



NATURALIST PROGRAMS

SPECIAL EVENT



CHRISTMAS AT ARDENWOOD* 10am-4pm, Saturday & Sunday DECEMBER 5 & 6



Celebrate the holiday season in Victorian style! Tour the beautifully decorated Patterson House, sing Christmas carols, search for the Yule log, and visit Father Christmas. Listen to live musical performances and enter our home-made "Christmas Cookie" baking contest (bring your cookies & recipe with you). The day also includes an abundance of Christmas crafts, music and Country Kitchen treats.
FEE: \$8/adults, \$6/seniors (62+ years), \$5/children (4-17 years), children 3 years and under are free.

December Weekend Programs at a Glance

Dec 5
*Victorian Christmas at Ardenwood
Special Event 10am to 4pm*



Dec 6
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Special Event 10am to 4pm*

Dec 12
Monarchs for Kids 11am-12:30pm
Monarch Butterfly Walks 1pm
Monarch Butterfly Walks 2pm
Afternoon Animal Feeding 3pm

Dec 13
Marvelous Monarchs 11am-12:30pm
Monarch Butterfly Walks 1pm
Monarch Butterfly Walks 2pm
Afternoon Animal Feeding 3pm

Dec 19
Monarchs for Kids 11am-12:30pm
Wool Works 2-3:30pm
Afternoon Animal Feeding 3pm



Dec 20
Marvelous Monarchs 11am-12:30pm
Christmas Stories 1pm
Afternoon Animal Feeding 3pm



Dec 26
Marvelous Monarchs 11am-12:30pm
Meet the Farm Animals 1-3:30pm
Afternoon Animal Feeding 3pm

Dec 27
Monarchs for Kids 11am-12:30pm
Wool Works 2-3:0pm
Afternoon Animal Feeding 3pm

TODDLER TIME* 11-11:30am, Tuesdays

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. Meet at Hay Circle in the Farmyard. (1-4 years)

Dec. 1 – Goats



Ardenwood Historic Farm 34600 Ardenwood Blvd. Fremont, CA 94555

Ardenwood is open Tues. - Sun. from 10am-4pm. House tours are available by reservation only (call 510-791-4196). Food service, blacksmithing demonstrations and train rides will return in April. Admission fees apply. For program and fee info: (510) 544-2797, awvisit@ebparks.org or www.ebparks.org.

Ardenwood will be closed on Friday, December 25.

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



* = wheelchair accessible



PROGRAM SCHEDULE ONGOING PROGRAMS

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm
Every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Interpretive Staff
Slop the hogs, check for eggs, and bring hay to the livestock. Learn all the animals' favorite foods as we help tuck them in for the evening. Meet at the Chicken Coop.

WEEKENDS IN DECEMBER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 & SUNDAY DECEMBER 6

CHRISTMAS AT ARDENWOOD*

10am-4pm
Caterina Meyers & Interpretive Staff.
See description on page 1.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

MONARCHS FOR KIDS

11am-12:30pm
Caterina Meyers
Learn about the life cycle of the monarch butterfly during a brief skit. Then take a short walk to the eucalyptus grove to look for our over-wintering friends. (2-8 yrs). Meet at the Granary.



MONARCH BUTTERFLY WALKS

1pm & 2pm
Interpretive Staff
Join us on a tour of Ardenwood's monarch butterfly over-wintering site. Search for clusters of butterflies hanging from the branches of eucalyptus trees and learn about the mysterious migration of these majestic insects. These half-mile walks last approximately one hour and are suitable for all ages. Meet at the Granary.



AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm
Interpretive Staff

See description above. Meet at the Chicken Coop.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13

MARVELOUS MONARCHS*

11am-12:30pm
Caterina Meyers & Gaeta Bell
Unravel the mysteries of the monarch butterfly. After a slide show, take an easy hike out to the eucalyptus grove to search for butterflies overwintering at Ardenwood. Heavy rain cancels. Meet at the Granary.



MONARCH BUTTERFLY WALKS

1pm & 2pm
Interpretive Staff
See description above. Meet at the Granary.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm
Interpretive Staff
See description above.
Meet at the Chicken Coop.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

MONARCHS FOR KIDS

11am-12:30pm
Caterina Meyers
See description above. Meet at the Granary.

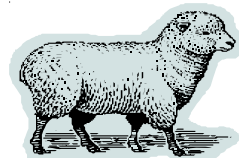
WOOL WORKS!*

2-3:30pm
Caterina Meyers
Learning about the magic of wool from the sheep to the shawl will warm your heart and mind. Join us and try carding, spinning, knitting and weaving this fabulous fiber. Meet at the Granary.



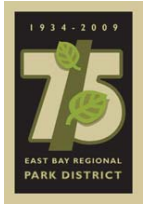
AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm
Interpretive Staff
See description on page 2. Meet at the Chicken Coop.



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

MARVELOUS MONARCHS*

11am-12:30pm

Gaeta Bell

See description on page 2. Meet at the Granary.



