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Cowboy Festival
Fri & Sat Apr 19 & 20

Pacific Islander Festival
Sat & Sun May 5 & 6

Free Music in the Park
Sat May 12 June 2, 16

Artisan Row Home Arts
& Crafts Show
Sat & Sun May 19, 20

Goin' Country in the
Park evening music
May 26 & July 28

SCV Quilt Show
Sat/Sun June 9-10

"Saxtravaganza"
Free Chamber Concert
Sunday, June 24

Free Movies in the Park
Fridays at Dusk
July 13 & Aug 3, 17

Silents Under the Stars
Saturday, Aug 11

High Desert Model
Train Show
Sat & Sun, Sept 15 & 16

SCV Artists Association
Arts Classic
Sat & Sun, Sept 29 & 30

Native American
Pow Wow and Craft Fair
Sat & Sun, Oct 6-7

Bow Wows & Meows
Sun Oct 14

25th Annual SCV
Rose Society Show
Sat Nov 3

Cowboys & Carols
Fri & Sat Apr 21 & 22

Hart Holiday Boutique
Sat & Sun, Dec 8-9

Cowboy Festival 2018 Event in Hart Mansion!

By Alexandra Gooch, Friends of Hart Park director

Come join what is sure to be a fun filled Friday night on April 20, 2018 at the William S. Hart Mansion, the Historic 'La Loma de los Vientos'. The Friends of Hart Park's annual fundraising event is being held on the evening of April 20th at this year's Cowboy Festival! We are excited to announce the return of award-winning author and songwriter Jon Chandler accompanied by multi-instrumentalist Ernie Martinez. Tickets

are limited and attendees will get a unique chance to experience the mansion after hours while enjoying live music in the mansion's charming living room, followed by a cocktail reception with the artists on the majestic back patio. The cost is \$80 and tickets are available at cowboyleftival.org/tickets which include entry, 2 drink tickets, and 3 raffle tickets.

Jon Chandler is a three time winner of the prestigious Spur Award from the Western Writers of America. In 2009 his song describing a fictional examination of the last hours of the notorious gunman Doc Holliday's life, Linwood, won the Spur for Best Song. This was followed in 2012 with another Spur for his song Morning Star Moon. His novel The Spanish Peaks received the WWA's Medicine Pipe Bearer Award (Spur Award) for Best First Novel, and he was named True West Magazine's Best Western Musician. Wyoming Wind, A Novel of Tom Horn, was a finalist for the Colorado Book Award.

After enjoying the intimate performance, the patio will host a meet and greet with books and CDs available for purchase.

After parking in the lower Hart Hall parking lot, guests will be shuttled up the scenic hill past the Bunk House and American Bison outlook to the picturesque mansion backyard. Once guests have arrived they will be surrounded by the breathtaking night sky and the shimmering lights of the Santa Clarita Valley. Guests will be able to tour the mansion accompanied by knowledgeable volunteers and board members who will be available to answer questions, prior to and after the performance. Thanks to wonderful donors, a wine and beer bar will be open the hour before the performance as well as during the meet and greet. Throughout the evening guests will have a chance to purchase additional raffle tickets for the donated raffle items, and all winners will be announced at the end of the evening.

Annual events like the 2018 Cowboy Festival: An Evening with Jon Chandler and Ernie Martinez are the Friends of Hart Park's main source of raising funds. The Friends of Hart Park mission is to provide personal and financial assistance to the L.A. County staff responsible for maintenance, preservation, exhibition, and interpretation of the Wm. S. Hart legacy and to provide an educational liaison with the community. All the proceeds from this event support the needs of the Park including maintaining 265 acres of grounds, all buildings including the historic Hart Mansion along with care and feeding of our menagerie of barnyard animals, and American Bison herd. There is no better way to help the Park while enjoying a unique and unforgettable evening in the historic William S. Hart Mansion!



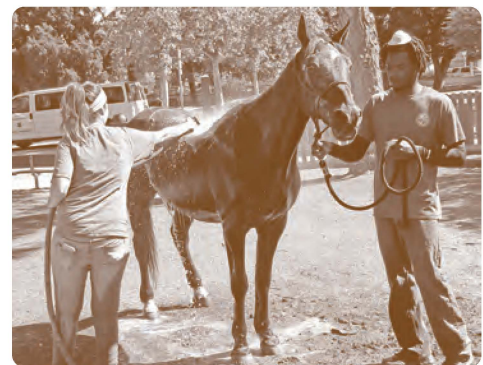
CRITTER CORNER

by Park Animal Keeper Rachael Komulainen



Rachael Komulainen, holding a wild gopher snake, resident of the park. He was moved off the roadway, so as not to get hit by vehicles.

