

NATURALIST PROGRAMS



SPECIAL EVENT

FREE DAY OPEN HOUSE ON MEMORIAL DAY*

10am-4pm, Monday, May 31

Interpretive Staff



Celebrate the holiday with an admission free day of fun! Enjoy a picnic on the lawn, while your children roll up their sleeves and help with the morning chores (11am – noon). Ride the train, tour the Victorian farmhouse and watch the blacksmith at work. Taste some “farm baked” cookies from our outdoor Country Kitchen (11am -1pm) and try your skills at some old-time games (noon–1pm). Take a stroll with an interpreter and learn what life was like long ago (2-3pm) and give the animals their afternoon meal (3pm).

HAY HOISTING

2:30-3pm

May 8, 29, June 12 & 19

Interpretive Staff

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

TODDLER TIME*

11-11:30am, Tuesday

Put on your rain boots and bring the tiny tots out for an exciting, and maybe wet, morning at the farm. Each day we'll meet and learn all about a new animal friend through stories, chores and fun. Meet at the Granary. (1-4 years)

May 4 – Pigs

May 11 – Sheep

May 18 – Goats

May 25 – Chickens



Ardenwood Historic Farm

34600 Ardenwood Blvd.

Fremont, CA 94555

Ardenwood is open Tuesday - Sunday from 10am-4pm. Admission fees apply. Food service is open Saturday and Sunday. For school group information, reservations and fees, call (510) 544-2797, email awvisit@ebparks.org or visit www.ebparks.org.

Accommodations will be made for visitors with disabilities upon request. For assistance call (510) 544-2797 or e-mail awvisit@ebparks.org.



* = **wheelchair accessible**



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE ONGOING PROGRAMS

BLACKSMITHING DEMONSTRATIONS*

10am-4pm
Every Thursday, Friday and Sunday & May 1, 15,
29 and 31

Scott Thomas

With a forge and anvil, a trained "smith" could make or repair the tools and equipment necessary on a bustling farm. Stop by and see our blacksmith heat iron over his fire and shape it on the anvil.

RIDE THE RAILS-TRAIN RIDES*

Various Times
Every Thursday, Friday and Sunday
S.P.C.R.R. (Ardenwood's Railroad)

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 Ardenwood Station or Deer Park.

PATTERSON HOUSE TOURS*

Various Times
Every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Patterson House Docents

Tour the beautifully restored Patterson House Museum. Discover the history of this 19 room Queen Anne Victorian farm house, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and operated as a museum of local history, and Victorian life. Tours are lead by docents, dressed in 19th century clothing, and take about 45 minutes. Check for tickets at the Train Station upon your arrival. Special 15 minute tours for children 6 and under are offered Thursday and Fridays at 2:30pm, Saturday and Sunday at 11:00am.

VICTORIAN FLOWER ARRANGING*

10:15-11:30am
Every Thursday
Patterson House Docents

The beauty of nature gained new popularity in the late 1800s and flowers were a way to bring the splendor of the outdoors into the home. Watch as our docents create floral works of art for display in the Patterson House Museum.

COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKING*

10:30am-1:30pm
Every Sunday
Interpretive Staff

Enjoy the flavor of the past with treats cooked on our wood burning stove. Sample food grown on the farm and discover the history of your favorite old-time snacks.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm
Every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Interpretive Staff

Check for eggs and bring hay to the livestock. Learn all the animals' favorite foods as we help tuck them in for the evening. Meet at the Chicken Coop.

WEEKENDS IN MAY SATURDAY, MAY 1

MOTHER GOOSE DAY*

11:30am-Noon
Heather McLelland
Duck, duck, GOOSE! Come celebrate Mother Goose Day! We'll play a popular game and hear a story or two. It's sure to be a fun time.



COMPOSTING GARDEN CHEF'S*

Noon-1pm
Melissa Fowlks
Spring is here! Join us in the heirloom vegetable garden to discover the secrets of composting. We'll also make a tasty concoction using fresh vegetables! Meet in the Kitchen Garden.



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CONTINUED, SATURDAY MAY 1

MEET THE BUNNIES*

1:30-2pm

Interpretive Staff

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.

