**Bill Hart's Birthday Holiday Celebration 2015**

*by Friends of Hart Park President Laurene Weste*

The Museum was beautifully decorated for Bill Hart's Birthday Celebration/Open House event on December 5th, and though it was not our traditional Cowboys and Carols event it all went extremely well. Approximately 150 guests came to see Bill Hart's home decorated in all it's holiday splendor and the music was something very special. Classic Violinist Jesse Brazil was stationed at the bottom of the staircase where he performed classic Christmas Carols on his violin to the delight of everyone there, and the sound was incredible. Jesse is a true artist and an extremely talented gentleman.

The Valencia High School Choir came dressed in Victorian Christmas Costumes and performed at the top of the staircase. The choir sang traditional Christmas Carols and their beautiful sounds could be heard throughout the whole Museum. These young people were a joy to see and a delight to hear. They were thrilled to be invited to perform in Bill Hart's Mansion and we would like to have them back again.

Refreshments were served and our very own Museum Administrator Margi Bertram even made a special "White Christmas Punch" for the occasion which included the use of white cranberries that was delicious. We want to thank Margi and Norm Phillips for all of their efforts to help make this event such a huge success. Furthermore, Becki Basham helped out above and beyond and was instrumental in the organization and planning of this event and also worked very hard the night of the event.

All and all, the event could not have gone any better and was a huge success due to the efforts of Becki, Norm and Margi along with those who helped work behind the scene to help get the word out and promote this event. Everyone loved the music and the Museum decorations were nothing short of magical.