**Cowboy Festival 2014 Expands At The Hart.**

**How Could It Get Any Better??**

This year the Cowboy Festival events at the Hart Mansion are going to be bigger and better than ever. New Nights! New Artists! Something Old! Something New!

Through the years, the popularity of our Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival has grown and become one of the premiere cowboy gatherings in the entire country. The City has always excelled at bringing in some of the finest performers in Western Music and this year will be no exception. Be proud folks, Santa Clarita is on the map!

As Community Partners for the Festival since its inception, the Hart Mansion has worked tirelessly with the City to create a perfect, up close and personal venue that would allow concert-goers to feel the Old West around them as they enjoyed great western entertainment. We have that in William S. Hart’s living room. There is just an indescribable feeling that comes over you when you can sit beneath original paintings and sculptures by Old West Masters like Frederick Remington and Charles M. Russell and listen to wonderful music and romantic tales of the old west.

New excitement surrounds this year’s programs at The Hart. For the first time, festivities will begin on an all-new night! Kicking off an expanded weekend, **Thursday Night** the Mansion is proud to host the much-anticipated return of one of the most popular performances we have ever had. Coming in from Arizona will be Wyatt and Terry Earp with their enormously popular, award winning play **"Mr. And Mrs. Wyatt Earp".** Their performances have sold out every time that they have graced our door. Steeped in factual history, they accurately bring to life the true story of the infamous Earps, recounting the gunfight in 1881 Tombstone, as well as their life long marital struggles.

**Friday** - **Day**, Roger and Becki Basham, E.J. Stephens, Bill West and their posse have a historical walking tour, lunch and movie planned for Newhall and Hart Park. (Please see adjoining article.)

**Friday** - **Evening** will bring a whole new kind of event to the Hart living room. Renown, movie critic, television celebrity, author and film historian **Leonard Maltin** will host a very special evening with **Cheryl Rogers Barnett**, daughter of the King of the Cowboys Roy Rogers and the Queen of the West Dale Evans. Cheryl is a mother, author of 2 books and the keeper of some wonderful stories of growing up with her celebrated parents. Together, they will share movie trivia, rare clips from Roy and Dale's incredible career, Cheryl's personal home movies and of course, fun inside stories. What a rare opportunity to discover what it was like to have Roy Rogers and Dale Evans as your mom and dad. A Q&A will follow, so you can ask all the questions you like and get your answers directly from Leonard and Cheryl.

**Saturday** **Night** brings a fantastic pairing of 2 incredible performers from completely different backgrounds. "Alone and Together" is an evening with everyone's Cowgirl Sweetheart **Belinda Gail** and Colorado's Cowboy Laureate **Jon Chandler**.

Belinda comes to us with a brand new cd, "Granite Mountain", that is packed with fresh songs and is sure to fill the living room with lively fun, sweet smiles and heart. You can always depend on Belinda to spread a little joy. I dare say if ol' Bill Hart were here, even he would be tappin’ his feet.

Having been compared to John Jakes and Louis L'Amour, Jon Chandler is one of the country's best new western authors. He has also been heralded as one of Americana Music's premiere singer songwriters. Together with his deep, rich voice and unique song styling, he brings a different approach to visualizing wonderful stories of rural frontier America.

Both Belinda and Jon are A-List performers in their own right and will be doing full, one-hour concerts in the living room. Who knows, maybe if we are lucky, they will do a few songs together.

Come join us if you can. Yahoo! I love it when a great weekend comes together!