

ARDENWOOD HISTORIC FARM NATURALIST PROGRAMS APRIL 2024



All programs meet at the Farmyard unless otherwise noted.

TODDLER TIME ♿

10:30-11:45am, Wednesday, April 3, 17

Bring the tots out for an exciting morning at the farm. Hear a story, do some chores, and meet some farm friends. Little ones will enjoy a variety of activities at their own pace. We'll meet rain or shine!

Park Hours:

Tuesday-Sunday, 10am-4pm

Closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day

Open Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day

Entry Fees:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday

\$4/adults (18+ years)

\$3/seniors (62+ years)

\$2/children (4-17 years)

Under 4 years-free

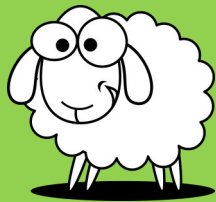
Thursday, Friday & Sunday

\$6/adults (18+ years)

\$5/seniors (62+ years)

\$4/children (4-17 years)

Under 4 years-free



SPECIAL EVENT

SHEEP SHEARING DAY ♿

11am-3pm, Saturday, April 13

Spring has sprung and it is time for our sheep's annual "haircut." Watch as the farm's sheep get sheared; then, try your hand at wool carding and see the transformation from fiber to yarn at the spinning wheel. You can even make your own wooly lamb to take home.

Fee: \$7/adults. \$6/seniors (62+), \$5/children (4-17 yrs.), 3 yrs. & under free.
Free Parking.

Contact Us

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HISTORIC DAYS ♿

10am-4pm, Thursday, Friday & Sunday,

Ride a narrow-gauge train, tour the beautifully restored Patterson House Museum, and join park staff in historic costume for programs and activities throughout the day. Farmyard programs start at 10:30am and end with an animal feeding at 3pm.

Program



Key



Wheelchair accessible



Online registration

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Healthy Parks Healthy

People programs offer

low impact exercise.



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ONGOING PROGRAM

ANIMAL FEEDING ♻️

3pm, Thursday through Sunday

Check for eggs and feed the livestock. Learn all the animals' favorite foods as we help tuck them in for the evening. Meet at the Granary.

RIDE THE RAILS - TRAIN RIDES ♻️

Various times, Thursday, Friday & Sunday

Railroads once connected many of the farms with towns in the East Bay. Today they still run around the farm. Journey past rows of crops and through eucalyptus groves as you travel back in time. Check the daily schedule and meet the train at Arden Station or Deer Park.

PATTERSON HOUSE TOURS ♻️

Various times, Every Thursday, Friday & Sunday

Tour the beautifully restored Patterson House Museum. Discover the history of this 19-room Queen Anne Victorian farmhouse listed on the National Register of Historic Places which operates as a museum of local history and turn-of-the-last century life. Tours are led by docents dressed in 19th century clothing. Check for availability at the Train Station upon your arrival.

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INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

MEET THE CHICKENS ♻️

10:30-11am

Check out our coop full of chickens! Discover why they like to roam around the farmyard and scratch and peck at the ground while you feed them a little snack.

WONDERFUL WOOL ♻️

11am-noon

Come check out our fluffy fleece and learn how we can transform sheep's special fur into woolly wonders.

LEARN THE ROPES ♻️

1-1:30pm

Learn how a few twists and turns on our antique machine makes rope making a cinch.

VICTORIAN TABLE TOP GAMES ♻️

1:30-2:30pm

Ready for some old-fashioned fun? Challenge your family and friends to a game of ball and cup, tops, or Jacob's Ladder as you delve into our box of games from days-gone-by.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 7

FARM CHORES FOR KIDS

10:30-11am

Running a farm is hard work. But it's fun too! Lend a hand cracking corn and feeding the animals. You'll check the chickens and help with other morning chores.

POPCORN! 🍿

11am-noon

Sample some delicious Ardenwood popcorn made on the wood burning stove and learn some of the history of this all-American grain.

