

NATURALIST PROGRAMS



SPECIAL EVENT

CHRISTMAS AT ARDENWOOD*

10am-4pm, Saturday & Sunday, December 4 & 5
Interpretive Staff



Celebrate the holiday season in Victorian style! Visit the beautifully decorated Patterson House, sing Christmas carols, search for the Yule log, and visit Father Christmas. Listen to live musical performances and enter our home-made "Christmas Cookie" baking contest (bring your cookies & recipe with you). The day also includes an abundance of Christmas crafts, music, and Country Kitchen treats.

FEE: \$8/adults, \$6/seniors (62+ yrs.), \$5/children (4-17 yrs.), children 3 years and under are free.

CHRISTMAS TOURS OF THE PATTERSON HOUSE*

Patterson House Staff & Docents
1pm, 2pm & 3pm, Thursday-Friday
December 9-10 & 16-17;

11am, Noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Saturday-Sunday, December 11-12 & 18-19

The Patterson House Museum has been transformed into a Victorian Christmas fantasy. Celebrate the holiday season 1900s style. Enjoy a docent-led tour of the farm's elegantly decorated centerpiece.

Fee: \$4/adults & seniors, \$3/children (3+ yrs) (plus farm admission).



A CHRISTMAS EVENING AT THE PATTERSON HOUSE*

Patterson House Staff & Docents
5-8:45pm, Fri, Dec 10

Join us for a magical evening holiday open house. The Patterson House Museum will be elegantly lit in all of its Victorian splendor! Each room is a journey into Christmas past filled with holiday music and cheer. Tickets are available in advance from www.regerec.com.

Fee: \$5/adults & seniors, \$3/children (3+ yrs) in advance. Tickets also available at the door, \$6/ adults & seniors, \$4/children.



NEW YEAR'S DAY BUTTERFLY WALKS

11:30am & 1:30pm
Saturday, January 1st
Christina Garcia



Start the year off right with an inspiring visit to a monarch butterfly over-wintering site. Discover the amazing migration of these tiny creatures and how they survive the long cold season in our eucalyptus trees. We'll use spotting scopes to see these magnificent creatures up close and personal. Meet at the Granary.



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE ONGOING PROGRAM

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Interpretive Staff

Check for eggs, and bring hay to the livestock. You'll learn all the animals' favorite foods as you help shut down the farm for the evening.

WEEKENDS IN DECEMBER SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

CHRISTMAS AT ARDENWOOD*

10am-4pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 1.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

CHRISTMAS AT ARDENWOOD*

10am-4pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 1.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

MARVELOUS MONARCHS*

11am-12:30pm

Christina Garcia

Unravel the mysteries of the monarch butterfly. After a slide show, take an easy hike out to the eucalyptus grove to search for butterflies overwintering at Ardenwood. Heavy rain cancels. Meet at the Granary.

CHRISTMAS STORIES*

12:30-1:30pm

Sara Witt

Christmas is just around the corner, come by Ardenwood and enjoy some hot cocoa by our wood-burning stove and listen to three classic holiday tales. Meet in the Granary.

MONARCH BUTTERFLY WALKS

1:30pm

Interpretive Staff

Join us on a tour of Ardenwood's monarch butterfly over-wintering site. Search for clusters of butterflies hanging from the branches of eucalyptus trees and learn about the mysterious migration of these majestic insects. These half-mile walks last approximately one hour and are suitable for all ages. Meet at the Granary.

OLD-FASHIONED GAMES*

2:30-3pm

Interpretive Staff

What did children of the Victorian Era do for fun? Join us to skip, catch and play games from the past that are just as amusing today. Meet at the Granary.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.
Meet at the Chicken Coop.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

MONARCHS FOR KIDS

11am-Noon

Trent Pearce

Learn about the life cycle of the monarch butterfly during a brief skit. Then take a short walk to the eucalyptus grove to look for our over-wintering friends. Meet at the Granary (2-8 yrs).

WINTER COVER CROPS*

12:30-1:30pm

Melissa Fowlks

The arrival of winter means its time to plant our garden with crops that will do the hard work of improving our soil. Come and see who they are!



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CONT., SUNDAY DECEMBER 12

MONARCH BUTTERFLY WALKS

1:30pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

BARNYARD BUDDIES*

10:30am

Interpretive Staff

Here's your chance to get close to all your favorite farm animals. Feed the goats a snack, pet a bunny, greet the sheep and tickle a chicken (if you dare).

MONARCHS FOR KIDS

11am-Noon

Chris Garcia

See description on page 2.



MONARCH BUTTERFLY WALKS

1:30pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

BIRDWALK & COUNT*

8-9am

Trent Pearce

Who's flying on the farm this morning? Become a citizen scientist collect data to help complete our 2010 bird survey. We'll explore and record our observations. Beginners to advanced welcome!

GOOD MORNING GOATS*

10:30-11am

Interpretive Staff

Start your day by meeting our resident nannies and billies. We'll prepare a snack for them using the farm's own organic corn before serving their barnyard brunch. Meet at the Barn.

MARVELOUS MONARCHS

11am-12:30pm

Trent Pearce

See description on page 2.

MONARCH BUTTERFLY WALKS

1:30pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

CLOSED





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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

MONARCHS FOR KIDS

11am-Noon
Trent Pearce
See description on page 2.



MONARCH BUTTERFLY WALKS

1:30pm
Interpretive Staff
See description on page 2.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm
Interpretive Staff
See description on page 2.
Meet at the Chicken Coop.



Ardenwood is open Tues. - Sun. from 10am-4pm. House tours are available by reservation only (call 510-791-4196). Food service, blacksmithing demonstrations and train rides will return in April. Admission fees apply. For program and fee info: (510) 544-2797, awvisit@ebparks.org or www.ebparks.org.



* = wheelchair accessible

December Weekend Programs at aGlance

Saturday

Sunday

December 4
CHRISTMAS AT ARDENWOOD
10am-4pm

December 5
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10am-4pm

December 11
Marvelous Monarchs – 11:00am-12:30pm
Christmas Stories – 12:30-1:30pm
Monarch Butterfly Walks – 1:30pm
Old-Fashioned Games – 2:30-3:00pm
Afternoon Animal Feeding – 3:00pm

December 12
Monarchs for Kids – 11:00am-Noon
Winter Cover Crops – 12:30-1:30pm
Monarch Butterfly Walks – 1:30pm
Afternoon Animal Feeding – 3:00pm

December 18
Barnyard Buddies – 10:30am
Monarchs for Kids – 11:00am-Noon
Monarch Butterfly Walks – 1:30pm
Afternoon Animal Feeding – 3:00pm

December 19
Birdwalk & Count – 8:00-9:00am
Good Morning Goats – 10:30-11:00am
Marvelous Monarchs – 11:00am-12:30pm
Monarch Butterfly Walks – 1:30pm
Afternoon Animal Feeding – 3:00pm

December 25
CLOSED

December 26
Monarchs for Kids – 11:00am-Noon
Monarch Butterfly Walks – 1:30pm
Afternoon Animal Feeding – 3:00pm