

NATURALIST PROGRAMS IN MAY

SPECIAL EVENT

FIRE TRUCK DAY*

10am-3pm, Sunday, May 17

Local Firefighters & Staff

Grab your boots and fire hat and come on down for a fun-filled day with America's finest firefighters! Climb aboard a variety of new and antique fire engines, get wet during the "Battle of the Fire Trucks", and shake hands with Smokey the Bear! Music, crafts, games, and lots of squirting water will make this a wet and wild day for the whole family!

Fee: \$5/adults, \$4/seniors (62+), \$3.50 children (4-17 yrs.), 3 yrs. & under free.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNERS

5:30pm, Sat, May 30 & June 27

Patterson House Staff & Docents

Join us for one or both of our Murder Mystery Dinners at the Patterson House. Something terrible has happened, and you and your fellow guests will need all your skills to solve the crime. Our volunteers take on roles in a play, as you tour the house and enjoy dinner outside on the tennis court.

Fee: \$65.00. Reservations required: Please call (510) 791-4196 or online at www.regerec.com.

TODDLER TIME*

11-11:30am, Tuesday

Bring the tiny tots out for an exciting morning at the farm. Each day we'll meet and learn all about a new animal friend through stories, chores and fun. (1-4 yrs.)

May 12 – Goats

May 19 – Sheep

May 26 – Chickens

June 2 – Rabbits

June 9 – Pigs

UPCOMING DOCENT TRAINING

SUMMER FARM DOCENT TRAINING

10am-2pm, Fri, Jun 19 and Tues, Jun 23

Christina Garcia

Learn to handle the farm animals, demonstrate turn-of-the-last-century crafts and farm chores, and play old-fashioned games. If you're at least 14 years old, enjoy working with children, and are available most Thursdays and Fridays during the summer, please call (510) 544-3282 or email cgarcia@ebparks.org for an application.

Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Boulevard
Fremont CA 94555

Ardenwood is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 10am-4pm. Admission fees apply. Food service is open Sat & Sun. For school group information, reservations and fees, call (510) 544-4504. Accommodations will be made for visitors with disabilities upon request. For assistance please call (510) 544-4504 or e-mail BCruz@ebparks.org.

* = wheelchair accessible



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BLACKSMITHING DEMONSTRATIONS*

10am-4pm
Every Thursday, Friday and Sunday plus
Saturday, May 9 & 23
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.

HORSE-DRAWN TRAIN RIDES*

10:15am-3:30pm
Every Thursday, Friday and Sunday
Railroad Museum at Ardenwood
Railroads once connected many of the farms with towns in the East Bay. Some used locomotives and others relied on true horse power. Meet the Belgian Draft horses that pull Ardenwood's train. 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 tour offered Thursday and Fridays at 2:30pm, Saturday and Sunday at 11:00am.

COUNTRY KITCHEN COOKING*

10:30am-2pm, Every Sunday
Interpretive Staff & Docents

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 an historic recipe to try at home.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm
Every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Check for eggs, make sure the bunnies are warm, and bring hay to the livestock. Learn all of the animals' favorite foods as we help tuck them in for the evening. Meet at The Chicken Coop.

VICTORIAN FLOWER ARRANGING

10:15-11:30am
Every Thursday
Patterson House Docents
The beauty of nature gained new popularity in the late 1800s and flowers were a way to bring the splendor of the outdoors into the home. Watch as our docents create floral works of art for display in the Patterson House Museum.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE WEEKENDS IN MAY

SATURDAY, MAY 2

LITTLE FARMER*

10:30-11:30am
Michelle Hermone
Come on down to Ardenwood and learn what George Washington Patterson grew. Then plant some vegetables and watch them grow til' they are ready to eat!

FLOWER POWER PLANTING*

Noon-1pm
Gina Bacigalupi
Roll up those sleeves, grab a trowel, and help spruce up our garden with annuals. Learn how

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these flowers deter pests and pick some seeds to jump-start your summer garden.

ADVENTURES OF THE AVIARY AND CHICKEN COOP*

1-2pm

Interpretive Staff

Can you “cluck” like a guinea fowl or “gobble” like a turkey? Meet the exotic birds in our aviary and say hello to our egg-providing friends in the Chicken Coop.

MARVELOUS MAY DAY!*

2-3pm

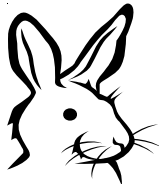
Gina Bacigalupi

May Day was yesterday, but let’s celebrate it today! Discover this holiday’s history and how other countries mark this special day. We’ll even make a maypole to dance around!

ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

See description on page 2.
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SUNDAY, MAY 3

YARNS ABOUT WOOL*

11am-noon

Christina Garcia

Gather on the Granary porch to hear some stories about sheep. Learn how shearing, spinning, knitting, and weaving turn their fleece into warm sweaters and coats.

FARM CHORES FOR KIDS*

Noon-1pm

Interpretive Staff

Young farmers are invited to help with the morning chores. We’ll shell and grind corn, check the hen house for eggs, and give animals a morning snack.

HAY HOISTING*

1:30-2:30pm

Interpretive Staff

Make rope with our antique machine, then see how lots of rope plus a few pulleys make hoisting hay bales into the barn loft a cinch.

ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

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SATURDAY, MAY 9

VICTORIAN TABLE TOP GAMES*

10:30-11am

Interpretive Staff

Challenge your family and our staff to a game of pick-up-sticks, tops, and hopscotch as you delve into our box of games from days past.

VEGETABLE GARDEN FUN*

11:30am-12:30pm

Gina Bacigalupi

Come help transplant seedlings, give ‘em some water, and learn how vegetables make the journey from seeds to summer salad. Come early to submit your name for a seedling raffle!

