

ARDENWOOD

OCTOBER 2011

NATURALIST PROGRAMS

East Bay
Regional
Park District

calendar of events



SPECIAL EVENT HARVEST FESTIVAL ♿

Interpretive Staff
10am-5pm, Saturday & Sunday
October 8 & 9



It's harvest time on the farm! Bring your family and join your friends for some down home country fun. Harvest the Indian corn and popcorn and help fill our corncribs. Take home a share of our colorful corn for your holiday table. Enjoy magic shows, cider pressing, old-time music and crafts. Visit the blacksmith, ride the train and tour the beautifully restored Patterson House. Please bring your own bags to take home your harvest. **FEE:** \$8/adults, \$6/seniors (62+ yrs.), \$5/children (4-17 yrs.), children 3 years and under are free.

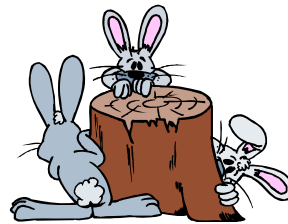
TODDLER TIME ♿

11:00-11:30am

Ira Bletz

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. (1-4 yrs.)

- October 4 - Sheep
- October 11 - Chickens
- October 18 - Rabbits
- October 25 - Goats



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ARDENWOOD HISTORIC FARM

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E-mail: awvisit@ebparks.org

Visit us on the web and register online
for some programs at www.ebparks.org

Ardenwood is open Tuesday-Sunday
from 10am-4pm.

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

♿ Wheelchair accessible
♿ Online Registration available

ONGOING PROGRAMS

BLACKSMITHING DEMONSTRATIONS &

10am-4pm, every Thursday, Friday, & Sunday, Saturday, October 8, 22, & 29

Scott Thomas

Stop by and see our blacksmith at work with his forge and anvil. Discover why a talented "smith" was so necessary on a bustling farm.

TRAIN RIDES &

Various times, every Thursday, Friday, & Sunday S.P.C.R.R. (Ardenwood's Railroad)

Climb aboard for a ride back in time to the days when railroads connected the East Bay to the world. Check the daily schedule and meet the train at Ardenwood Station or Deer Park.

PATTERSON HOUSE TOURS &

Various times, every Thursday-Sunday
Patterson House Docents

Tour the beautifully restored Patterson House Museum. Discover its history on tours lead by docents dressed in 19th-century clothing. This Queen Anne Victorian farmhouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and operated as a museum of local history and Victorian life. Check for tickets at the Train Station. Special tours for children 6 and under are offered Thursdays and Fridays at 2:30pm, Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30am.

COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKIN' &

10:30am-1:30pm, 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.

ANIMAL FEEDING & Kids

3pm, every Thursday-Sunday
Interpretive Staff

Feed the pigs, check for eggs, and bring hay to

the livestock. You'll learn all the animals' favorite foods as you help shut the farm down for the evening.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE WEEKENDS IN OCTOBER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

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 a lop rabbit, pet our Dutch bunny and see who else hops out of the hutch!

APPLE CIDER PRESSING &

11am-noon

Christina Garcia

Lots of kid power is needed to capture the sweet juice from autumn's ripe apples. Lend a hand and discover why cider was once America's most popular beverage.



DON'T LOSE YOUR MARBLES & Kids

1-2pm

Christina Garcia

Knuckle down to a game of ringer with our beautiful marbles and you'll discover why this simple game has fascinated generations of kids and adults.

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.

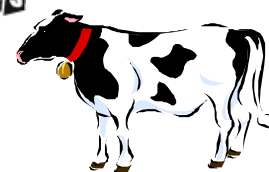
ANIMAL FEEDING & Kids

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Interpretive Staff

See description to left.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKIN' &

10:30am-1:30pm

Interpretive Staff & Docents

See description on page 2.

