Store Mgr.

Critters

The Barnyard got a new plaque, honoring our beloved Norman. Thank you to Hayden & Joni Sohm for their generosity.

(Pictured: Hayden Sohm, Rachael Komulainen (Park Animal Keeper), and Eric Relfman (Park Superintendent II)).



Silents Under the Stars

Silents Under the Stars
by Bill Blowers

The 2017 edition of Silents Under The Stars was a magical, fun, grand time for 230 delighted guests. Once again, this starlight evening, which has become the highlight event of FOHP's calendar year, lived up to its billing and more. Entertainment, provided by the Saguaro Sisters with Will Ryan, is still being talked about!

The William S. Hart movie *Wagon Tracks* was not only the best quality film yet seen at an Evening Under The Stars event, but it also showcased Bill Hart's dramatic acting ability. It also co-starred Hart's real-life sweetheart, Jane Novak.

And of course, what would the evening be without Ray Lowe's musical accompaniment, marvelous as always with his original scores? Ray's musical ability to make these silent classics come to life is considered so important that the evening was moved from its usual spot in the middle of August to July 29th to accommodate his schedule.

Highlights of the evening included an address by L. A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger and a presentation to long-term park manager Norm Phillips for his years of service and his close cooperation with FOHP. Also making a surprise appearance was actor Johnny Crawford, TV's Mark McCain from *The Rifleman*!

Sherron Blowers and her amazing committee are to be congratulated on the effort, planning, long hours, and frustration that go into the production of the evening. Without the talent, contacts, experience, dedication and persistence of five very committed people, the event most likely would not even exist. Planning began back in April, and the quality of the evening reflected the effort.

There are many ways to evaluate the success of an event. No matter how it is measured, every metric that can be applied to the evening of July 29 will register at or near 12 on a scale of one to ten.

And to put a cherry on top of the fun and enjoyment, proceeds from Silent Auction bidding and ticket sales exceeded last years record total, all of which will go toward the continuing maintenance and improvements at Hart Park.



Pow Wow

**County of Los Angeles Department
of Parks and Recreation**
in cooperation with the Friends of Hart Park



**24th ANNUAL HART OF THE WEST
POW WOW
& NATIVE AMERICAN
CRAFT FAIR**

Saturday, Sept. 30, 10am – 7pm
Sunday, October 1, 10am – 6pm

William S. Hart Park

MC

Michael Avila

Arena Director

Victor Chavez/Dine

Spiritual Director

Ted Garcia

Headman

Michael Runningwind/Seneca

Head Woman

Janet Snyder/Dine

Eagle Staff

TBA each day

Northern Host Drum

Blue Star

Southern Host Drum

Hale & Company

Open Gourd Dancing - TBA each day

Princess Contest – Ages 14 to 21"

"All Drums & Dancers Welcome"

No sale of sage, sweet grass or cedar

Event is Alcohol & Drug Free

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We're sad to say so-long... Lisa Jaserie



Lisa Hamblen Jaserie passed away in July at age 79. She not only served the FOHP with distinction, but with distinctive cheerfulness and dedication. She was the daughter of country music legend Stuart Hamblen, and her daughter Kim also helped out with The Friends as a talented graphic artist.

Kim along with Lisa's sons Bob and Bill (Hamblen Music CEO Bill Lindsay), and many friends, family and dignitaries came together in Hart Hall to remember her on August 12th and celebrate her life.

There was wonderful music provided by Deborah Malena and Garth Phillipson, featuring vocals by Lisa's granddaughter Sarah Lindsay. Honors were given by Mayor Pro Tem Laurene Weste and California Assemblyman Dante Acosta. Representatives of US Congressman Steve Knight, California Senator Scott Wilk, and Los Angeles Supervisor Kathryn Barger all paid their respects, presented certificates and a flag flown over the US Capitol in Lisa's honor.

We will miss you Lisa!

Special Membership



Silver

John F. Grannis

Patrons

Margi & John Bertram, Bill & Sherron Blowers
Diamond & Linda Farnsworth, Gerry Hogan, Linda Tamoff

Sponsor

Richard & Val Evans, Elaine Foderaro, Thomas M. Frew, IV

Our members in the Friends of Hart are essential to keep the preservation, beautification and enhancement of William S. Hart County Park and Museum. Tell your friends about us and invite them to join at FriendsOfHartPark.org/membership. Thank you very much for your support.



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