

The Hart Beat



Keeping you informed

—with the Coordinator

HOWDY Y'ALL!

I'm back and so is the Hart Beat newsletter. Thank you all for your continued support and help around the house. I'm delighted to catch up on all that has been going on and excited to get right back into museum life.

There are plenty of things coming up and a few changes as well. Also, we will be a lot more active on our social media feeds, so if you haven't started following us on Facebook, Instagram, or twitter; now might be a good time to start. Just search for Hart Museum and you should be able to find us.

The open house in January was a great success and we want to thank everyone that helped make it possible. Going forward, there will be an event at least once a month. Some of them will have a theme, and others will be a more casual format. This year is the 60th anniversary of the park opening, so we want to make the most of it.

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February 11th Sunday

Valentines Day

February 14th Wednesday

Open House

February 17th Saturday

Tidy-up

February 20 9:30-11a

February 2018

Weekend tours

With tours happening on the hour, during the weekend, we have decided that it will be easier for everyone if volunteer shifts are standardized to 12-3pm. The staff on the day will pick up the first and last tours. If you are only able to do the morning or late afternoon we still welcome the help, but will focus on covering the three tours in the middle.



Also, as a reminder, the tours are scheduled every hour, but are not required to last the full 60 minutes. Please use discretion with groups and what is appropriate for them. For example, an abbreviated tour may be entirely fitting with a small group consisting of mainly very young children.

If you find yourself finished early, and there are people gathering out front, feel free to give them a normal 30 minute tour if time allows. **It's not required and entirely up to the tour guide on the day, but it is** a great way to reduce down time and excessively large groups.



Spanish Language Tours

It seems our Spanish Language tours are growing every month! The feedback we have received has led us to standardizing the tours to the second Sunday of the month going forward. This should make it easier for everybody and help Spanish speaking visitors to better plan their trips. If you, or anyone you know is interested in and able to give one of these tours, please let us know.

DO I SMELL BIRTHDAY CAKE??

Phyllis Dozier 02/26



This month in history

On February 7th in 1940, Disney premiered **it's second feature**-length movie *Pinocchio*. Charles Cristadoro worked for Disney at the time and created models for the animators to use as reference, including one of Pinocchio. Prior to this, Cristadoro made several sculptures for Bill.

Volunteers wanted

Know anyone looking to get more involved in the Hart Museum? Have any friends interested in volunteering? If you do or come across anyone, feel free to pass on my email or the museum phone number . We would love to meet with them and see if they are a good fit. We are always looking for new faces to help us expand our programs.

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CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		30	31	1	2	3
			12p — 3p John S	12p — 3p Vanessa	10a China Group 12p — 3p	10:30 Small group 11 _____ 12 _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____
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			10:30 Advanced Bionics 12p — 3p John S	10a Welby Way Elementary (5 classes) John S 12p — 3p JT	12p — 3p	10a LA Art History tour 11:30 + 12:30 Cubscouts 11 _____ 12 JT 1 JT 2 _____ 3 _____
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18 Laura (Staff) 11 _____ 12 _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____	19	20	21	22	23	24
		930a — House Cleaning John S 	11a — Group tour (12) 12p — 3p John S	11a — Little Sheppard Phyllis 12p — 3p Phyllis	12p — 3p	11 _____ 12 _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____
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			12p — 3p John S			

William S. Hart Museum 2018 Events

February 11 (Sun)	- Spanish language tours
February 17 (Sat)	- Open house (no theme)
March 11 (Sun)	- Spanish language tours
March 24 (Sat)	- Open House Horse theme
April 8 (Sun)	- Spanish language tours
April 21 (Sat-Sun)	- Cowboyfest (2 day Open house)
May 13 (Sun)	- Spanish language tours
May 19 (Sat)	- Special Event Open house (themed)
June 10 (Sun)	- Spanish language tours
June 16 (Sat)	- Day at the Ranch Event Summer kick-off
July 8 (Sun)	- Spanish language tours
July 18 (Wed)	- Mid-week open house (themed)
August 11 (Sat)	- Silents Under the Stars
August 12 (Sun)	- Spanish language tours
August 22 (Wed)	- Getty intern event
September 9 (Sun)	- Spanish language tours
September 20 (Thu)	- 60 th anniversary
September 22 (Sat)	- Anniversary Open House
October 6 & 7 (Sat-Sun)	- Pow Wow (30 minute tours)
October 14 (Sun)	- Spanish language tours
November 10 (Sat)	- Potential NHM Event – Open house
November 11 (Sun)	- Spanish language tours
December TBD	- Cowboys and Carols
December 9 (Sun)	- Spanish language tours
December 29 (Sat)	- Open house (themed)