AWESOME OAK TREES &

11am-noon

Trent Pearce

Oaks are the quintessential East Bay tree. Learn more about the oaks of Ardenwood on a short walk then make an oak-inspired craft to take home.



OLD-FASHIONED ICE CREAM &

Noon-1pm

Interpretive Staff

Nothing beats the heat like ice cream. Help churn some tasty farm ingredients into this delicious dessert using an old-fashioned freezer. Meet at the Granary.

GORGEOUS GOATS &

1-2pm

Interpretive Staff

Let your little ones lend a hand giving our goats some much needed exercise and grooming attention. See if your kids like working with our kids.



ANIMAL FEEDING &

3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

HARVEST FESTIVAL &

10am-5pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 1.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

HARVEST FESTIVAL &

10am-5pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 1.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

APPLE CIDER PRESSING &

11am-noon

Christina Garcia

See description on page 2.

SCARECROW SCAVENGER HUNT &

Noon-1pm

Interpretive Staff

Scarecrows aren't just decoration; they do important work. Ours has been scattered around the farm. Help us find the missing parts and put them back together. Meet in the Barn.



CORN HUSK DOLLS &

1-2:30pm

Christina Garcia

Corncoobs, clothespins and rags - pioneer children made dolls from whatever materials were at hand. Gather some husks from the cornfield and create your own piece of folk art.

ANIMAL FEEDING &

3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKIN' &

10:30am-1:30pm

Interpretive Staff & Docents

See description on page 2.

GOURMET POPCORN &

11am-noon

Trent Pearce

Who knew popcorn could be gourmet? We'll spice up our organic popcorn with fresh herbs and spices. Which flavor will be the best? You decide. Meet at the Country Kitchen.



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CONT., SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

CHORES FOR LITTLE FARMERS & Kids

Noon-1pm

Interpretive Staff

Running a farm is hard work! Come and see what 19th-century farm life was like by helping crack corn, feed and water the animals, and many other fun chores.

CORN MOSAICS &

1-2pm

Trent Pearce

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



FARMYARD GAMES Kids

2-3pm

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.

ANIMAL FEEDING & Kids

3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

HELLO BUNNIES &

10:30-11am

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.



HAY HOISTING &

11-noon

Interpretive Staff

Help haul in the hay crop. Make rope on our antique machine and then learn how pulleys make hoisting the heavy bales up into the barn a cinch.

CORN HUSK DOLLS &

1-2:30pm

Christina Garcia

See description on page 3.



ANIMAL FEEDING & Kids

3pm

Interpretive Staff

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Meet at the Chicken Coop.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

ARDENWOOD BIRD CENSUS &

8-9:30am

Trent Pearce & Ira Bletz

Help with our ongoing citizen science research project by documenting the bird life in our gardens, groves and orchards. Bring your binoculars or scopes. Birders of all ages & abilities welcome!

COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKIN' &

10:30am-1:30pm

Interpretive Staff & Docents

See description on page 2.

OLD-FASHIONED ICE CREAM &

Noon-1pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 3.

HOMEMADE PAPER &

1:30-2:30pm

Trent Pearce

Who says you have to cut down trees to make paper? We'll turn old newspapers into fine stationery and then customize our creations with natural decorations.

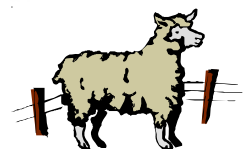
ANIMAL FEEDING & Kids

3pm

Interpretive Staff

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

FARMYARD STORY TIME & Kids

11am-noon

Christina Garcia

Gather around the hay circle to hear some of our favorite fictional farm tales. Afterwards, you can meet some of the featured animals up close and personal.

DON'T LOSE YOUR MARBLES & Kids

1-2pm

Christina Garcia

See description on page 2.

FABULOUS FOWL &

2-3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.

ANIMAL FEEDING & Kids

3pm

Interpretive Staff

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKIN' &

10:30am-1:30pm

Interpretive Staff & Docents

See description on page 2.

