



NATURALIST PROGRAMS

SPECIAL EVENTS

HISTORIC RAIL FAIR* **Kids**

10am-4pm, Saturday-Monday, September 4, 5, & 6
The Railroad Museum at Ardenwood



The 10th annual Rail Fair returns to the farm over the Labor Day weekend. The centerpiece of this year's event will be the 1889 Porter Tank steam locomotive and an 1890 steam porter engine, "Ann Marie". Enjoy steamtrain rides, handcar rides, narrow gauge speeder car rides, displays of garden railroads, model railroads, railyard equipment displays, Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor displays, food, the children's Hobo game, music and much more!! For info: www.spcrr.org



SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL* **Kids**

10am-5pm, Saturday & Sunday, September 11 & 12
Renaissance Productions and Interpretive Staff

Step back in time to the late 1500s and join William Shakespeare and Her Most Royal Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, along with costumed entertainers, shopkeepers and artisans. Enter a delightful Elizabethan town filled with a myriad of characters and vignettes resembling those of Shakespeare's plays. Marvel at the splendor, action, and humor of a joust courtesy of the Knights of Avalon. Enjoy theatrical performances, a lively crafts marketplace, archery tournaments, and storytelling for children.

FEE: \$15/adults, \$13/seniors (62+ yrs.), \$13/teens (13-17 yrs.) & military, \$8/children (6-12 yrs.), children 5 years and under are free. Free parking! Advance tickets are available at 1-888-EBPARKS (1-888-327-2757), option 2, 3 or on-line at www.EBparksOnline.org

TODDLER TIME* **Kids**

11-11:30am, Tuesdays

Ira Bletz

Bring the tiny tots out for an exciting morning at the farm. Each day we'll meet and learn about a new animal friend through stories, chores and fun.

September 14 - Sheep

September 21 - Goats

September 28 - Pigs



Kids Challenge Program

For more information or to register and receive your free guidebook, please visit www.ebparks.org/kidschallenge.



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE ONGOING PROGRAMS

BLACKSMITHING DEMONSTRATIONS*

10am-4pm
Every Thursday, Friday and Sunday & September 4, 11, 25 & Labor Day
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.

RIDE THE RAILS-TRAIN RIDES*

Various Times
Every Thursday, Friday and Sunday
S.P.C.R.R. (Ardenwood's Railroad)
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 Ardenwood Station or Deer Park.

PATTERSON HOUSE TOURS*

Various Times
Every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
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. Special 15 minute tours for children 6 and under are offered Thursdays and Fridays at 2:30pm, Saturdays and Sundays at 11:00am.

COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKIN'*

10:30am-2pm
Every Sunday
Interpretive Staff
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 a historic recipe to try at home.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm
Every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Interpretive Staff
Feed the pigs, check for eggs, and bring hay to the livestock. You'll learn all the animals' favorite foods as you help shut down the farm for the evening.

WEEKENDS IN SEPTEMBER SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

HISTORIC RAIL FAIR*

10am-4pm
The Railroad Museum at Ardenwood
See description on page 1.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

HISTORIC RAIL FAIR*

10am-4pm
The Railroad Museum at Ardenwood
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

HISTORIC RAIL FAIR*

10am-4pm
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CONT., MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6

WHAT'S BREWING ON THE FARM*

1-3pm

Ira Bletz

Brewing was common on 19th century farms. We'll brew up some honey-wheat ale using ingredients from the farm. Taste the fruits of our labor or sample some homemade root beer.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL*

10am-5pm

Renaissance Production and Interpretive Staff
See description on page 1.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL*

10am-5pm

Renaissance Production and Interpretive Staff
See description on page 1.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

FARM CHORES FOR KIDS* Kids

10:30-11:30am

Interpretive Staff

Put your little farmer to work shelling and cracking corn, feeding the animals, collecting eggs and other fun chores that need doing around the farm.

PINEY PINECONE BIRD FEEDERS* Kids

Noon-12:30pm

Melissa Fowlks

Let's get creative and make bird feeders out of materials found in nature! We'll use pinecones and seedlings, when you're done take it home, and watch birds flock to it!



GARDEN VEGETABLE PIZZA*

1-2pm

Heather McLelland

Where was pizza really invented? Help us harvest fresh toppings for our wood-fired oven-baked pizza and learn pizza facts and fiction while you wait to taste the pie.

CORN MOSAIC* Kids

2-3pm

Melissa Fowlks

Let your imagination run wild! Our corn is anything but dull and comes in a rainbow of colors. Turn an ear into a beautiful mosaic while learning corn's a-**maiz**-ing story.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKIN'*

10:30am-2pm

Interpretive Staff

Please see description on page 2.

SONGS OF THE FARM & FIELD* Kids

11am-Noon

Trent Pearce

If you want to sing out, sing out! Gather round and sing old-time songs of work and play. You don't have to know the words - we'll provide a songbook!

ICE CREAM MAKING*

Noon-1pm

Interpretive Staff

Discover why you need lots of salt to make ice cream. Help churn some tasty ingredients into this most popular dessert using an old-fashioned freezer. Meet at the Granary.



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CONT., SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19

VEGETABLE GARDEN FUN*

1-2pm

Melissa Fowlks

It's never too early to prep the garden for veggies! Learn which vegetables are growing, help maintain our garden, and leave with some popcorn grown right here on the farm. Meet in the Kitchen Garden.