CORN MOSAIC MAGIC*

1-2pm

Interpretive Staff

Let your creative juices flow as you select colorful pieces of Indian corn to place in your own unique design. Make an intricate pattern or something simple – you’re the artist!

NAME THAT SEED!*

2-3pm

Gina Bacigalupi

Is that a calendula seed or a nasturtium seed? Let’s play a game to learn about seeds – the crazy ones

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and ordinary. Find out which ones you can even eat!

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bull in tug-of-war. Bring the family and test your skill.

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SUNDAY, MAY 10

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS*

11:30am-noon

Michelle Hermone

Does your mom love flowers? If so then come by the farm and make her a gift that she will love. Plant some flowers and watch them grow together.

KIDS AND LAMBS*

Noon-1pm

Interpretive Staff

Our young sheep and goats are the newest arrivals on our farm. Learn to tell their breeds apart and give their hard-working moms a little treat.

TUSSIE-MUSSIE FOR MOM*

1-2pm

Sara Witt

Victorians assigned meanings to flowers and sent messages via "tussie-mussies". Select a few significant blooms and create your own "nosegay with a message" for Mother or someone special.

OLD-FASHIONED GAMES*

2-3pm

Interpretive Staff

Leave your modern amusements behind and try your hand at some old-fashioned fun! Hop like a bunny in a sack race, fly like a peacock during a potato spoon race, and pull like a

SATURDAY, MAY 16

LAMBS, KIDS, & PIGS OH MY!*

11-11:30am

Interpretive Staff

When is a lamb called a sheep? How long are piglets in their mommy's tummy? Learn farm animal facts on a morning stroll and give snacks to our growing babies.

HOORAY FOR HERBS!*

11:30am-1pm

Gina Bacigalupi

We need to spruce up our herb garden. Come plant with us as we sniff our way along the garden paths, exploring herbs used for cooking and for healing.

FUZZYWUZZY*

1-2pm

Heather McLelland

"Fuzzy Wuzzy was a sheep. Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't very fuzzy, was he?" Come and design your own fuzzy farm friend with real wool!



SACHET SNIFFIN'*

2-3pm

Gina Bacigalupi

Bring your keen sense of smell as we explore which herbs make the best sachets. Then we'll gather aromatic samples from the herb garden and make our own little bundles.

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SATURDAY, MAY 23

VICTORIAN TABLE TOP GAMES*

10:30-11am

Interpretive Staff
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FRIENDLY HERBS & VEGETABLES*

11:30am-1pm

Gina Bacigalupi
Did you know certain herbs can keep pests away and make veggies grow and taste better? Help us protect our precious produce by planting neighborly herb plants in our garden.

STORIES IN THE SHADE*

1-2pm

Interpretive Staff
Relax after lunch as we read some of our favorite farm tales. We'll hear stories about clever rabbits, chickens, and goats.

HERB BUTTER IS THE BEST*

2-3pm

Gina Bacigalupi
Bring your muscles as we shake up heavy whipping cream to make fresh farm butter. Let's gather some herbs to add extra flavor before we taste our creation on bread.

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3pm

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SUNDAY, MAY 24

YARNS ABOUT WOOL*

11am-2pm

Christina Garcia
See description on page 3.

ROPE AND RHYMES*

Noon-1pm

Sara Witt
Jump into the fun as we crank out some cool new skipping ropes on our old-fashioned machine. Learn some traditional jump rope jingles and practice the double-dutch.

ICE-CREAM MAKING*

1:30-2:30pm

Interpretive Staff & Docents
Learn how ice and salt helps make delicious old-fashioned ice cream. Lots of kid cranking power will be needed to make this most popular dessert.

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3pm

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MONDAY, MAY 25

FREE DAY OPEN HOUSE ON MEMORIAL DAY*

10am-4pm

Interpretive Staff
On this historic holiday we invite you to the farm for the day. Bring a picnic and lollygag on the lawn, while your children roll up their sleeves and help with the morning chores

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11am-noon). Ride the horse-drawn train, tour the Victorian farmhouse and taste some farm baked cookies from our outdoor country kitchen (11am-1pm). Try your skills at some oldtime games (noon-1pm). Take a stroll with an interpreter and learn what life was like long ago (2-3pm).

SATURDAY, MAY 30

MUNCHIN' IN THE MORNING*

10:30-11:30am

Interpretive Staff

Bring along your morning snacks as we prepare a special one for our animals. Let's compare our treats with theirs – are they similar at all?

BUZZIN' ABOUT BEES*

Noon-1pm

Gina Bacigalupi

What's happened to all the bees? Let's identify and explore possible reasons our pollinator friends are disappearing and learn what to plant in order to attract them to your garden.

WIGGLY PIGGLIES*

1-2pm

Heather McLelland

Our intelligent swine are simply divine so come on by and say hi! We'll watch 'em play and we'll give 'em a spray. Your visit is sure to make their day.

FLOWER PRESSING PERFECTION*

2-3pm

Gina Bacigalupi

Our gardens are glittering with gorgeous blooms. Let's learn how to preserve these precious petals by making our own flower presses. Bring in some flowers from home, if you want!

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3pm

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SUNDAY, MAY 31

GORGEOUS GOATS*

11am-noon

Christina Garcia

Lend a hand grooming Laila, Heidi, Jezebel and Inga, our lovely lady goats. Meet their kids and learn all about these gentle farm friends.

FARM CHORES FOR KIDS

Noon-1pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 3.

SPINNING TOPS

1:30-2:30pm

William Kang

Come learn about a popular kid's toy from the Victorian era. We will also be making our own tops for you to enjoy and take home. There will also be a top spinning demonstration and contest to see which top will spin the longest.

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.

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