AFTERNOON FUN & GAMES

2-3pm

Interpretive Staff

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

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKIN'*

10:30am-1:30pm

Interpretive Staff

Please see description on page 2.

YARNS ABOUT WOOL*

11am-noon

Christina Garcia

Gather on the Granary porch to hear some stories about sheep. Learn how shearing, spinning, knitting and weaving turn their fleece into warm sweaters and coats.

COOCOO FOR COOKIES*

Noon-1pm

Melisa Fowlks

Celebrate National Chocolate Chip Day! We'll talk about how this divine chocolate chip got started and then bake some cookies in our wood-burning stove! Meet at the Country Kitchen.



NAME THAT SEED!*

1-2pm

Gina Bacigalupi

Is that a calendula seed or a nasturtium seed? Let's play games to learn about seeds—the crazy and the ordinary. Find out which ones you can even eat!



AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

LAMBS, KIDS, & PIGLETS OH MY!*

11am-Noon

Interpretive Staff

When is a lamb called a sheep? How long are piglets in their mommy's tummy? Learn farm animal facts on a morning stroll and give snacks to our growing babies.

WHAT'S THE CLUCK ABOUT?*

1-2pm

Melissa Fowlks & Heather Mclelland

Come learn about our fine feathered friends; join in on their funky chicken dance, feed 'em a snack, and make a craft to take home. Meet at the Chicken Coop.

HAY HOISTING

2:30-3pm

Interpretive Staff

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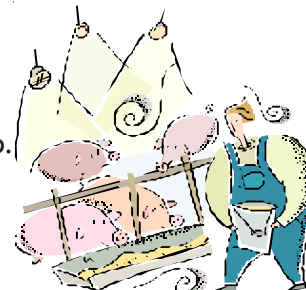
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3pm

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SUNDAY, MAY 9

COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKIN'*

10:30am-1:30pm

Interpretive Staff

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KIDS AND LAMBS*

10:30-11:30am

Christina Garcia

Our young sheep and goats are the newest arrivals on our farm. Learn to tell their breeds apart and give their hard-working moms a little treat.

ZAINY BRAINY WEATHER VAYNES*

11:30am-12:30pm

Melissa Fowlks

Make your own unique weather vane and learn why it's so important for farmers to have this interesting ornament perched on top of their barns. Meet in the Farmacyard.

FLOWER PRESSING PERFECTION*

12:30-1:30pm

Gina Bacigalupi

Our gardens are glittering with gorgeous blooms. Let's learn how to preserve these precious petals by making our own flower presses. Discover how Victorians turned flowers into keepsakes.

TUSSIE-MUSSIE FOR MOM*

1:30-2:30pm

Sara Witt

Victorians assigned meanings to flowers and sent messages via "tussie-mussies". Select a few significant blooms and create your own "nosegay with a message" for Mother or someone special.



OLD-FASHIONED GAMES

2-3pm

Christina Garcia

Leave your modern amusements behind and try your hand at some old-fashioned fun. Walk on stilts, play marbles and jacks, or compete in a sack race.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.

SATURDAY, MAY 15

BARNYARD BUDDIES*

11am-Noon

Interpretive Staff

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

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY HERBS AND FLOWERS*

12:30-1:30pm

Sara Witt

Come to Ardenwood where we'll read a story about nature. Afterwards you'll have the choice to plant your own herb or flower and watch it grow all summer long.

COOL CRISP KITES*

1:30-2:30pm

Melissa Fowlks

The weather's warming up, what a great time to be outside and fly kites! Learn how to make your own and navigate it across the farmyard! Meet in the Farmacyard.



AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Interpretive Staff

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SUNDAY, MAY 16

COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKIN'*

10:30am-1:30pm

Interpretive Staff

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EXCELLENT EGGSHELLS*

11am-Noon

Melissa Fowlks

Get your creative juices flowing as we roll up our sleeves and use eggshells as flowerpots for some seedlings. Meet at the Granary.

PLAY WITH DOUGH*

Noon-1pm

Christina Garcia

Victorian households often reserved several days a week for the family's baking. Discover the fun of kneading your very own pretzel that we'll bake for you in our wood-fired oven.

HOORAY FOR HONEYBEES!*

1-2:30pm

Gina Bacigalupi

Join us for fun bee-related activities, arts, crafts, and a tasting of local honey. Discover just how special these insects are. We'll even learn to "bee dance!"

