**ARDENWOOD HISTORIC FARM**
**NATURALIST PROGRAMS**
**JULY 2024**

All programs meet at the Farmyard unless otherwise noted.

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**TODDLER TIME**
10:30-11:45am, Wednesday, July 17

Bring the tots out for an exciting morning at the farm. Hear a story, do some chores, and meet some farm friends. Little ones will enjoy a variety of activities at their own pace. We'll meet rain or shine!

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**HISTORIC DAYS**
10am-4pm, Thursday, Friday & Sunday,

Ride a narrow-gauge train, tour the beautifully restored Patterson House Museum, and join park staff in historic costume for programs and activities throughout the day. Farmyard programs start at 10:30am and end with an animal feeding at 3pm.

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**SPECIAL EVENT**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**
Interpretive Staff
10am-4pm, Thursday, July 4

Join us for a fun-filled community festival, 1900-style! Celebrate the United States of America’s 248th birthday with music, games, and activities for everyone all day long. Bring a picnic or grab a bite at the Farmyard Café and spend the day the old-fashioned way!

Fee: $10.00/adults, $8.00/seniors (62+), $5.00/children (4-17), under 4 years free.

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**Program Key**

 Wheelchair accessible
 Online registration
HPHP Healthy Parks Healthy People programs offer low impact exercise.
ongoing program

animal feeding
3pm, Thursday through Sunday
Check for eggs and feed the livestock. Learn all the animals’ favorite foods as we help tuck them in for the evening. Meet at the Granary.

ride the rails - train rides
Various times, Thursday, Friday & Sunday
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 Arden Station or Deer Park.

patterson house tours
Various times, Every Thursday, Friday & Sunday
Tour the beautifully restored Patterson House Museum. Discover the history of this 19-room Queen Anne Victorian farmhouse listed on the National Register of Historic Places which operates as a museum of local history and turn-of-the-last-century life. Tours are led by docents dressed in 19th century clothing. Check for availability at the Train Station upon your arrival.
Info: rkiehn@fremont.gov or (510) 791-4196

interpretive programs

farm chores for kids
10:30-11am, Saturday, July 6, 13
Running a farm is hard work. But it’s fun too! Lend a hand cracking corn and feeding the animals. You’ll check the chickens and help with other morning chores.

corn mosaics
11:30am-12:30pm, Saturday, July 6
Learn how to turn our farm-grown flint corn into a fun craft for the whole family! Use the rainbow of colored kernels to make your own mosaic.

old-fashioned games
1:30-2:30pm, Saturday, July 6
Life on a farm wasn’t all work and no play. Delve into delightful past times from days gone by, such as skittles, tops and jacks.

hens lay eggs
10:30-11am, Sunday, July 7
Bring the little ones to the farm to meet the chickens. We’ll listen to a story, see what a hen’s feathers feel like, and search the coop for eggs.
FUN WITH FELTING
11am-noon, Sunday, July 7
Have some good, clean fun as we learn how felt is made from sheep’s wool, and then make a felt toy to take home.

OLD FASHIONED BUTTER MAKIN'
1-2pm, Sunday, July 7
Before modern grocery stores, people needed to make their own staples at home. Discover an easy way to make butter from cream then sample your tasty concoction on crackers!

LEARN THE ROPES
2-2:30pm, Sunday, July 7, 28, Saturday, July 20
Learn how a few twists and turns on our antique machine makes rope making a cinch.

WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!
11:30am-12:30pm, Saturday, July 13;
11am-noon, Sunday, July 28
Put together some ice, salt, cream, sugar, and a little muscle power to learn how we make delicious old-fashioned ice cream.

STILT WALKERS
1:30-2:30pm, Saturday, July 13, 27
Want to be taller? Improve your balance? Give stilts a try. It’s fun! Guess why farmers used these fun tools in the past.

RABBIT RENDEZVOUS
10:30-11am, Sunday, July 14, 28;
11:30am-noon, Saturday, July 27
Hop on over for a warm welcome from some of the farm’s furriest residents. Learn about how people have raised rabbits throughout history, and how these cute animals are adapted to survive.

FARMYARD STORY TIME
11:30am-noon, Sunday, July 14
Perhaps you’ll meet Woolbur, the Billy Goats Gruff or other farm friends! Join the story circle for some barnyard tales before visiting the main characters.

WHEAT HARVESTING
1-2pm, Sunday, July 14, 21, 28
Follow a plump wheat berry’s journey from the farm’s field to your table. You’ll thresh, winnow, and grind the grain into wholesome, stone-ground flour.

VICTORIAN TABLE TOP GAMES
2:30-3pm, Sunday, July 14, 21
Ready for some old-fashioned fun? Challenge your family and friends to a game of ball and cup, tops, or Jacob’s Ladder as you delve into our box of games from days-gone-by.
BIRDS OF THE FARM
8-9:30am, Saturday, July 20
The farm provides valuable habitat for many species of birds. Let’s explore the gardens, forests, and fields looking for these delightful wild creatures. No admission fee.

MEET THE CHICKENS
10:30-11am, Saturday, July 20
Check out our coop full of chickens! Discover why they like to roam around the farmyard and scratch and peck at the ground while you feed them a little snack.

THE LITTLE RED HEN
12:30-1:30pm, Saturday, July 20, 27
Who will help mill some wheat into flour? You will, after we read this classic tale and meet the main character in the flesh, er, feathers.

WAKE UP THE FARM
10:30-11am, Sunday, July 21
Rise and shine little farmers! Say “Good morning!” to the sheep and goats and lend a hand as we prepare a morning snack for the farm animals.

WONDERFUL WOOL
11am-noon, Sunday, July 21
Come check out our fluffy fleece and learn how we can transform sheep’s special fur into wooly wonders.

BERRY PICKING
10:30-11:30am, Saturday, July 27
Summer’s succulent blackberries are ready for picking! Bring your own berry basket and gather a bunch to take home for pies, cobblers, and other summertime treats. Meet at the barn.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HAUNTED RAILROAD
SPCRR
7pm-9:30pm, Friday-Saturday, October 18-19, 25-26; 7pm-9pm, Sunday, October 20 & 27
Join us for a frightfully fun nighttime train ride through Ardenwood’s haunted forest. The ride is spooky, not scary, and is designed especially for children under 12 and the young at heart. Tickets for this event sell out fast! Tickets go on sale at 8 am on September 15 at www.Eventbrite.com (search for “Haunted Train”). Tickets are $16 each for everyone ages 3 & up. More info is available at www.spcrr.org and on Facebook at /spcrrMuseum.

DIG DEEP FARMS PUMPKIN PATCH
Dig Deep Farms
10am-4pm, Saturday-Sunday, October 12-13, 19-20, 26-27
Join Dig Deep Farms in Ardenwood Historic Farm for the annual Pumpkin Patch! There will be many pumpkins to choose from as well as arts/crafts, games and activities. Fee: $5/adult, $2/ages 3-11, free/2 and under
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