*Come into the barnyard and see me
 In one of the enclosures I will be
 Awaiting your visit from some place
 Far away from my view – is that the case?
 But you came to see me today
 For more than a moment, you must stay
 You are entertainment for me, you see
 Stopping by to greet me momentarily
 Before you continue down the aisle way
 Talking to each of the critters and having your say
 But, I am your favorite! Or, at least that is what I think
 You spend most of your time by me – I don't think it's because I stink!
 I try my best to look cute and adorable to you
 Your visit is the highlight of my day – hope it is for you, too
 We may have feathers, scales or fur – unlike your skin
 But your visits and affection towards me makes you like my kin
 So, please make your rounds to all and then stop back by
 Without such love, I would surely die
 Thank you, for making me your critter friend
 I will remember your kindness until the end!*



"Blackie" is getting a bath from barnyard staff, Jessica Tresieras & Leonard Reed. Blackie turned 40 years old in January 2018 – stop by & wish him a happy belated birthday!

The Trading Post

The FOHP Trading Post Gift Store is stocked with merchandise and is ready for the upcoming Cowboy Festival in mid-April. We always anticipate having a great many visitors from out of the area come into our store and greatly enjoy having the opportunity to tell them about Bill Hart and Hart Park and Museum. Sales of Hart items -- silent movies, books, pictures, badges, hats, etc. -- are very popular with shoppers.

inventory of Western and Native American jewelry is the best in the SCV as is the collection of new and used books covering a wide variety of subjects dealing with the American West and U.S. History. We recently received a nice donation of Cowboy Festival posters from past years and will be offering these framed pictures for sale in the Store. The old log cabin Gift Store will once again be set up for a new and used book sale. In addition to children and adult novels we have a great collection of Civil War, Western, Hollywood, Art, U.S. History, Native American, Travel, Classic, Craft, Religion, Self-Improvement, Cooking, etc. books with the majority priced between \$.25 and \$1.00. Please stop by and take a look at the best little old Western gift store in town and be sure to bring your out-of-town friends with you!

Becki Basham
Gift Store mgr.



Join us at the
Cowboy Festival



Illustration by Liz Burrill



Howdy folks. For those of you traveling to Santa Clarita for the Cowboy Festival, I thought perhaps some of you would consider an extended stay. After all, you'll be in the spirit of the great outdoors by attending the Festival and why not plan a day trip or even a little longer enjoying the great outdoors by HITTIN' THE TRAIL.

This time the trail takes us to what I will call headquarters for either a day trip or even a few days. Bishop, California. As a day trip from Santa Clarita, it would be a long day as you travel 4-5 hours each way. Early risers can arrive in Bishop before noon and still have time to enjoy a lot of sights in town as well as all the visual enjoyment once you enter the scenic area of Highway 395.

Let's first think about the day trip. You will head directly north on Hwy 14 which will automatically put you on Hwy 395. Once on 395, you might consider stopping in Lone Pine at the Museum of Western Film History. At this point you are about 5 minutes from the Alabama Hills, filming location for well over 400 movies from the silent era on up to recent times. Hopalong Cassidy, Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, John Wayne, Tim McCoy, Ken Maynard, Hoot Gibson, Randolph Scott and many other western stars



have ridden the hills and visually, there is no other place like the Alabama Hills. You're leaving Lone Pine, still heading north and about 1 hour from Bishop. You'll travel through independence and once north of town, on the left side, is Fort Independence, a place you might consider for gasoline as traditionally they have the lowest price you'll find anywhere on 395. As you drive through Big Pine, you are within 15 minutes of Bishop. Once arriving in Bishop, it might be time for lunch. There are many choices and I'm sure you'll find something to please your taste buds. One place that I consider a must-stop in Bishop is Erick Schat's Bakery. As you drive north, it is located on the left at a stop light directly across from the Bishop City Park. Even if you have no hankering for pastries, bread, delicious deli sandwiches and more cookies than you can imagine, you need to at least just look inside. Nothing quite like it on the planet. Another stop if you like jerky or smoked meats or delicious deli sandwiches, try Meadow Farms Country Smokehouse, 2345 N. Sierra Hwy, which is on 395 after you drive through town and continue left. The smokehouse will be on your right. Another dining option is the Paiute Casino on your left just a short distance north of the smokehouse. Their cafe serves up some great vittles at a very reasonable price and if you're so inclined, a small casino is there to add or subtract to your financial condition. Bishop offers many different dining and shopping experiences. If you're looking for a mall, you've come to the wrong place. Many individually owned business line Main Street. A casual stroll around town is a nice pleasant way to relax and enjoy what a town with a population and elevation about the same, 4,000. Ever hear of or remember a Ben Franklin 5-10-25 store? Bishop has one on main street.