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Interpretive Staff

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Meet at the Chicken Coop.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

BARNYARD BUDDIES*

11am-Noon

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 4.

TENDING THE VEGETABLE GARDEN*

Noon-1pm

Ira Bletz

Lend a hand planting seeds and turning compost in the heirloom vegetable garden. Learn vegetable fact and lore. If we're lucky, a few tender vegetables may be ready to taste.

FUZZYWUZZY*

1-2pm

Heather McLelland

"Fuzzy Wuzzy was a sheep. Fuzzy Wuzzy was sheared. Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't very fuzzy, was he?" Come and design your own fuzzy farm friend with real wool!

AFTERNOON FUN & GAMES

2-3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 3.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.

SUNDAY, MAY 23

COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKIN'*

10:30am-1:30pm

Interpretive Staff

Please see description on page 2.

YARNS ABOUT WOOL*

11am-Noon

Christina Garcia

See description on page 3.

Meet at the Granary.





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CONTINUED, SUNDAY MAY 23 QUIT BUGGIN' THOSE BUGS!*

Noon-1pm

Melissa Fowlks

Let's do a little insect biology and learn about these fascinating critters and their importance in our environment. Afterwards we'll replicate these buggy critters through a craft. Meet in the Farmyard (6+ yrs).



HERB BUTTER IS THE BEST!*

1-2pm

Gina Bacigalupi

Bring your muscles as we shake up heavy whipping cream to make fresh farm butter. Let's gather some herbs to add extra flavor before we taste our creation on bread.

LOVELY LADIES CROQUET*

1-3pm

Patterson House Volunteers

Social requirements did not always limit Victorian ladies to watching sports from the sidelines. Enjoy an entertaining example of a "very Victorian" croquet game played by our elegant volunteers.

CORN MOSAIC MAGIC*

2-3pm

Christina Garcia

Select colorful pieces of Indian corn to place in your own unique design. Make an intricate pattern or something simple—you're the artist!

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.



SATURDAY, MAY 29

LAMBS, KIDS, & PIGLETS OH MY!*

11am-Noon

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 3.

SUPERBLY STAINED GLASS WINDOWS*

Noon-1pm

Melissa Fowlks

Want to give your windows a bit more pizzazz? Come join us as we make beautiful handcrafted faux glass window art! Meet at the Granary.

WIGGLY PIGGLIES*

1-2pm

Heather McLelland

Our intelligent swine are simply divine! Come to the farm and meet our piglets. They'll play as we give em' a bath. Watch out for the splash zone!

HAY HOISTING

2:30-3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 1.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.

SUNDAY, MAY 30

COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKIN'*

10:30am-1:30pm

Interpretive Staff

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CONTINUED, SUNDAY MAY 30

GORGEOUS GOATS*

11am-Noon

Christina Garcia

Lend a hand grooming Laila, Heidi and Inga, our lovely lady goats. Meet their kids and learn all about these gentle farm friends.

FARM JOKES AND RIDDLES FOR KIDS*

Noon-1pm

William Kang

Come find answers to why the chicken crossed the road. Be ready to tickle your funny bone as we sit down and share farm jokes and riddles. Meet at the Granary.

BONE DIGGIN' FOSSILS*

1-2pm

Melissa Fowlks

Let's get our hands dirty as we replicate fossils with recycled coffee grounds. Make your own unique designs and add some shells for decoration. Meet in the Farmyard.

BACKYARD CHICKEN KEEPING*

2-3pm

Christina Garcia

Meet the farm's hens and find out what it takes to keep your own small flock of chickens. Soon you'll be enjoying your own fresh eggs every morning.

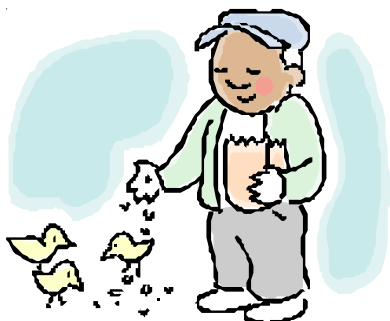
AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

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SPECIAL EVENTS

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

JULY 4

Celebrate July 4th at Ardenwood with rousing patriotic music. Games, contests and races, including egg toss, pie eating and watermelon seed spitting are some of the activities featured.

