The Cowboy Festival is one of the best annual events the city of Santa Clarita puts on each year, and it is especially good for us in Hart Park -- the diverse and numerous visitors who attend the Festival give proof that the spirit of the American cowboy still exists!  Bill Hart would be more than pleased that so many people take the opportunity to enjoy the ranch, which he and Mary left to the public in their separate wills.  Those members of FOHP who volunteered in the Gift Stores had a great weekend meeting with the public and having the chance to tell many of the out of town visitors about the ranch and the Hart's generosity.

And with the mentioning of volunteers ... WE NEED MORE FOHP  MEMBERS TO JOIN US AND VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH OUR VARIOUS EVENTS!!!  Volunteers can give as much or little of their time as they have available and will be provided with training for the activities that interest them.  The Trading Post Gift Store is open on Saturdays and Sundays for 4 1/2 hours each day and offers a pleasant environment in which to meet and greet Park visitors, sell animal feed and shop merchandise, and provide Park information and directions to visitors.  The bookshop has occasional used book sales and can always use help displaying the books and helping shoppers with their selections.  If you enjoy books and visiting with all ages of book lovers, this is the volunteer event for you!  There are a multitude of events throughout the year, such as Silents Under the Stars in August, which also need volunteer help, and there is always the barnyard and mansion which can use a helping hand.

Please contact us at the Trading Post Gift Store or at the Park Office if you can share some of your time to keep this wonderful Park churning along.

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Gift Store mgr.