

# Western Region Symposium 2012

## Interpreting History Through Costume

William S. Hart Ranch and Museum  
Newhall, CA.

March 16-18, 2012

Enjoy a weekend in the beautiful hills of Southern California. You are invited to the 2012 Western Region Symposium to be held at the William S. Hart Ranch and Museum in Newhall, CA. William S. Hart was a silent film star at the beginning of the 20th century who made cowboy films and was famous for the most-authentic true-to-life films of the time. In 1926 Hart commissioned Arthur Kelly to build a mansion in Newhall. Hart was also a great art collector. His magnificent home is now filled with art from artists like Charlie Russell and Frederic Remington, as well as selected costume pieces and furnishings.



William S. Hart Collection,  
Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History

The Symposium will begin with a lively reception on Friday night. On Saturday papers will be presented with topics for all interests: fashion, history, theatre, national costume, gender issues and re-enactors! We will also hear from the Hart Museum staff and take a tour of the mansion. We will end the day by viewing a silent Hart film; *Tumbleweeds!*

Sunday morning promises final papers and goodbye. In our "free" time there's plenty to do. Surrounding the museum there is a large park, perfect for picnics and barbeques. The park is home to a herd of American Bison (buffalo), fun nature trails and a gift shop. There is also a barnyard area with live animals! As a special treat, just for the conference, the Natural History Museum of LA County, who runs the Hart Museum, will be displaying some of their wonderful historic and performance costume collection. Also within park grounds is the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society which is open for tours on weekends. Magic Mountain Theme Park is across the freeway in Valencia.



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## Schedule:



### Friday March 16, 2012

5:30-7:30 pm      **Reception at**  
*Roman Holiday Wine Lounge*  
Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. Choose from  
60+ tasting wines. Enjoy the outdoor fire pit on the patio  
or cozy conversation indoors.

### Saturday March 17, 2012

8:30- 9:30      **Registration** at Hart Hall & Displays  
9:30-10:00      **Conference Welcome and Introductions.** Deidre Theiman & Shelly Foote, CSA-WR;  
Beth Werling & Margi Bertram, National History Museum of LA and Hart Museum  
10:00-10:30      Oral Paper: ***The Mysterious Mr. Rouff.*** Barbara A. Drury, Student, University of Idaho  
10:30-10:40      **Break**  
10:45- 11:15      Oral Paper: ***The Fashionable Woman: A Comparison of Costumes Worn for***  
***Performances of Sheridan's "The School for Scandal".***  
Corrine Larson, Visiting Designer, Reed College  
11:20-11:35      Research in Progress Report: ***The Rebozo of Mexico and the Northern Settlement:1582***  
***to 1890.*** Elaine Bannatyne, Independent Researcher  
11:40- 1:40      Catered **Lunch** on the Patio  
1:45-2:45      **Hart Mansion Tour** and Gift Shop  
3:00-3:30      Oral Paper: ***Fashioning Greek Identity-Representing "Greekness" in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.***  
Theodora Zourkas, Master's Student, Deakin University, Melbourne, VIC  
Australia  
3:30-3:45      **Break**  
3:45- 4:15      Oral Paper: ***A Lady's Layers at English Camp: 2011 Meets 1860.*** Doreen Beard-  
Simpkins, Nancy Keller-Scholz, & Victoria Pann,  
Fort Nisqually Living History Museum, Tacoma, WA  
4:30-5:00      Oral Paper: ***Saris to Skirts: Negotiating National Identity through Costume.***  
Valerie Rangel, Adjunct Fashion Design Faculty, Dominican University  
5:00-7:30      **Dinner** on your own  
7:30 -9:30      **Screening of William S. Hart film**

### Sunday March 18, 2012

9:00-9:30      Welcome back and Exhibit Browsing  
9:30-10:00      Oral Paper: ***A Tale of Two Wrappers.*** Shelly Foote, Smithsonian Institution (retired)  
10:10-10:40      Oral Paper: ***Collecting Japan: The Kimono and Textile Collection at the Clark Center***  
***for Japanese Culture, and the Continued Pursuit of the 'Exotic' in Dress***  
***Collections.*** Brenna Barks, Independent Researcher  
10:50-11:20      Oral Paper: ***Dressing the Part: Mary Pickford's Use of Costume.*** Beth Werling,  
Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County  
11:20-11:45      **Closing Remarks.** Deidre Theiman, Shelly Foote, & NHM Staff  
11:45-12:30      **Closing remarks**

**Directions:**

**Roman Holiday Wine Lounge** is located at the Shops at The Patios at Westfield Valencia Town Center, 24201 W. Valencia Blvd., #3860, Valencia, CA 91355.

From Los Angeles: Exit the I-5 Freeway at the Valencia Blvd exit. Turn right on Valencia Blvd. Located at the corner of Valencia Blvd. and McBean Parkway next to Macy's. Park anywhere. Call 661 799-7221. The website is <http://rhwinelounge.com/index.html>

**The Hart Museum** is located approximately 1 hour north of Los Angeles in the Santa Clarita area. From Los Angeles: Take the I-5 freeway going north, to the 14 freeway (Antelope Valley Freeway) going toward Palmdale. Take the first exit, which is Newhall Avenue. Proceed west for approximately 1.5 miles. Hart Park's entrance will be on your left just after you cross the railroad tracks. Park in lot. Once you are inside Hart Park, you will see arrows that direct you to a walking path to get to the Hart Museum. The phone number for the Hart Museum is (661) 254-4584.

<http://www.hartmuseum.org/>

**William S. Hart Park  
24151 Newhall Ave.  
Newhall, CA 91321**

**Flying in ?**

Burbank Airport is closer to our destination than LAX. Check flights there before booking. There is some public transportation to Santa Clarita, most efficiently on weekdays. Car rental/ car-pooling is advised. We will send a car-pool list to all registrants in February.

**Lodging:**

We are not choosing a symposium hotel as there are many in the area at varying rates. This website will show you many choices convenient to the Hart Ranch. Many of them offer complimentary breakfast. [newhall.hotelreservations.com](http://newhall.hotelreservations.com)



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To make your reservation for the March 16-18, 2012 WR-Symposium, please reply by

February 24, 2012

Make checks payable to CSA, Western Region

Mail this form and your check to:

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Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ @ 95 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ @ 85 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Members(s) \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ @105 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon choice:  
 vegetarian  
 non-vegetarian

Will you be attending the Friday reception?  yes  no  unsure  
 Your telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Your e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like information about car-pooling.  
 I'd like information about room sharing.  
 I'd like to bring a guest to the reception (add \$15)

Registrations will be acknowledged by February 29, 2012  
 contact: Deidre Thieman, Education Chair with questions: [professionalconf@gmail.com](mailto:professionalconf@gmail.com)