

NATURALIST PROGRAMS IN SEPTEMBER



SPECIAL EVENT HISTORIC RAIL FAIR*



10am-4pm, Saturday-Monday, September 5, 6 & 7
The Railroad Museum at Ardenwood

Mark your calendar! The 9th annual Rail Fair returns to the farm over the Labor Day weekend. The centerpiece of this year's event will be the 1891 Baldwin steam locomotive, "Deanna" and a surprise visit by the 1890 steam porter engine "Ann Marie". Enjoy steam train rides, hand car rides, displays of garden railroads, model railroads, rail yard equipment displays, Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor displays, food, the children's Hobo game, music and much more!!

Special Event Fee. For info: visit www.spcrr.org or call (866) 417- 7277.



Shakespeare

SPECIAL EVENT

ARDENWOOD SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL*

10am-5pm, Saturday & Sunday, September 12 & 13



Shakespeare

Renaissance Productions and Interpretive Staff

Step back in time to the late 1500s and join William Shakespeare, Her Most Royal Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, along with costumed entertainers, shopkeepers and artisans. Enter a delightful Elizabethan town filled with myriad characters and vignettes resembling those of Shakespeare's plays. Marvel at the splendor, action and humor of a joust courtesy of the Knights of Avalon. Enjoy theatrical performances, a lively crafts marketplace, archery tournaments and storytelling for children.

FEE: \$15/adults, \$13/teens (13-17 yrs.)/seniors/military, \$8/children (6-12 yrs.), children 5 years and under are free. Advance tickets are available at 1-888-EBPARKS (1-888-327-2757), option 2, 3 or on-line at www.EBparksOnline.org.

TODDLER TIME*

11-11:30am, Tuesdays

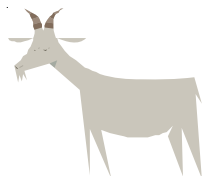
Bring the tiny tots out for an exciting morning at the farm. Each day we'll meet and learn all about a new animal friend through stories, chores and fun. Meet at Hay Circle in the Farmyard.

(1-4 yrs.)

September 15 – Goats

September 22 – Sheep

September 29 – Pigs



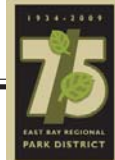
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd,
Fremont CA 94555

Ardenwood is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 10am-4pm. Admission fees apply. Food service is open Sat & Sun. For school group information, reservations and fees, call (510) 544-2797. Accommodations will be made for visitors with disabilities upon request. For assistance please call (510) 544-2797 or e-mail BCruz@ebparks.org.



* = wheelchair accessible

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE ONGOING PROGRAMS

BLACKSMITHING DEMONSTRATIONS*

10am-4pm

Every Thursday, Friday and Sunday plus
Saturday, September 12, 26 & Labor Day

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.

HORSE-DRAWN TRAIN RIDES*

10:15am-3:30pm

Every Thursday, Friday and Sunday

The Railroad Museum at Ardenwood

Railroads once connected many of the farms with towns in the East Bay. Some used locomotives and others relied on true horse power. Meet the Belgian draft horses that pull Ardenwood's train. 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 tour offered Thursday and Friday at 2:30pm, Saturday and Sunday at 11:00am.

COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKING*

10:30am-2pm, Every Sunday

Interpretive Staff & Docents

Stop by the Country Kitchen for a taste of the past. Sample a cookie or biscuit straight from the wood-burning stove and see why cooking outside always makes food taste better. Pick-up an historic recipe to try at home.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Interpretive Staff

Slop the hogs, 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 SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

HISTORIC RAIL FAIR*

10am-4pm

The Railroad Museum at Ardenwood

See description on page 1.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

HISTORIC RAIL FAIR*

10am-4pm

The Railroad Museum at Ardenwood

See description on page 1.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

HISTORIC RAIL FAIR*

10am-4pm

The Railroad Museum at Ardenwood

See description on page 1.

