Happenin’s ‘Round the House

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Around the end of June, Bill Hart’s costume from Hell’s Hinges will take a trip from the museum to be put on display at the Natural History Museum’s. Bill’s costume with be part of the rotating “Old Hollywood” costume case in the “Becoming Los Angeles” exhibit.

The reason is two-fold. First it will serve as a way to bring awareness to the fact that Bill Hart is being honored at this year’s silent film festival in Pordenone, Italy! Secondly - and perhaps more importantly in our hemisphere - it will serve as a way to entice visitors so head on over to Hart Park and Museum. In order to achieve this goal, one of our volunteers John Smith and I will be holding a training session at NHM all about Bill.

NHM will send its staff and volunteer educators to this training to ensure that they are prepared to answer visitor questions and engage visitors in conversation about Bill Hart’s story, legacy and highlight his lasting impact on the history of Los Angeles - including his connection here in Newhall.

For the time that the costume is at NHM, volunteers and staff will be stationed near it to tell people more about Bill Hart and his films. In addition to this, the costume will be a stop on one of the Museum’s highlights tours. Gallery Interpreter Amanda Kaufman will speak not only about the significance of Bill Hart, but of the uniqueness of his wardrobe and the importance of conserving museum collections.

So if you have been looking for an excuse to visit the Natural History Museum, this summer is the time to go! The costume has already received some conservation work and will be on display for approximately six months before returning home to the Hart Museum.