AR DENWOOD HIST ORIC FARM
NATURALIST PROGRAMS
JULY 2022

All programs meet at the Farmyard unless otherwise noted.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION 🇺🇸
Interpretive Staff
10am-4pm, Monday, July 4
Join us for a fun-filled community festival, 1900s-style! Celebrate America’s 246th birthday with music, games, contests, and races for everyone all day long. Bring a picnic and spend the day the old-fashioned way!

RIDE THE RAILS - TRAIN RIDES ⏰
S.P.C.R.R. (Ardenwood’s Railroad)
Thursday, Friday & Sunday
Various times
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.

PATTERSON HOUSE TOURS 🏡
Thursday, Friday & Sunday
11:00-11:20am Tots Tour 🏡
11:30am-12:30pm Full House Tour
1:00-2:00pm Parlors-only Mini Tours
(no tickets needed) 🏡
2:00-2:20pm Tots Tour 🏡
2:30-3:30pm 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. Info: (510) 791-4196

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.
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**FIXIN’ FEED**
Interpretive Staff
10:30-11am, Saturday, July 2
Expend some elbow grease shelling and grinding a tasty treat for the sheep, goats, and chickens using our antique equipment. Make a new friend when you feed them by hand.

**LEARN THE ROPES**
Interpretive Staff
11:30am-noon, Saturday, July 2
Learn how a few twists and turns on our antique machine makes rope making a cinch.

**TRAIN TRACK CONSTRUCTION DEMO**
S.P.C.R.R. (Ardenwood’s Railroad)
10:00am-noon & 1-3pm, Saturday, July 2
Stop by the Ardenwood Train Station to watch track reconstruction in action! Railroad crew will be working throughout the day, and will talk about the tools being used, with Q&A, at 10:30am and 1:00pm.

**FUN WITH FELTING**
Mindy Castle
1-2pm, Saturday, July 2
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.

**POKEAN: MAKE A NATIVE AMERICAN GAME**
David Cohen
10:30-11:30am, Sunday, July 3, 17, 31
Use cornhusks and feathers, both plentiful on the farm, to make your own version of Pokean, a southwestern Native American game similar to hacky sack or badminton.

**FARM DISCOVERY TABLE**
Interpretive Staff
11:30am-12:30pm Sunday, July 3, 17, 31
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.

**VICTORIAN TABLE TOP GAMES**
Interpretive Staff
1-2pm, Sun, Jul 3, Saturday, July 16, 30
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.

**BERRY PICKING**
Mindy Castle & Christina Garcia
10:30-11:30am, Saturday, July 9, 23
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.

**PRESSING PLANTS**
Mindy Castle
11:30am-12:30pm, Saturday, July 9, 23
Flowers are fun for the whole family. Learn how to press and preserve plants of all types and take home your finished flower to enjoy.

**CLOTHESPIN DOLLS**
Mindy Castle
1:30-2:30pm, Saturday, July 9, 23
Create and dress up your own darling doll. We’ll make them out of clothespins just the way they did more than 100 years ago.
FARMYARD STORY TIME
Interpretive Staff
10:30-11am, Sunday, July 10, 24
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.

VICTORIAN HERBAL REMEDIES
Rebecca Davis
11:30am-12:30pm, Sunday, July 10, 24
Victorians used plants to soothe everything from upset tummies to poor sleep. Explore what's growing in Ardenwood's kitchen garden, then make your own herbal tea blend to take home.

WHEAT HARVESTING
Interpretive Staff
1-2pm, Sunday, July 10, 17, 24, 31
Follow a plump wheat berry’s journey from the farm's field to your table. You'll bring in the sheaves of grain and thresh it to separate the wheat from the chaff. Next, we'll mill the grain into wholesome, stone-ground flour.

MEET THE CHICKENS
Interpretive Staff
10:30-11am, Saturday, July 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.

CORN MOSAICS
Interpretive Staff
11am-noon, Saturday, July 16
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.

WONDERFUL WOOL
Mindy Castle
11am-noon, Saturday, July 30
We’ll start with a yarn about wool before visiting our fleesiect friends. Along the way we’ll learn how we can transform their special fur into wooly wonders.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Rail Fair at Ardenwood
Saturday-Monday
September 3-5, 2022

Harvest Festival
Saturday & Sunday
October 8-9, 2022

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