

ARDENWOOD HISTORIC FARM NATURALIST PROGRAMS SEPTEMBER 2024



All programs meet at the Farmyard unless otherwise noted.

TODDLER TIME ♿

10:30-11:45am, Wednesday, September 4, 18

Bring the tots out for an exciting morning at the farm. Hear a story, do some chores, and meet some farm friends. Little ones will enjoy a variety of activities at their own pace. We'll meet rain or shine!

HISTORIC DAYS ♿

10am-4pm, Thursday, Friday & Sunday

Ride a narrow-gauge train, tour the beautifully restored Patterson House Museum, and join park staff in historic costume for programs and activities throughout the day. Farmyard programs start at 10:30am and end with an animal feeding at 3pm.

ARDENWOOD FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT ♿

7-9pm, Friday, September 27

Thinking of a great way to spend the evening outdoors with your loved ones? Then join us for a FREE showing of the hit movie The Garfield Movie!

Rated PG with a run time of 100 minutes. Movie begins shortly after sunset (7:15pm)

Arrive early to secure a good seat on the lawn.

Bring a flashlight, warm clothes, and a blanket or chairs for sitting. No pets. Rain cancels.

Meeting Location: [Ardenwood \(Fremont\)](#)

Movie will be shown on Patterson House Lawn

Park Hours:

Tuesday-Sunday, 10am-4pm

Closed on Thanksgiving and 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

Contact Us

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Program Key



Wheelchair accessible



Online registration

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People programs offer

low impact exercise.



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ONGOING PROGRAM

ANIMAL FEEDING 🍴

3pm, 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 at the Granary.

RIDE THE RAILS - TRAIN RIDES 🚂

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

PATTERSON HOUSE TOURS 🏠

Various times, Every Thursday, Friday & Sunday

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 turn-of-the-last century life. Tours are led by docents dressed in 19th century clothing. Check for availability at the Train Station upon your arrival.

Info: rkiehn@fremont.gov or (510) 791-4196



INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

WAKE UP THE FARM 🍴

10:30-11am, Sunday, September 1, 15;

Saturday, September 7, 21

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 🍴

11am-noon, Sunday, September 1;

Saturday, September 28

Come check out our fluffy fleece and learn how we can transform sheep's special fur into woolly wonders.

HARVEST TRADITIONS

1:30-2:30pm, Sunday, September 1

Discover how different cultures around the world celebrate the beginning of Fall and enjoy a tasty treat cooked in our woodfire stove.

APPLE COOKIN' 🍴

11am-noon, Saturday, September 7

What does it take to go from seed to treat? Learn about our different apples and taste a tidbit of some sweet apple goodness cooked up in the Country Kitchen.

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FUN WITH FELTING 🍂

1-2pm, Saturday, September 7

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.

FARMYARD GAMES

2-3pm, Saturday, September 7, 21

Life on a farm wasn't all work and no play. Join us for some old-fashioned fun! Try your hand at classic American pastimes including stilts, sack races, and the potato-spoon race.

FARMYARD STORY TIME 🍂

10:30-11am, Sunday, September 8, 22;

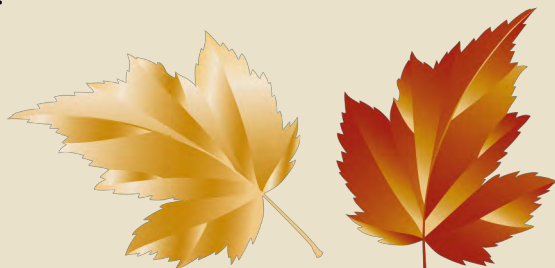
Saturday, September 28

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.

OLD FASHIONED BUTTER MAKIN'

11:30am-12:30pm, Sunday, September 8

Before modern grocery stores, people needed to make their own staples at home. Discover an easy way to make butter from cream then sample your tasty concoction on crackers!



CLOTHESPIN DOLLS 🍂

1:30-2:30pm, Sunday, September 8

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. Meet at the Granary.

MEET THE CHICKENS 🍂

10:30-11am, Saturday, September 14;

Sunday, September 29

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.

WOOL THAT'S TO DYE FOR! 🍂

11am-12:30pm, Saturday, September 14

Unravel the ancient mysteries of dyeing yarn. Discover nature's secrets for transforming white wool into a palette of autumn's colors and how you can do it at home.

CORN MOSAICS 🍂

1:30-2:30pm, Saturday, September 14

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.

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POLLINATOR POWER!

2:30-3pm, Saturday, September 14

Explore the mighty power of creatures who help our plants to grow and bring us food. Learn how you can help support these tiny heroes.

MID-AUTUMN MOONCAKES 🍵

11:30am-12:30pm, Sunday, September 15, 22

Learn the history of mooncakes and hear about the Asian farm workers who brought their traditions to Ardenwood in Victorian times as we share a bite together.

