

# ARDENWOOD



## NATURALIST PROGRAMS



### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT CHRISTMAS AT ARDENWOOD 10am-4pm, Saturday & Sunday DECEMBER 5 & 6



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+ years), \$5/children (4-17 years), children 3 years and under are free

### RETURN OF THE MONARCHS\*

Caterina Meyers & Christina Garcia  
1:30pm, Friday, November 27 & Saturday,  
November 28  
Each year hundreds of monarch butterflies  
gather at Ardenwood. Where are they from?  
Why are they here? Find out during a slide  
show and a short walk to their special place.  
Meet at the Granary.



### WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP\*

Christina Garcia  
10:30am-1pm, Saturday, November 21  
Create a festive wreath crafted from aromatic  
evergreens. Learn the significance of holly and  
ivy as well as the natural history of useful  
native plants. Embellish your creation with  
colorful citrus fruits, cones, berries and a  
magnificent bow. Bring a pair of hand pruners.  
12+yrs. Reg. Required: 1-888-EBPARKS  
(1-888-327-2757, option 2, 3)  
Fee: \$15 (non-res. \$17)

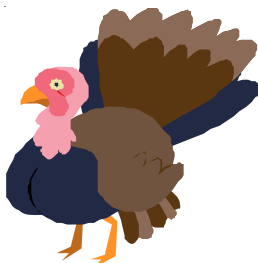


### TODDLER TIME\*

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 years)

Nov. 3 – Goats  
Nov. 10 – Rabbits  
Nov. 17 – Sheep  
Nov. 24 – Turkeys



**Ardenwood Historic Farm**  
34600 Ardenwood Blvd.  
Fremont, CA 94555

Ardenwood is open Tuesdays through Sundays,  
except November 26, 10am-4pm. Admission fees  
apply. Food service is closed for winter and will  
return in April. For school group information,  
reservations and fees, call (510) 544-2797.  
Accommodations will be made for visitors with  
disabilities upon request. For assistance 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 through  
November 22, plus Saturday, November 7 & 21  
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.

#### **TRAIN RIDES\***

10:15am-3:30pm  
Every Thursday, Friday and Sunday through  
November 22  
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. 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  
through November 15  
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. Additional Fee on non-event  
Saturdays. Special 15 minute tours for children 6  
and under offered Thursday and Friday at 2:30pm,  
Saturday and Sunday at 11:00am.

#### **COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKING\***

10:30am-2pm, Sunday, November 8, 15 & 22  
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  
except November 26  
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 NOVEMBER

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

#### **FARM FRIENDS\***

11am-Noon  
Interpretive Staff  
Here's your chance to get up close to your  
favorite barnyard buddies. Feed the sheep, pet  
a bunny, greet the goats, and play chicken with  
a chicken. Discover why these animals are such  
an important part of the farm. Meet at the Barn.

#### **FARMYARD GAMES**

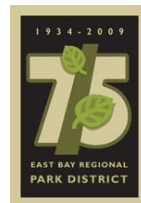
2-3pm  
Interpretive Staff  
Bring the family for some old-fashioned fun!  
Hop in a sack race, test your balance on stilts  
or compete in a potato spoon race. Meet on  
the Farmyard Lawn.



#### **AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING\***

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### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

#### **FARM CHORES FOR KIDS**

10:30-11:30am

Interpretive Staff

Young farmers are invited to help with the morning chores. We'll shell and grind corn, check the hen house for eggs, and give the animals a morning snack. Meet at the Barn.

#### **LAVISHLY LOVELY LEAVES**

Noon-1pm

Melissa Fowlks

Stop and notice the beautiful foliage that falls during this season. We'll look for fallen leaves in all their magnificent color before we replicate these luscious leaves through a craft! Meet at the Granary.

#### **VICTORIAN GAMES\***

1-1:30pm

Interpretive Staff

Farm life wasn't all work and no play. Challenge your family to a game of pick-up-sticks, tops, or hopscotch as you delve into our box of games from days past. Meet at the Granary.



#### **WALNUT WANDERING**

1:30-3pm

Christina Garcia

Let's venture deep into the old walnut orchard. We'll find clues to the lives of past and present farm residents and sample some nuts if the squirrels have missed any. Meet at the Granary.

#### **AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING\***

3pm

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.



### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

#### **GOOD MORNING GOATS\***

11am-Noon

Interpretive Staff

Come inside the corral to learn the ins and outs of a goat. (What goes in must come out!). After feeding them a snack, stay to help clean the pen. Meet at the Granary.

#### **GOING GREEN IN THE GARDEN**

1-2:30pm

Interpretive Staff

Cover crops, compost and winter vegetables are the key to a healthy garden. Stop by and lend a hand with planting to discover your green thumb! Meet in the Heirloom Garden.

#### **MEET THE BUNNIES\***

2:30-3pm

Interpretive Staff

We'll start with a story before exploring the wonderful world of farm rabbits. Meet some of our furry friends to learn how they get around and what they eat.



#### **AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING\***

3pm

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

#### **BARNYARD BUDDIES**

10:30-11:30am

Interpretive Staff

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





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### **MARBLED PAPER\***

Noon-1pm

Christina Garcia

Victorian bookbinders finished their works with elegant marbled end papers. Have fun creating your own fancy paper suitable for all sorts of gifts using modern nontoxic materials. Meet at the Granary.