CAJUN-ZYDECO FESTIVAL

AUGUST 21

This day will showcase some of the best Louisiana French Cajun/Zydeco music and dancing.

Treat yourself to a delicious variety of Cajun food, specialty vendors and dance lessons.

HISTORIC RAIL FAIR

SEPTEMBER 4-6

Ardenwood's railroad will bring local history alive with a steam locomotive, equipment displays, model railroad layouts, handcar rides, and more.

Sponsored by The Railroad Museum at Ardenwood.

SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 11 & 12

Experience an enchanted evening at the Patterson during the Christmas season. Smell the aroma of cookies baking in a wood-burning stove.

Enjoy hot spiced cider and caroling around the organ in the parlor.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 9 & 10

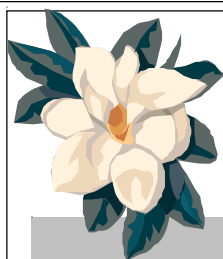
Become a share-cropper for a day and help harvest this year's Indian Corn and popcorn crops! Enjoy fresh squeezed apple cider, hands-on crafts making, hoedown music, and the bounty of another harvest season.

CHRISTMAS AT ARDENWOOD

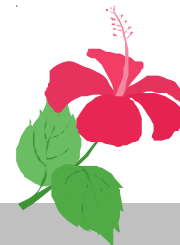
DECEMBER 4 & 5

Begin Christmas season with a visit to the beautifully decorated Patterson House. Sing Christmas carols, search for the Yule Log, visit Father Christmas and make your own colorful holiday decorations and crafts.

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May Weekend Programs at a Glance



Saturday

Sunday

May 1

Mother Goose Day – 11:30am-Noon
Composting Garden Chef's – Noon-1pm
Meet the Bunnies – 1:30-2pm
Afternoon Fun & Games – 2-3pm
Animal Feeding – 3-3:30pm

May 2

Country Kitchen Cookin' – 10:30am-1:30pm
Yarns about Wool – 11am-Noon
Cocoo for Cookies – Noon-1pm
Name that Seed! – 1-2pm
Animal Feeding – 3-3:30pm

May 8

Lambs, Kids & Piglets, Oh My! – 11am-Noon
What's the Cluck About? – 1-2pm
Hay Hoisting – 2:30-3pm
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Flower Pressing Perfection – 12:30-1:30pm
Tussie-Mussie for Mom – 1:30-2:30pm
Old-Fashioned Games – 2-3pm
Animal Feeding – 3-3:30pm

May 15

Barnyard Buddies – 11am-Noon
April Showers bring May Herbs & Flowers – 12:30-1:30pm
Cool Crisp Kites – 1:30-2:30pm
Animal Feeding – 3-3:30pm

May 16

Country Kitchen Cookin' – 10:30am-1:30pm
Excellent Eggshells – 11am-Noon
Play with Dough – Noon-1pm
Hooray for Honeybees – 1-2:30pm
Animal Feeding – 3-3:30pm

May 22

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Tending The Vegetable Garden – Noon-1pm
Fuzzy Wuzzy – 1-2pm
Afternoon Fun & Games – 2-3pm
Animal Feeding – 3-3:30pm

May 23

Country Kitchen Cookin' – 10:30am-1:30pm
Yarns about Wool – 11am-Noon
Quit Buggin' Those Bugs – Noon-1pm
Herb Butter is the Best! – 1-2pm
Lovely Ladies Croquet – 1-3pm
Corn Mosaic Magic – 2-3pm
Animal Feeding – 3-3:30pm



May 29

Lambs, Kids & Piglets, Oh My! – 11am-Noon
Superbly Stained Glass Windows – Noon-1pm
Wiggly Piggies – 1-2pm
Hay Hoisting – 2:30-3pm
Animal Feeding – 3-3:30pm

May 30

Country Kitchen Cookin' – 10:30am-1:30pm
Gorgeous Goats – 11am-Noon
Farm Jokes & Riddles for Kids – Noon-1pm
Bone Diggin' Fossils – 1-2pm
Backyard Chicken Keeping – 2-3pm
Animal Feeding – 3-3:30pm