**And a new Hart event for Cowboy Festival!...**

by Roger Basham

The tour of the Western Walk of Fame and Hart Park took place on April 19th as a new addition to the annual Cowboy Festival.

The event began with FOHP Board member E.J. Stephens and his wife, Kimi, taking the group on a tour of the downtown Newhall Western Walk of Fame and pointing out interesting landmarks as well as providing information about the recipients of this award.

Once back at Hart Hall the visitors were treated to lunch and a short talk about Hart Park and Bill Hart provided by Roger Basham. The now well-fed guests were split into two groups, and with one being transported up to the Mansion for a tour provided by museum staff and volunteers the other went through the Ranch House with Board member Jack Stewart and Roger acting as guides. Then the two groups switched locations.

Board member Bill West led both groups down the hill from the Mansion past the Bunkhouse and Dog's graveyard, for a rare tour of the grounds surrounding Hart's mansion.

Finally, the guests finished up at Hart Hall to cool their heels and enjoy a screening of "Tumbleweeds" with pre-screening comments about the film by Bill West.

The event provided our guests to the Park with 5 hours of entertainment, lunch, a movie, an information booklet, and a Bill Hart souvenir badge all for $25.00! The Hart Park staff did a great job in keeping the group going, driving the vans, setting up the Hall and running the movie for us, and printing the information booklet. Gift Store volunteer, Carol Frost, opened the Store for the day and set a record for the highest sales volume in one day that has ever been achieved. Good going, Carol!

Thank you, everyone, for supporting this new Cowboy Festival event and making it a success!!!!