GIFT STORE & BOOKSTORE REPORT

Nov. 2021

Period from Oct. 2019 to Oct. 2021

The two stores (Trading Post gift shop and our bookstore) have been open since August 15th and are currently on Saturdays every weekend. Currently the Barnyard and the two stores are the only facilities open, and we are thrilled to be part of the William S. Hart Park comeback.

The Bookstore used the time off to re-organize with the addition of permanent shelves, which increase the books on display by about 30%. The goal is to have the store always ready to go whenever the front door is open, so please come visit!

We were delighted to reopen August 15th when the Barnyard reopened. The new duck enclosure with larger pond and waterfall and wire protection netting is very attractive and a big hit with visitors.

The other bit of good news is the introduction of two new books to the Gift Store inventory.

We recently had the opportunity to acquire a new publication about Bill Hart published by the Los Angeles Corral, Westerners International. The author is Abraham Hoffman Ph.D., who in 1987 was hired by the Seaver Center for Western History at the Natural History Museum to organize the archive of Hart’s materials being moved from Hart Park to the Seaver Center. With this unique opportunity and wealth of information Hoffman wrote “An Actor’s Life: William S. Hart, 1864-1946”. Readers will find this a very interesting publication which focuses primarily on Hart’s stage and movie careers.

The second book, not yet published, is the long-awaited Arcadia book about Wm. S. Hart Park. Roger and I spent several months with the authors, Kim and E.J. Stephens and Bill West, sorting through our 30-year collection of Hart photos, newspaper and magazine articles, FOHP-purchased published photos taken by professional photographers, and FOHP pamphlets written by various members. The book has been compiled by E.J., Kim and Bill and recently submitted for publication by Spring.

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