

# The Hart Beat



## Keeping you informed

—with the Coordinator

Ello Ello Everyone!!

As many of you know, this is my last month up here at the Hart and also my final newsletter. I accepted a promotion and will be heading down to the Natural History museum to work as the new assistant registrar. I will miss all of you very much and really appreciate everything you all have done to make my time up here so enjoyable. **Don't worry though, I won't be a stranger and expect to see you all at different events throughout the year.** In fact, I am planning to be at the Volunteer Recognition Night. So if you are willing to brave the traffic, I would love to see you there.

Going forward Margi and Laura will be doing the **newsletter, so don't be surprised to see some changes.** April is also going to be a very busy month with VRN, Cowboyfest, and our first outreaches for the year. We are still looking for some help during the open-houses during the festival especially Sunday.

If you are interested in helping with the outreach, just let Margi or another member of staff know.

In this issue we have information on:

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- ♦ The horse refresher session
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## Important Dates

Easter (30 min Tours)

April 1st Sunday

Spanish Language Tours

April 8th Sunday

Volunteer Recognition Night

April 18th Wednesday 5-9p

Concert

April 20th Friday 6-10 p

Cowboy Festival open house

April 21st and 22nd 11-4 p

Outreach

April 24th and 25th 8:20-10:20a

Tidy-up

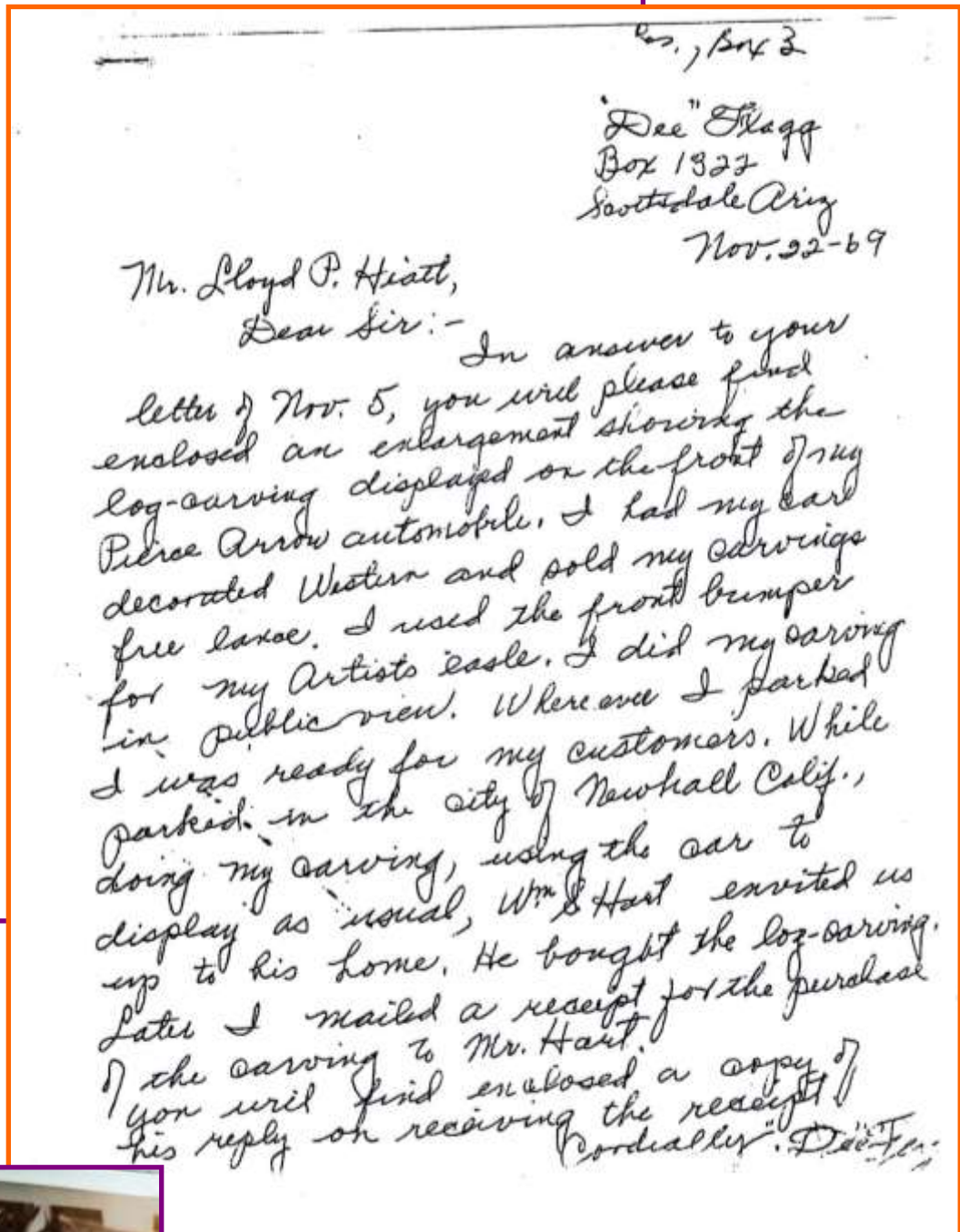
April 24th Tuesday 9:30-11a



April 2018

## Common mix-ups

The Wells Fargo log in the living room was **carved by "Dee" Flagg**. This letter should help to clear up some misconceptions that may still be lingering out there. The log was not actually used as a bumper for a car. It was merely placed on the bumper, since it functioned as a practical easel. If you take a closer look at the picture attached to the log, you can clearly see the bumper is still attached to the car.