FARMYARD GAMES

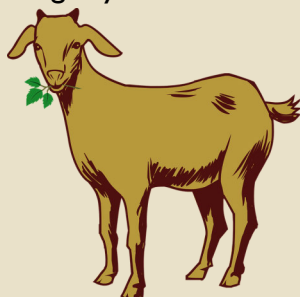
1-2pm

Life on a farm wasn't all work and no play. Join us for some old-fashioned fun! Try your hand at classic American pastimes including stilts, sack races, and the potato-spoon race.

ROPE MAKING & HAY HOISTING

2-3pm

Make rope with our antique machine, and then see how lots of rope plus a few pulleys make hoisting hay bales into the barn loft a cinch.



SATURDAY, APRIL 13

SHEEP SHEARING DAY 🐑

11am-3pm

See description on page 1.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

BIRDS OF THE FARM

8-9:30am

The farm provides valuable habitat for migratory birds. Let's explore the gardens, forests, and fields looking for these delightful visitors. No admission fee.

WAKE UP THE FARM

10:30-11am

Rise and shine little farmers! Say "Good morning!" to the sheep and goats and lend a hand as we prepare a morning snack for the farm animals.

WOOD STOVE TREATS

11am-noon

Drop by the country kitchen and sample a baked treat fresh out of the wood-burning stove. See some of the challenges of cooking before the invention of modern appliances.

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CONT., SUNDAY, APRIL 14

ARDENWOOD'S WALNUT ORCHARD

1-2pm

Join us as we explore Ardenwood's once thriving walnut orchard and learn the regional history and future of this important crop.

RABBIT RENDEZVOUS

2-2:30pm

Hop on over for a warm welcome from some of the farm's furriest residents. Learn why rabbits are great hoppers and how they use their long ears to sense danger.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

FARMYARD STORY TIME &

10:30-11am, Saturday, April 20

The Little Red Hen, the Billy Goats Gruff and other farm friends are waiting to meet you! Join the story circle for some classic barnyard tales before visiting the main characters.

POLLINATOR POWER!

11am-noon, Saturday, April 20

Explore the mighty power of creatures who help our plants to grow and bring us food. Learn how you can help support these tiny heroes.

FUN WITH FELTING &

1-2pm

Have some good, clean fun as we learn how felt is made from sheep's wool, and then make a felt toy to take home.

RABBIT RENDEZVOUS

2-2:30pm

See description to left.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

FARM CHORES FOR KIDS

10:30-11am

See description on page 3.

WOOD STOVE TREATS

11am-noon

See description on page 3.

CORN MOSAICS &

1-2pm

Learn how to turn our farm-grown flint corn into a fun craft for the whole family! Use the rainbow of colored kernels to make your own mosaic.



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CONT., SUNDAY, APRIL 21

HOMES FOR BEES

2-3pm

You don't need to be a beekeeper to provide a home for these precious pollinators. Explore the many types of bees that live in our area and learn some ways we can help them survive.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

MEET THE CHICKENS 🐔

10:30-11am

See description on page 2.

WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM! 🍦

11am-noon

Put together some ice, salt, cream, sugar, and a little muscle power to learn how we make delicious old-fashioned ice cream.

ARDENWOOD'S WALNUT ORCHARD

1-2pm

See description on page 4.

WOOLY LAMBS 🐑

2-3pm

Take home an Ardenwood tradition! Use some wool from our sheep here at the farm and make your own wooly lamb to take with you.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

BIRDS OF THE FARM

8-9:30am

See description on page 3.

WAKE UP THE FARM

10:30-11am

See description on page 3.

POPCORN! 🍿

11am-noon

See description on page 3.

STILT WALKING

1-2pm

Want to be taller? Improve your balance? Give stilts a try. It's fun! Guess why farmers used these fun tools in the past.

BEAUTIFUL TREES

2-3pm

From Bald Cypress to Yew, lovely specimen trees fill the estate of George and Clara Patterson. Stroll the grounds, see some special trees, and hear their stories.