GARDEN BUG SAFARI

1:30-2:30pm, Sunday, September 15

Stop by the Kitchen Garden near the Patterson House to join in some tiny-game hunting and learn about the many amazing arthropods we can find under our feet.

POPPIN' POPCORN 🍵

11am-noon, Saturday, September 21

Who knew popcorn was its own kind of corn? Come to the kitchen to see how we prepare our own farm-grown popcorn and try a taste yourself.

BEGINNING EMBROIDERY 🍵

1-2pm, Saturday, September 21

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.

VICTORIAN TABLETOP GAMES 🍵

1:30-2:30pm, Sunday, September 22;

2-3pm, Saturday, September 28

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.

APPLE CIDER PRESSING 🍵

1-2pm, Saturday, September 28

Come help squeeze the juice from apples and discover how long people have been enjoying this tasty fruit treat! Afterwards, we'll taste a sample of our hard work.

(NOT SO) SCARY SCARECROWS

11:30am-12:30pm, Sunday, September 29

Farmers have been using scarecrows to keep their crops safe for centuries. Learn the history and lore of scarecrows, and then make your own!

STILTS

1:30-2:30pm, Sunday, September 29

Are you up for a challenge? See if you can walk using our stilts and learn how they were used on farms for both work and play.

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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT

HARVEST FESTIVAL ♿

10am-4pm, Saturday & Sunday, October 12-13

Enjoy old-time country fun as you help bring in this year's crop of corn for Ardenwood programs and animals. Search the field for ears of flint corn or popcorn. Outside the field, enjoy seasonal activities, cider pressing, 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 a bag if you hope to take home some of your harvested corn.

Fee: \$12/adult, \$10/senior (62+), \$8/child (4-17 yrs.), and free/under 4 years.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HAUNTED RAILROAD ♿

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7pm-9:30pm, Friday-Saturday, October 18-19, 25-26; 7pm-9pm, Sunday, October 20 & 27

Join us for a frightfully fun nighttime train ride through Ardenwood's haunted forest. The ride is spooky, not scary, and is designed especially for children under 12 and the young at heart. Tickets for this event sell out fast! Tickets go on sale at 8 am on September 15 at www.Eventbrite.com (search for "Haunted Train"). Tickets are \$16 each for everyone ages 3 & up. More info is available at www.spcrr.org and on Facebook at /[spcrrMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/spcrrMuseum).

DIG DEEP FARMS PUMPKIN PATCH ♿

Dig Deep Farms

10am-4pm, Saturday-Sunday, October 12-13, 19-20, 26-27

Join Dig Deep Farms in Ardenwood Historic Farm for the annual Pumpkin Patch! There will be many pumpkins to choose from as well as arts/crafts, games and activities.

Fee: \$5/adult, \$2/ages 3-11, free/2 and under

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SEPTEMBER 2024 – WEEKENDS

	SEPTEMBER 1, SUNDAY
	10:30-11am – Wake Up the Farm 11am-Noon – Wonderful Wool 1:30-2:30pm – Harvest Traditions 3pm – Animal Feeding
SEPTEMBER 7, SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 8, SUNDAY
10:30-11am – Wake Up the Farm 11am-Noon – Apple Cookin’ 1-2pm – Fun with Felting 2-3pm – Farmyard Games 3pm – Animal Feeding	10:30-11am – Farmyard Story Time 11:30am-12:30pm – Old Fashioned Butter Makin’ 1:30-2:30pm – Clothespin Dolls 3pm – Animal Feeding
SEPTEMBER 14, SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 15, SUNDAY
10:30-11am – Meet the Chickens 11am-12:30pm – Wool That’s To Dye For! 1:30-2:30pm – Corn Mosaics 2:30-3pm – Pollinator Power! 3pm – Animal Feeding	10:30-11am – Wake Up the Farm 11am-Noon – Working on the Railroad 11:30am-12:30pm – Mid-Autumn Mooncakes 1:30-2:30pm – Garden Bug Safari 3pm – Animal Feeding
SEPTEMBER 21, SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 22, SUNDAY
10:30-11am – Wake Up the Farm 11am-Noon – Poppin’ Popcorn 1-2pm – Beginning Embroidery 2-3pm – Farmyard Games 3pm – Animal Feeding	10:30-11am – Farmyard Story Time 11:30am-12:30pm – Mid-Autumn Mooncakes 1:30-2:30pm – Victorian Table Top Games 3pm – Animal Feeding
SEPTEMBER 28, SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 29, SUNDAY
10:30-11am – Farmyard Story Time 11am-Noon – Wonderful Wool 1-2pm – Apple Cider Pressing 2-3pm – Victorian Table Top Games 3pm – Animal Feeding	10:30-11am – Meet the Chickens 11:30am-12:30pm – Not-So-Scary Scarecrows 1:30-2:30pm – Stilts 3pm – Animal Feeding