COUNTRY COOKIES*

2-3pm

Trent Pearce

What could be better than fresh, made-from-scratch farm cookies? Nothing! We'll turn wheat into treats in our wood-fired stove. Which cookie is the best? You decide. Meet at the Country Kitchen.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

FARM CHORES FOR KIDS*

10:30-11:30am

Interpretive Staff

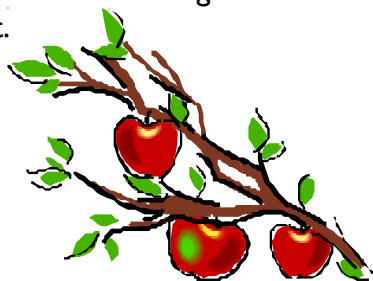
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AWESOME APPLE SAMPLING*

Noon-1pm

Melissa Fowlks

September is National Apple Month! Join in on some delicious apple sampling and listen in while we talk about the origins of this delectable staple fruit.



LAUNDRY ON THE FARM*

1-2pm

Interpretive Staff

Join us for one of the farm's most difficult tasks - laundry. Splish and splash in the water as you learn to use the dolly stick, washboard, and wringer. Meet in the Farmyard.

FUN FABRIC FRAMES*

2-3pm

Heather McLelland

Decorate your favorite picture that captures a memorable moment in time with a personalized handmade picture frame. It's a great gift for any occasion. Get ready to cut and paste!

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2.

Meet at the Chicken Coop.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

FALL BIRD SURVEY*

8-9am

Trent Pearce

Who's flying on the farm this morning? Become a citizen scientist and collect data to help complete our 2010 bird survey. Binoculars in hand, we'll explore and record our observations.



COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKIN'*

10:30am-2pm

Interpretive Staff

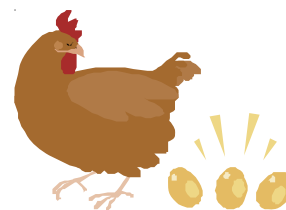
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CONT., SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26

COOL CRISP KITES*

1-2:30pm

Melissa Fowlks



Fall is getting closer, meaning more cool wind! What a perfect time to be outside and fly kites! Learn how to make your own and navigate it across the Farmyard.

LOVELY LADIES CROQUET*



1-3pm

Patterson House Volunteers

Social requirements did not always limit Victorian ladies to watching sports from the sidelines. Enjoy an entertaining example of a "very Victorian" croquet game played by our elegant volunteers. Meet on the Patterson House Lawn.

FALL PLANTING FOR WINTER

HARVEST*



2-3pm

Trent Pearce

Here on the farm, gardening doesn't stop in the fall. Come lend a hand at planting our over-winter crops, and take home a little something for your own garden.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Interpretive Staff

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Meet at the Chicken Coop.



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

HARVEST FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 9 & 10

Become a share-cropper for a day and help harvest this year's Indian Corn and popcorn crops! Enjoy fresh squeezed apple cider, hands-on crafts making, hoedown music, and the bounty of another harvest season.



CHRISTMAS AT ARDENWOOD

DECEMBER 4 & 5

Begin Christmas season with a visit to the beautifully decorated Patterson House. Sing Christmas carols, search for the Yule Log, visit Father Christmas and make your own colorful holiday decorations and crafts.



Ardenwood Historic Farm

34600 Ardenwood Blvd.

Fremont, CA 94555

Ardenwood is open Tuesday - Sunday from 10am-4pm. Admission fees apply. Food service is open Saturday and Sunday. For school group information, reservations and fees, call (510) 544-2797, email awvisit@ebparks.org or visit www.ebparks.org.

Accommodations will be made for visitors with disabilities upon request. For assistance call (510) 544-2797 or e-mail awvisit@ebparks.org.



* = wheelchair accessible

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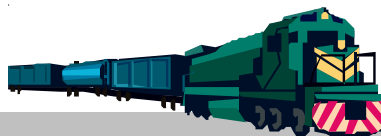
September Weekend Programs at a Glance

Saturday

September 4

HISTORIC RAIL FAIR

10am-4pm



Sunday

September 5

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September 18

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Garden Vegetable Pizza – 1:00-2:00pm
Corn Mosaic – 2:00-3:00pm
Afternoon Animal Feeding – 3:00-3:30pm

September 19

Country Kitchen Cookin' – 10:30am-2:00pm
Songs of the Farm & Field – 11:00am-Noon
Ice Cream Making – Noon-1:00pm
Vegetable Garden Fun – 1:00-2:00pm
Country Cookies – 2:00-3:00pm
Afternoon Animal Feeding – 3:00-3:30pm

September 25

Farm Chores for Kids – 10:30-11:30am
Awesome Apple Sampling – Noon-1:00pm
Laundry on the Farm – 1:00-2:00pm
Fun Fabric Frames – 2:00-3:00pm
Afternoon Animal Feeding – 3:00-3:30pm

September 26

Fall Bird Survey – 8:00-9:00am
Country Kitchen Cookin' – 10:30am-2:00pm
Farm Chores for Kids – 10:30-11:30am
Cool Crisp Kites – 1:00-2:30pm
Lovely Ladies Croquet – 1:00-3:00pm
Fall Planting for Winter Harvest – 2:00-3:00pm
Afternoon Animal Feeding – 3:00-3:30pm