WHAT'S BREWING ON THE FARM*

1-3pm

Ira Bletz

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Brewing was common on 19th century farms. We'll brew up some honey-wheat ale using ingredients from the farm. Taste the fruits of our labor or sample some homemade root beer. Meet at the Country Kitchen.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

ARDENWOOD SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL*

10am-5pm
Renaissance Productions & Interpretive Staff
See description on page 1.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

ARDENWOOD SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL*

10am-5pm
Renaissance Productions & Interpretive Staff
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

FARM CHORES FOR KIDS *

10:30-11:30am
Interpretive Staff
Put your little farmer to work shelling and cracking corn, feeding the animals, collecting eggs and other fun chores that need doing around the farm. Meet at the Barn.

HEIRLOOM VEGETABLE GARDEN*

1-2pm
Gaeta Bell
Come lend a hand tending our Heirloom Kitchen Garden. After we weed, water and compost, we'll compare the tastes of vegetables from the past with those of the present. Meet at the Kitchen Garden.



SASSY SACHETS*

2-3pm
Gina Bacigalupi
Summer's fragrances may be gone, but autumn's aromas are just around the corner. Explore what scents we can preserve during the winter months while making our own spicy little bundles. Meet at the Granary.

ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm
See description on page 2.
Meet at The Chicken Coop.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

POTATO HARVESTING

11am-Noon
Gaeta Bell & Interpretive Staff
It's time for the great potato harvest! Learn the spectacular history of this New World native as you dig with your spade and help find the spuds. Meet at the Potato Patch.

FARMYARD GAMES

Noon-1pm
Interpretive Staff
Join us for old-fashioned fun! Test your balance with hoop rolling and stilts, race with the potato on a spoon or challenge 'ma and pa' to a family sack race. Meet on the Farmyard Lawn.

HOORAY FOR HONEYBEES!*

1-2:30pm
Gina Bacigalupi & Melissa Fowlks
Join us for hands-on bee-related activities, arts & crafts, and a tasting of local honey as we discover just how special these insects are. We'll even learn to "bee dance!" Meet at the Granary.

ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

LAUNDRY ON THE FARM *

11am-Noon

Interpretive Staff

Join us for one of the farms most difficult tasks - laundry. Splish and splash in the water as you learn to use the dolly stick, washboard, and wringer. Meet in the Farmyard.

WEEDS, COMPOST & VEGETABLES*

1-2pm

Interpretive Staff

Discover how those nasty weeds become rich soil for our carrots and beans. Join us in the Heirloom Vegetable Garden for some weeding, composting and vegetable tasting. Meet in the Kitchen Garden.

FABULOUS FOWL*

2-3pm

Interpretive Staff

Come get the scoop about the coop. Meet the residents, search for eggs, give the chickens a snack, and help tuck them safely into the coop for the night. Meet at the Chicken Coop.

ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

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



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

HELLO BUNNIES*

10:30-11am

Interpretive Staff

The farm's bunnies can't wait to meet you! Join us for a close-up look at rabbits, meet a lop, a Dutch and see who else hops out of the hutch! Meet at the Hay Circle in the Farmyard.



POTATO HARVESTING

11am-Noon

Gaeta Bell & Interpretive Staff

See description on page 3. Meet at the PotatoPatch.

TASTE THE GARDEN*

1-2pm

Interpretive Staff

Join an edible tour of the heirloom vegetable garden. Sample tasty tomatoes, herbs, and other old fashioned vegetables and learn why the "kitchen garden" was essential to Victorian homes. Meet in the Kitchen Garden.

WILD ABOUT WOOL*

2-3pm

Interpretive Staff

Explore the wonderful world of wool. Hear a delightful story about how sheep's wool can be turned into a sweater, then try your hand at the cards and drop spindles. Meet at the Granary.

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. Meet on the Patterson House Lawn.

ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

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



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT

HARVEST FESTIVAL

**10am-5pm, Saturday & Sunday,
October 10 & 11**

Corn Harvesting, music, crafts and more!