For those that have time for more than a day trip, you will find a multitude of lodging options including most brand names you're familiar with. Staying overnight is really the preferred option if you have time because there is so much to see in the great outdoors and just a few minutes from Bishop. I will tell you about two of my favorite places, but trust me, there is so much more but these places will give you an idea about how wonderful the greater bishop area truly is and how easy it would be to make several trips and enjoy something different each time.

Lets have a picnic lunch packed and head north on 395, through Bishop and get ready to turn left about 24 miles north of Bishop at "Tom's Place." You are on Rock Creek Lake Road. You will travel 9 miles to Rock Creek Lake, and will find the trail head by turning left at the Rock Creek Lake group campground. There are a few gentle inclines on this easy 2 mile trail around Rock Creek Lake. Your elevation will be 9,600 ft. The magnificent views you'll enjoy along the trail are nothing short of spectacular. Picnic tables and benches are on the trail so you can enjoy your lunch with the beauty of the lake and surrounding mountains. If you want more adventure, get back on Rock Creek Lake Road and continue to the end of the road. You are now at the Mosquito Flats parking lot and the Little Lakes Valley Trail head. You have gained another 200 ft. of elevation and will gain even more on the easy to moderate trail that will take you 5-10 miles round trip with each new view along the way seeming to be more spectacular than the last. By the way, the Mosquito Flats parking lot is named that for a reason so make sure you have some protection handy if needed. You like wildflowers? You will want to travel Rock Creek Lake Road in the spring. You like fall colors? Rock Creek Lake Road is one of the greatest places to enjoy fall colors. In fact, weather permitting, Rock Creek Lake Road is enjoyable anytime of year.



Another favorite is a hike around Convict Lake. Continue north on 395 past the Tom's Place Cutoff and look for the sign to turn left and the sign will be right near the airstrip on your right. You're just moments away from Convict Lake. Don't let the name fool you, it is a visual treat, far beyond what you might think. A very easy hiking trail that sometimes allows you to go all the way around, sometimes not. The last time I was there, the trail was washed out at about the half way point because of snow melting, but with this 2017-2018 winter season being less intense so far, perhaps the trail has been fixed by the time you arrive. Boat and kayak rentals are available if you want to have a little different adventure at this beautiful area.

Folks, I hope I have inspired you to head north on Hwy 14 and Hwy 395 and enjoy the great outdoors. I've only scratched the surface of all the wonderful sights along the way. Sights to enjoy prior to your arrival in Bishop and many more north of Bishop. In fact, all the way to the CA-NV border, you have so many opportunities to be amazed. Use the Internet to get details on all nature has to offer as you travel this unique trail. Tioga pass to Yosemite, June Lake Loop, Mammoth and so much more. As always, make sure you check road conditions prior to travel. For safety, don't forget to pack water, snacks, layered clothing and first aid kit. C'mon now, you're ready... HIT THE TRAIL.

**AN EVENING IN THE HART MANSION WITH
JON CHANDLER & ERNIE MARTINEZ**



**Join the Friends of Hart Park at the
William S. Hart Mansion for our April 20, 2018
Cowboy Festival Fundraiser: An Evening in the Mansion with
Award-winning author and songwriter Jon Chandler,
accompanied by multi-instrumentalist Ernie Martinez.
The intimate concert will be held in the living room of the
historic Hart Mansion with a meet and greet on the patio to
follow with drinks, treats, and a raffle!**

Ticket Price: \$80 (includes entry, 2 drink tickets, & 3 raffle tickets)

Date: April 20, 2018

Time: 8pm-10pm (doors open at 7pm)

Location: William S. Hart Mansion

24151 Newhall Ave

Newhall, CA 91321

Hosted by: Friends of Hart Park

For tickets visit: cowboyleftival.org/tickets



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Please join in the fun, and join



The Friends of Hart Park!

www.friendsofhartpark.org/membership

Please join The Friends of Hart Park! We are people in your community who volunteer their time and talents to support the park and museum facilities. For many years, funds raised by the Friends have been used to help maintain the mansion, help with the animals in the park, and clean/restore numerous art treasures.

By joining at any level, you will receive our quarterly newsletter, and be kept up to date on our events! Additionally, as members, you are entitled to a 10% discount on most merchandise in the FOHP Trading Post Gift Shop located in William S. Hart Park. Furthermore, you can enjoy the additional benefits if you join at the Sponsor level and above. To check out those benefits, and join, please visit:

friendsofhartpark.org/membership

Or stop by the Trading Post during the Cowboy Festival for more information and to join!

All proceeds from your membership go to supporting our ongoing efforts for the park, museum, artifacts and the animals.

Thank you for your support!

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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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