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 or Deer Park.

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
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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All programs meet at the Farmyard unless otherwise noted.

CORN MOSAICS
11 am- noon, Saturday, June 4, 18, Sunday, June 12, 26
Learn how to turn our freshly-harvested flint corn into a fun craft for the whole family! Use the rainbow of colored kernels to make your own mosaic.

BLACK BIRDERS: BIRDS OF THE FARM
Christina Garcia
8-9:30am, Saturday, June 4
Join us in celebrating Black Birders Week 2022 by getting outside, spending time with community, and learning about the birds of Ardenwood. This program is part of a week-long series in collaboration between Park District Naturalists and Black Employee Collective members, with the goal of creative safe spaces for guided discussions about Black experience and the outdoors. Coffee and snacks, binoculars, and birding books are provided, and everyone is welcome. No admission fee.

STILT WALKERS
1:30-2:30pm, Saturday, June 11, 25
Want to be taller? Improve your balance? Give stilts a try. It’s fun! Guess why farmers used these fun tools in the past…

FARM CHORES FOR KIDS
10:30-11:30am, Saturday, June 4, 18
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.

BEAUTIFUL TREES
Christina Garcia
1:30-2:30pm, Saturday, June 4
From bald cypress to yew, lovely specimen trees fill the estate of George and Clara Patterson. Stroll the grounds, see some special trees, and hear their stories.

ROPE MAKING & HAY HOISTING
10:30-11:30am, Saturday, June 11, 25, Sunday, June 5
Make rope with our antique machine, and then see how lots of rope plus a few pulleys make hoisting hay bales into the barn loft a cinch.

VICTORIAN FUN & GAMES
1-2pm, Saturday, June 18, Sunday, June 26
Try out some stilts, play the game of graces, and delve into other delightful past times from days gone by.

HOMES FOR BEES
Christina Garcia
12:30-1:30pm, Saturday, June 11, 25
You don’t need to be a beekeeper to provide a home for these precious pollinators. Explore the many types of bees that live in our area and learn some ways we can help them survive.

JUNETEENTH BASEBALL
10:30-11:30am, Sunday, June 19
Did you know that playing baseball is one of the traditions of Juneteenth, our national holiday celebrating the end of slavery? Hit off a tee, run the bases, and discover more about the history of America’s second Independence Day.

BIRDS OF THE FARM
Christina Garcia
8-9:30am, Saturday, June 4, 25
The farm provides valuable habitat for migratory birds. Let’s explore the gardens, forests, and fields looking for these delightful visitors. No admission fee.

TRAIN TALK
S.P.C.R.R. (Ardenwood’s Railroad)
11:30am-noon & 1:00-1:30pm, Saturday, June 4
In the 1880s, how did train crew members communicate without two-way radios? The same way train crew members here at Ardenwood do it today! Meet us at the end of the track near Ardenwood Train Station to learn how.

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