### **BONKERS ABOUT BOOKS\***

1-2pm

Melissa Fowlks

Calling all story lovers! Come celebrate National Children's Book Week! Bring along your favorite book to share. I'll read it aloud while we indulge in some deliciously hot cocoa. Meet at the Granary.

### **BUTTERFLY B&B**

2-3pm

Christina Garcia

Soon, we expect hundreds of monarch butterflies to gather here. Meander on down to our "monarch motel" to see who has checked in so far and what's on their menu. Meet at the Granary.



### **AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING\***

3pm

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

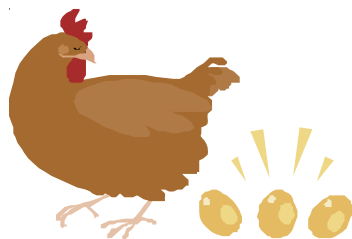
### **FARM CHORES FOR KIDS**

10:30-11:30am

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 3.

Meet at the Barn.



### **THE TASTY HISTORY OF POTATO CHIPS**

11am-Noon

Ira Bletz

A chef, a fussy customer and a really sharp knife all came together 156 years ago creating American's favorite snack, the potato chip. Taste a few and hear the tale!



### **TREE TREK**

1-2pm

Dan Clark & Gina Bacigalupi

"Disembark" on a stroll around the farm as we "go out on a limb" to learn simply scintillating tree tidbits about some of the spectacular specimens we have here.

### **SIFTING TO STRIKE IT RICH\***

2-3pm

Melissa Fowlks

We'll do as the gold miners did! Roll up those sleeves, get a little dirty and learn the fascinating techniques used for discovering gold. You may even discover some yourself! Meet at the Granary

### **AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING\***

3pm

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

### **WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP\***

10:30am-1pm

Christina Garcia

See description on page 1.

### **BUG TRAPPIN' BUT NO ZAPPIN'!\***

11am-Noon

Gina Bacigalupi

The bug zapper may be turning 99 this month, but we won't be zappin' any insects today! Let's



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make a fun bug craft and then search for real life counterparts. Meet at the Granary.

### **FIXIN' FEED\***

Noon-1pm

Interpretive Staff

Learn all about the many types of corn as you work with old equipment in the barn. Even the little ones can lend a hand cracking corn for the animals. Meet at the Barn.

### **TABLETOP TURKEYS\***

1:30-2:30pm

Gina Bacigalupi

Create a whimsical Thanksgiving turkey out of pinecones and Indian corn husks that is sure to grace your holiday table. It's bound to be the best centerpiece your family's seen! Meet at the Granary.



### **AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING\***

3pm

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

### **BARNYARD BUDDIES**

10:30-11:30am

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 3.

Meet at the Barn.

### **FARMYARD GAMES**

2-3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.

Meet on the Farmyard Lawn.



### **KNOTS!\***

2-3pm

Sara Witt

Tired of tying the same old shoelace knot? Come down to the farm and learn how to tie a variety of knots; from the clove hitch to the re-trace knot. Meet at the Granary.



### **AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING\***

3pm

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

### **FARMYARD WALKABOUT**

11am-Noon

Caterina Meyers

Work off that Thanksgiving meal with a brisk walk around the farm. We'll enjoy the fall colors as we search for wildlife in the quieter corners of the farm. Meet at the Granary.

### **RETURN OF THE MONARCHS\***

1:30pm

Caterina Meyers & Christina Garcia

See description on page 1.

Meet at the Granary.



### **AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING\***

3pm

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

### **ROPE MAKIN' AND HAY HOISTIN'**

10:30-11am

Interpretive Staff

Start by making rope the old-fashioned way – with our antique machine. Then use bigger ropes to help lift a bale of hay from the ground up into our barn's loft. Meet by the Barn.

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### MONARCH BUTTERFLY WALKS

11am

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.

### FIXIN' FEED\*

Noon-1pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 5.

Meet at the Barn.

### RETURN OF THE MONARCHS\*

1:30pm

Caterina Meyers & Christina Garcia

See description on page 1.

Meet at the Granary.

### AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING\*

3pm

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

### MONARCH BUTTERFLY WALKS

11am

Interpretive Staff

See description above.

Meet at the Granary.



### LET'S PILE UP THE COMPOST\*

1-2pm

Interpretive Staff

To tuck the garden in for the winter we

need to build a big compost pile. Learn to turn stems, leaves and weeds into health tonic for your garden.

### FARMYARD STORYTIME\*

2-3pm

Interpretive Staff

Gather around the wood-burning stove, sip some tasty cider and enjoy some fun-filled tales about our barnyard buddies. We'll spin the Farm Animal Wheel-of-Fun to choose our stories.



### AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING\*

3pm

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Meet at the Chicken Coop.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHRISTMAS TOURS OF THE PATTERSON HOUSE\*

1pm, 2pm & 3pm, Thu-Fri, Dec 10-11 & 17-18

11am, Noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm, Sat-Sun, Dec 12-13 & 19-20

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: \$4.00/adults & seniors, \$3.00/children (3+ years) (plus farm admission).

### A CHRISTMAS EVENING AT THE PATTERSON HOUSE\*

5-8:45pm, Fri, Dec 11

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](http://www.regerec.com). Fee: \$5.00/adults & seniors, \$3.00/children (3+ yrs) in advance. Tickets also available at the door, \$6.00/ adults & seniors, \$4.00/ children.



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