During his recent research down at the Seaver Center, John Smith uncovered an essay written in response to Fritz's 'Told Under a White Oak Tree'. It was presented in Catus Kate's perspective and entered in a contest during a three-day 4th of July celebration in Billings, Montana that culminated with the unveiling of the Cristadoro statue of Bill and Fritz. The contest asked students to read the book and write a description of Bill's character. The winner would receive a \$25 prize plus an invitation to be a part of the ceremony. The following essay was one that John thought was particularly creative.

Mearl Francisto,

Dawson County High School,
Glendive, Montana.

BILL HART'S CHARACTER

(As told by Kate, under a white oak tree, to her friends in answer to Paint's narrative)

"Wal, Paint, you've hed consider'bl hard experiences an' you stood up un'er 'em pretty good, seein youse only a hoss; but 'peers to me 'at you don't claim all the honor. You sed yourself 'at your Boss was pretty calm and cool an' acted quick when you was in a close fix. Now what if you'd a' had a scary, nervous, "fly-off-the-handle" rider--du' s'pose you cud hav made it? Not in a long shot! But Bill's got more than hoss sense.

An' too, another thing, d'u s'pose you cud stan' dreamin under this ole oak if Bill warn't good an' kind to you and thought somethin' on you? Bill's got a good, human heart an' he loves you, hoss.

'Nother thing. When you was doin' them 'ere stunts for the movies--you give yourself all the credit. You're all wrong there. Didn't Bill's words--quiet, encouragin' words--help you when things got dangerous? Bet your life they did! Bad words don't go with hosses.

'An' was you ever worked to death by Bill? Well, I guess not. He jes wouldn't 'low it, that's all. You doggone lucky hoss!

An' I s'pose you think 'at Bill thinks more 'on himself 'an he does on you, eh? Well, you didn't notice him leavin' you none when you was in a pinch--nope, by jiminy, you was allus first.

He's a God-fearin' man. Not many such these days, I tell you.

Did you ever see Bill act in a worthless picture? No, sir--hoss. He's clean an' he wants clean pictures. You kin hand it to him fer thet.

An', by gum, sizin' everythin' aboot Bill Hart up, I'd say you cudn't find a better, worthwhile, honest man. Now, answer me an' use your hoss sense can you?"

Updates from the Trading Post

The FOHP Gift Store is busy restocking merchandise after a very successful end of the year. New and replacement stock will soon be on the shelves in anticipation of the upcoming April Cowboy Festival which will once again be held in Hart Park. With free admission this year we are looking for a really big weekend crowd to come to our Park and to drop in at the Trading Post Gift Store. Visitors will find an excellent stock of Bill Hart items (movies, books, and souvenirs), Western and Native American jewelry, books on local history and the West (many are out-of-print and single copies only), leather and fabric purses, and home decorations with a Western theme. Shoppers will also find framed copies of Cowboy Festival posters from years past as well as framed Western sheet music and antique vegetable and fruit labels. Our Store has come to be known as the "go to" place for Native American jewelry and Western items in the Santa Clarita Valley. Be sure to drop by on a weekend day and take a look, and we hope to see you at the Festival! The old log cabin store behind the Trading Post will once again be set up for a used book sale during the Festival. Thousands of books will be priced between \$.25 and \$1.00. The collection will include children's and adult books, including Westerns, Western History, Civil War, U.S. History, Art, Craft, Cooking, Native American, Travel, Pet, Mystery/Suspense/Sci-Fi/Vampire/Popular/Classic, etc. novels.

Becki Basham

Gift Store, Manager.

Thanks for all your support and help!

The museum couldn't do it without

you!

