

ARDENWOOD



OPEN year-round, Tuesday-Sunday, 10am-5pm,* also Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. Train rides, blacksmithing demonstrations are available from April to mid-November on Thursday, Friday, Sunday, and during December events. Food service is available from May-October (Thursday-Sunday). *No admittance after 4pm.

CLOSED Mondays, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Storms may close farm without notice.

FEES — See insert for fee and event information. Ardenwood Historic Farm is operated in partnership between the East Bay Regional Park District and the City of Fremont. EBRPD membership privileges include free admission (special events excluded).

DOGS are not permitted in the park. **MODERN RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT** (i.e. frisbees, footballs, soccer balls, bicycles), balloons, and BBQs are prohibited.

HOUSE TOURS are available from April to mid-November and during December events. Tours are conducted Thursday-Sunday and are limited. Tickets are available at the Arden Station on a first-come, first-served basis. You must be a minimum of 6 years of age to go on a tour. Groups of 20+ should make a reservation. Call (510) 791-4196 for house tour information.

RESERVATIONS — To make reservations for the E-I-O picnic site call (510) 636-1684. Reservations may be made for weddings and large group picnics by calling (925) 462-1400. Large groups desiring special programs, tours, and rides, or teachers seeking a school reservation package should call (510) 796-0199.

DOCENTS & VOLUNTEERS — Ardenwood depends upon volunteers for its continued operation. Your interest in restoration, farming, gardening, house tours, historic crafts, or farmyard demonstrations will help keep the farm growing and flourishing. For more information call (510) 796-0663.

A farmer's legacy...

It was 1849 when George Patterson joined the stream of young men leaving the Midwest for California's gold fields. His dreams left little room for failure, but after a year and a half of mining he was ill and broke, so he turned to work he knew well: farming.

George gradually bought land with the money he earned by working for farmers near Mission San Jose. By the time he married Clara Hawley in 1877, he was on his way to acquiring nearly 6,000 acres of land and was one of the wealthiest and well-respected men in the area. At last he had struck "gold"—not in the hills, but through farming the fertile plains of the East Bay.

Today, Patterson's original house and land are part of Ardenwood Historic Farm. We invite you to come and experience farm life as it was near the turn of the 20th Century.



George Henry and William Clara

The Patterson Family

...is your key to the past.

Draft horses still pull wagons, railcars, and plows. The land still grows the kind of crops George Patterson tended 100 years ago, and the farmyard is still full of animals.

Staff and volunteers attired in Victorian clothing are on hand to show you through the Patterson family home, demonstrate farm chores, explain the social graces of the Victorian era, and guide you around the 205-acre farm.

The East Bay Regional Park District and the City of Fremont invite you to come often to Ardenwood; to picnic, play, and see for yourself what life was like at the turn of the 20th Century. It's a way of life nearly forgotten in the East Bay.

A tremendous community and Park District effort has brought the farm to this point, but it is far from complete. We are busy restoring antique pieces of farm equipment and adding some things that weren't here 100 years ago. So don't make this your only visit! Come back soon to see how things are coming along.



Ardenwood was named after a forest area described in Shakespeare's play "As You Like It."

Historic Chores



Farm Animals



Grain Harvesting



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