Bill West is a real-life Imagineer. How’s that for a job title? More on that in a moment. Bill joined the Friends of Hart Park in the early 2000s as a volunteer giving tours at Hart's hilltop mansion, and on one occasion serving dessert at the group's major fundraiser, Silents Under the Stars. That did it: Bill was hooked. Bill loves history and film, so supporting the people at silent film star William S. Hart's property was a natural fit.

Bill, like many wise men, followed his wife's lead. Santa Clarita Realtor and part-time model Liliana West, who had been volunteering at the Mansion, talked Bill into joining her there. Later, Liliana served on the Friends of Hart Park board of directors, and when she left the position in 2007, she convinced Bill to take her place. Bill has been serving on the board ever since, and he managed to get roped into maintaining the [friendsofhartpark.org](http://friendsofhartpark.org) website and serving as editor of the organization’s "Hart of the Matter" newsletter.

Coming full-circle to his initial duties of dishing out ice cream at Silents Under The Stars, Bill is now one of the major planners of the event, and he cohosts the event with his co-conspirator, film historian E.J. Stevens. Outside of family and Hart Park, Bill and E.J. host a local SCVTV show about movies with Santa Clarita Valley connections called "SCV In The Movies" ([scvinthemovies.com](http://scvinthemovies.com)).

By trade, Bill is a software engineer. When Bill graduated from Cal State Fullerton with a degree in Computer Science, he had two goals: to work for NASA and to work for Disney. For the next 14 years, Bill worked at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where he met his future wife Liliana, and then moved on to Walt Disney Imagineering (WDI), where he recently celebrated his 20th year. At WDI, he has worked on many Disneyland attractions including upgrades to classics such as Pirates of the Caribbean, Splash Mountain and the Matterhorn, as well as newer rides like Toy Story Mania and Guardians of the Galaxy-Mission Breakout! He has also worked in Florida on Walt Disney World attractions like Pandora the World of Avatar, and Tokyo Disneyland's Star Tours-the Adventures Continue. He's contributed to both Star Wars Galaxy's Edge lands, and focuses on Audio Animatronic(tm) robotic figures.

What a life, right?  
  
When Bill and Liliana's son Josh was born in 2005, the Friends of Hart Park threw Bill and Liliana a baby shower, making them feel like the Friends of Hart Park were forever part of Bill's family. Bill says he is most comfortable at home with his family and serving at William S. Hart's ranch in Newhall with his fellow Friends of Hart Park. He is very thankful and humbled by the nomination.