


ARDENWOOD HISTORIC FARM NATURALIST PROGRAMS OCTOBER 2022



All programs meet at the Farmyard unless otherwise noted.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

10am-4pm, Sat & Sun, Oct 8-9






Enjoy old-time country fun as you help bring in this year's crop of corn. Search the field for ears of flint corn or popcorn, and take home a portion of what you harvest. Outside the field, enjoy seasonal activities, old-time music, and historic crafts. Ride a narrow-gauge train, and learn what late-nineteenth century life was like on a tour of the beautifully restored farmhouse. Please bring your own bags to take home your harvested corn.

Fee: \$10/adult, \$8/senior (62+), \$6/child (4-17 yrs.) and free/under 4 yrs.

PATTERSON HOUSE TOURS

Thursday, Friday & Sunday

11:00-11:20am Tots Tour 
11:30am-12:15pm Full House Tour
1:00-2:00pm Parlors-only Mini Tours 
2:00-2:20pm Tots Tour 
2:30-3:15pm Full House Tour

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 Victorian life. Tours are led by docents dressed in 19th century clothing.

SPECIALTY HOUSE TOURS

ART & ARCHITECTURE OF THE PATTERSON HOUSE

11:45am-12:45pm & 2-3pm, Sat, Oct 1, 29

Get to know the house both inside and out. A docent will point out the various eras and styles the house demonstrates and how the Patterson family expanded their abode for three generations of kin.

CLARA HAWLEY PATTERSON, SUFFRAGIST & WORLD TRAVELER

1pm, Sat October 1, 29

Starting as a teacher's assistant, serving as a school board member at a time women couldn't vote, becoming a business owner, believing in women's rights and then exploring the world by land and by sea, Clara did it all.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Online or by calling 1-888-327-2757, option 2 (Reservations Department is open Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm, closed Holidays).

Park Hours:

Tuesday-Sunday, 10am-4pm

Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Day
Open Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day

Entry Fees:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday

\$4/adults (18+ years)
\$3/seniors (62+ years)
\$2/children (4-17 years)
Under 4 years-free

Thursday, Friday & Sunday

\$6/adults (18+ years)
\$5/seniors (62+ years)
\$4/children (4-17 years)
Under 4 years-free

Accessibility:

The majority of facilities in Ardenwood are wheelchair accessible, including restrooms. Most roads are paved and there are no significant grade

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RIDE THE RAILS - TRAIN RIDES ☺

S.P.C.R.R. (Ardenwood's Railroad)

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 and oak woodlands as you travel back in time. Check the daily schedule and meet the train at Arden Station or Deer Park.

ANIMAL FEEDING ☺

3:00pm, Every 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 in the farmyard at the Granary Porch.

STORY TIME ☺

David Cohen

10:30-11am, Saturday, October 1, 22

Gather 'round to read stories about fun farm friends. Vote for which story you want to hear next. Audience participation encouraged.

FARM DISCOVERY TABLE ☺

11am-noon, Saturday, October 1, 15, 22, 29

Stop by the farmyard to chat with staff about a topic of the day. You might have a chance to explore artifacts, get hands-on with historic tools, or try some trivia.

POKEAN: MAKE A NATIVE AMERICAN GAME

David Cohen

12:30-1:30pm, Saturday, October 1, 22

Using corn husks grown at Ardenwood, learn to make a fun game created by the Zuni people of New Mexico and Arizona. Pokean, also known as Jackrabbit's Hit, is similar to hacky sack or badminton.

WAKE UP THE FARM ☺

10:30-11am, Sunday, October 2, 23

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 ☺

Mindy Castle

11am-noon, Sunday, October 2

We'll start with a yarn about wool before visiting our fleeciestic friends. Along the way we'll learn how we can transform their special fur into woolly wonders.

VICTORIAN FUN & GAMES

2-3pm, Sunday, October 2, 23

Try out some stunts, play the game of graces, and delve into other delightful past times from days gone by.

BEGINNING EMBROIDERY ☺

Mindy Castle

1-2pm, Sunday, October 2

Victorians loved to embroider, and you will too! Learn some basic embroidery stitches and you will be able to decorate all sorts of cloth objects. Training materials supplied.

WIGGLING WORM BINS ☺

David Cohen

10:30-11:00am, Saturday, October 15, 29

Discover how worms, also known as "nature's plows," help us grow our food. Get your hands dirty by exploring our worm bin and finding a wriggly friend.

CORN MOSAICS ☺

1-2pm, Saturday, October 15, 29

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.

HAY HOISTING ☺

David Cohen

2-2:30pm, Saturday, October 1, 15, 22, 29

Discover how people living long ago were able to lift and swing heavy bales of hay into their barns by using ropes and pulleys. Try it out yourself – can you work with a team to get the job done?

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MEET THE CHICKENS 🐔

10:30-11am, Sunday, October 16, 30

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.

WAX: IT'S THE BEE'S KNEES! 🐝

Mindy Castle

11am-noon, Sunday, October 16

What's the buzz about bees? Beeswax! This secretion of waxiness is important to both bees and humans. Illuminate your mind as you make a candle to take home.

CORN HUSK DOLLS 🌽

Mindy Castle

1-2pm, Sunday, October 16

Craft your own folk-art doll of colorful husks gleaned from the field. Corn silk hair, a twig broom, or an acorn cap will add individual character to your creation.

VICTORIAN TABLETOP GAMES 🎲

2-3pm, Sunday, October 16

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.

FELTED PUMPKINS 🎃

Mindy Castle

1-2pm, Sunday, October 23

Create some felted fall fun and decorate your home with these woolly little pumpkins!

THE CAT'S MEOW 🐱

Jenni Shaw

11am-noon, Sunday, October 23

All animals on a farm have important jobs. Learn the role cats play on a farm, and why they're associated with witches. Leave a bit of history on the farm yourself by helping us create a new photo board.

HALLOWEEN HIJINKS 🎃

Mindy Castle

11am-3pm, Sunday, October 30

Pumpkins, witches, and old-fashioned fun! Celebrate this bewitching holiday with festive activities.

11am – puppet show (three 10 min shows)

11:30am – apple cider pressing

1pm – costumed clothespin dolls

2pm – Halloween games.



PUMPKIN PATCH

10am-4pm, Saturdays & Sundays Oct 8-30

Dig Deep Farms has been hard at work all year preparing and cultivating the soil on Ardenwood's farmland and will be hosting the annual Pumpkin Patch Festival again! There will be thousands of homegrown pumpkins for sale, as well as food, crafts, and games for the whole family.

Fee: \$2 for 12 and older, \$1 for under 12 yrs.

Information: 510-626-7993

PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS

In-person and virtual fieldtrips are available! For information on our school programs, please visit us online through ebparks.org, or e-mail us at awvisit@ebparks.org. Online educational resources are available at www.ebparks.org/programs/digital-learning

Help us spread the word by sharing this information with a teacher.



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