FALL LEAF RUBBINGS & Kids

11am-noon

Trent Pearce

Fall is the time when leaves abound. We'll go for a walk to collect different leaves, then make colorful rubbings of them to take home.

PUMPKIN CARVING &

1-2:30pm

Interpretive Staff

It's time to get your Jack-O-Lantern ready to spook some trick-or-treaters. Carve yours while learning the history of Halloween. Bring your own pumpkin or buy one from our farm.



PUMPKIN COOKIES &

2-3pm

Trent Pearce

Pumpkins are not just for carving! Watch as our favorite golden squash is turned into a delicious treat on the farm's wood-burning stove, then sample the results.

ANIMAL FEEDING & Kids

3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.



SPECIAL EVENTS

HALLOWEEN TRAIN &

7-9:30pm, Friday, October 21 & 28

7-9:30pm, Saturday, October 15, 22, & 29

7-9pm, Sunday, October 16, 23, & 30

The Railroad Museum at Ardenwood

Come out to the farm for an evening of Halloween fun! Climb aboard Ardenwood's train for an evening ride through fields and woods. Join the Halloween goblins and have a hauntingly good time! This slightly frightful evening is designed for families with children 12 years of age and under. Tickets will be available at the gate on arrival.

FEE: \$6/Adults, \$4/Children (3-12 yrs.). For info & reservations for groups of 10 or more: (866) 417-7277.

FALL CANDLE LIGHT TOURS &

7pm, 7:30pm, 8pm, 8:30pm, Friday-Saturday, October 28 & 29

Patterson House Docents

This is your chance to see the beautifully restored Patterson House in a whole new light! Experience the home of George and Clara Patterson as it looked during the Victorian era. These are not haunted tours, but may be a bit spooky. These tours are not recommended for young children. Reg. Required: (510) 791-4196

FEE: \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. Make reservations at www.regerec.com or call (510) 791-4196.



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October Weekend Programs at a Glance

Saturday

Sunday

October 1

Hello Bunnies – 10:30-11am
Apple Cider Pressing – 11am-Noon
Don't Lose Your Marbles – 1-2pm
Fabulous Fowl – 2-3pm
Animal Feeding – 3pm

October 2

Country Kitchen Cookin' – 10:30am-1:30pm
Awesome Oak Trees – 11am-Noon
Old-fashioned Ice Cream – Noon-1pm
Gorgeous Goats – 1-2pm
Animal Feeding – 3pm

October 8

HARVEST FESTIVAL

10am-5pm

October 9

HARVEST FESTIVAL

10am-5pm

October 15

Apple Cider Pressing – 11am-Noon
Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt – Noon-1pm
Corn Husk Dolls – 1-2:30pm
Animal Feeding – 3pm

October 16

Country Kitchen Cookin' – 10:30am-1:30pm
Gourmet Popcorn – 11am-Noon
Chores for Little Farmers – Noon-1pm
Corn Mosaics – 1-2pm
Farmyard Games – 2-3pm
Animal Feeding – 3pm

October 22

Hello Bunnies – 10:30-11am
Hay Hoisting – 11am-Noon
Corn Husk Dolls – 1-2:30pm
Animal Feeding – 3pm

October 23

Ardenwood Bird Census – 8-9:30am
Country Kitchen Cookin' – 10:30am-1:30pm
Old-fashioned Ice Cream – Noon-1pm
Homemade Paper – 1:30-2:30pm
Animal Feeding – 3pm

October 29

Farmyard Story Time – 11am-Noon
Don't Lose Your Marbles – 1-2pm
Fabulous Fowl – 2-3pm
Animal Feeding – 3pm

October 30

Country Kitchen Cookin' – 10:30am-1:30pm
Fall Leaf Rubbings – 11am-Noon
Pumpkin Carving – 1-2:30pm
Pumpkin Cookies – 2-3pm
Animal Feeding – 3pm