## DO I SMELL BIRTHDAY CAKE??



Carol Frost 04/1

Jeff Wales 04/15

Judy Beadles 04/20

Suzanne Kush 04/22

# CALENDAR

## April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Easter Sunday (30 min tour)</b> <i>Margi and Laura Staff</i> 11a—130p 130—4p Rod	2 	3	4 Ralph obs 12p—3p JT	5 12p—3p Vanessa	6 <i>Laura as staff</i> Arminia John S 10am 3 third grade 12p—3p John S. Ralph	7 <i>Laura as staff</i> 12p—3p
8 <i>Spanish Tours—Margi Staff</i> 11a—1p 1—4p John S.	9 		11 St Stephens—Phyllis 10am 2 preschool 12p—3p Rod	12 Valley View John S. 10am 3 third grade 12p—3p	13 Charles Helmers 10am 4 third & fourth grade—John S. 12p—3p	14 12p—3p
15 Margi Staff 12p—3p	16	17	18 Volunteer Recognition Night 5-9pm La Brea Tar Pits 12p—3p John S.	19 12p—3p	20 <b>Concert</b> 5-9pm John S, John B. 12p—3p	21 <b>Cowboyfest Openhouse</b> <i>Margi—Laura Staff</i> John S.—Rod 11-1:30p 1:30-4p
22 <b>Cowboyfest Openhouse</b> <i>Margi—Laura Staff</i> 11-1:30p 1:30-4p Rod	23	24 Mitchell Outreach 8:20-10:20 John S., Laura <u>Cleaning</u> 9:30	25 Mitchell Outreach 8:20-10:20 John S., Laura 12p—3p	26 Maywood—John S. 10am 3 first grade 12p—3p	27 Noble John S. 10am 6 first grade 12p—3p	28 Addison Staff 1p—4p Rod
29 Margi Staff 12p—3p Rod	30 					



## Horses and animals of the Hart

## Movie Horses

Although he likely used additional horses during some of his pictures, there are five we know he used for sure. Fritz, Midnight, Cactus Kate, Lisbeth, and Brownie. According to the *Hollywood Hoofbeats* book, Fritz was originally brought to California by a Sioux Chief named Lone Bear. Bill met him on Thomas Ince's movie Ranch and they began their relationship when Fritz nearly landed on him while practicing his rears.



Fritz was also called Paint by some. In fact the Christadoro statue, does not credit Fritz, it credits Paint. Paint is also another name for a Pinto. The main statue is not in its original location, but  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile away. The original location overlooked Yellow Stone Bluff. It cost Bill \$20,000

Fritz was about 1,000 pounds and only about 14 hands. Fritz died in 1938 at the age of 31 and is buried on the property. Although there are many rumors, we cannot confirm if any horses other than Fritz are buried here.

**Bill's first movie horse, Midnight, was 1,200 pounds for comparison. Bill tried to buy Midnight for \$150 from the Miller Brothers 101 Ranch Wild West Show, but they refused. Thankfully they did, or we may never have gotten to know Fritz.**

## Other animals

Bill was survived by at least three of his horses – King Valentine, Gentle, and Roaney.

Roaney celebrated his 43rd Birthday on St. Patrick's day, *March 17, 1966*. Actress, *Quinn O'Hara* & county supervisor, *William M. Dorn* were at the party. The graying Mustang was believed to be the oldest living horse in the United States of America and possibly of the world. He had a 60 pound Birthday cake.

Bill bought Roaney in 1935 and he came from the same part of Arizona as John Imperial (the main ranch hand). Roaney died in 1968 at the age of 45, which would have been 123 in human years. Gentle died at the age of 39.



Most of the horses living here after 1946 were donated. The Ranch became a retirement home for movie horses. Bill Elliott's movie-horse Thunder, Hope McClendon's little horse (she was with Tom Mix's troupe), Ray Knox's show-horse, and **Harry Rankin's horse Smokey all spent time up here. They even had one Palomino horse, which was from the original Duncan Renaldo herd (Cisco Kid). There were about 11 horses here in the 1960s.**

## Current horses

**There are two horses down below and one donkey. The horse's names are Monty and Blackie. The donkey is Half-pint. Blackie used to be the Vazquez Rocks Supervisor's horse and led point on Mike Antonovich rides. Black is now 40 years old, or 120 in human years.**

## Bison

There were originally 8 bison donated by Disney. They were enclosed in an 8 to 10 acre track just west of the mansion or museum with an 8 foot chain link fence. Now they have closer to 22 acres.

The original herd of bison appeared in many movies and TV for Disney, including several scenes in the Andy Burnett TV series, *Mountainmen*, which Disney periodically shows on its ABC TV program. They've also been seen in episodes of *Sancho*, the homesick Steer, and were seen on his TV show.

Before Disney made arrangement to give the bison to the county of LA he made sure that his camera crews had thousands of feet of film of the bison.

## William S. Hart Museum 2018 Events

April 8 (Sun)	- Spanish language tours
April 18 (Wed)	- Volunteer Recognition Night
April 21 (Sat-Sun)	- Cowboyfest (Open houses)
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 <sup>th</sup> 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 Hart 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)





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# Updates from the Trading Post

The Trading Post Gift Store is stocked to the brim with Western gear to suit every taste featuring Native American and Southwest jewelry, leather and fabric purses, home decorating items, framed Cowboy Festival posters from past years plus Western theme framed sheet music and fruit labels, and even several pairs of beautiful cowgirl boots. The Store's book collection continues to grow with an outstanding variety of books, including signed copies of Bill Hart novels, history books, and Western poetry. The old log cabin gift store (behind the Trading Post) will have thousands of used books for sale during Cowboy Festival, with prices primarily ranging from \$.25 to \$1.00 each. Please drop by during Cowboy Festival and be sure to bring your out-of-town friends in to see the Trading Post and its amazing display of stock.

Becki Basham  
Gift Store Mgr.

*Thanks for all your support and help!  
The museum couldn't do it without  
you!*