CHRISTMAS STORIES*

1-2pm

Sara Witt

Christmas is just around the corner. So come down to Ardenwood and listen to 3 Victorian Christmas stories by the fire and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate to get into the Christmas Spirit. Meet at the Granary.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2. Meet at the Chicken Coop.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

MARVELOUS MONARCHS*

11am-12:30pm

Caterina Meyers

See description on page 2. Meet at the Granary.



MEET THE FARM ANIMALS

1-2:30pm

Caterina Meyers

Join us as we stroll around the farm as we introduce you to our friendly goats, woolly sheep, curious bunnies, and feathery fowl. Meet at the Granary.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2. Meet at the Chicken Coop.

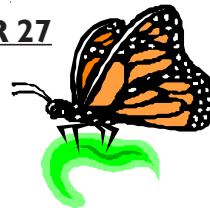
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

MONARCHS FOR KIDS

11am-12:30pm

Caterina Meyers

See description on page 2. Meet at the Granary.



WOOL WORKS!*

2-3:30pm

Caterina Meyers

See description on page 2. Meet at the Granary.

AFTERNOON ANIMAL FEEDING*

3pm

Interpretive Staff

See description on page 2. Meet at the Chicken Coop.

A CHRISTMAS EVENING AT THE PATTERSON HOUSE*

5-8:45pm, Fri, Dec 11

Join us for a magical evening holiday open house. The Patterson House Museum will be elegantly lit in all of its Victorian splendor! Each room is a journey into Christmas past filled with holiday music and cheer.

Tickets are available in advance from www.regerec.com.

Fee: \$5.00/adults & seniors, \$3.00/children (3+ yrs) in advance. Tickets also available at the door, \$6.00/ adults & seniors, \$4.00/children.

CHRISTMAS TOURS OF THE PATTERSON HOUSE*

1pm, 2pm & 3pm, Thu-Fri, Dec 10-11 & 17-18

11am, Noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm, Sat-Sun, Dec 12-13 & 19-20

The Patterson House Museum has been transformed into a Victorian Christmas fantasy. Celebrate the holiday season 1900s style. Enjoy a docent-led tour of the farm's elegantly decorated centerpiece.

Fee: \$4.00/adults & seniors, \$3.00/children (3+ years) (plus farm admission). For info: (510) 791-4196



An Ardenwood Christmas Activity Schedule

December 5 & 6, 2009

www.ebparks.org

Start time:

11:00am_Saturday and Sunday_

Christmas Cookie Baking Contest

Bring your best batch in to compete.

Winners will be announced at noon.

Country Kitchen in the Farmyard

11:30am_Saturday and Sunday_

Live Music in the Farmyard

Saturday: Denis D'Aoust-festive Accordion and vocals

Sunday: The Jazzinators-jazz band performing jazz and big band favorites, directed by John Soulis

12:00pm_Saturday and Sunday_

YULE LOG HUNT!

Help us find good luck for the coming year!

Will you be the one to take home a lucky

piece of the Yule Log?

Listen for the Bell in the Farmyard!

12:30pm_Sunday only_

Children's Victorian Dance Class

Join dance master Michelle Cale and learn how to dance for the Christmas Ball. No dance experience required! Live musical accompaniment by **Broceliande**.
Between the Barn and Blacksmith Shop

1:00pm_Saturday only_

Holiday Sing Along for kids of all ages

David Maloney, acoustic guitar and vocals

Hay Circle near the Country Kitchen

1:00pm_Sunday only_

Holiday Songs from long ago

Broceliande, early American music trio
Around the Farmyard

1:30pm_Saturday and Sunday_

Puppet Show:

Saturday: "The Nutcracker"

The acclaimed **Puppet Company** will dazzle you with this timeless holiday classic.

Sunday: "A Time to be Jolly"

A holiday marionette show by the **Puppet Company** that will make you want to giggle and sing.
Behind the Patterson House

2:00pm_Saturday only_

Live Flute Music: Performed by Kristen

Brook Davidson's fabulous students.

Behind the Patterson House

2:30pm_Saturday only_

A Christmas Ball! Caller Alan Winston and

members of the **Bay Area Contra Dance**

Society will lead us in a Victorian style community dance complete with live music. All ages and all dance abilities welcome!
Between the Barn and the Blacksmith Shop

3:00pm_Sunday only_

Christmas Caroling and Wassailing the

Orchard: Add your voice to ours as we walk the farm singing holiday favorites. All voices needed!
Meet at the Granary

Drop-in Activities:

Train Rides_ Last ride leaves at 3:30pm from Train Station

Blacksmithing_ At the shop in the farmyard

Patterson House_ Walk through the splendidly decorated home, docents will be available to explain what you see.

Country Kitchen_ 11am to 3pm _ Samplesome tasty old-fashioned Christmas treats!

Food Service_ Farmyard Café

Christmas Crafts_ 10am to 2pm

Make an old style holiday craft to take home!
In the farmyard.

Father Christmas_ 11:30am to

3:00pm_ Visit with Father Christmas at the Gazebo by the Patterson House

Hand Crafted Gifts_ for sale by local

vendors in the farmyard (chocolates, candies, soaps, fabric arts)

Carriage Rides_ for sale by Hackney Horse and Carriage Company. Tickets and information at the information table by the Granary.

Music provided by:

Denis D'Aoust_ accordionist and vocalist;

Broceliande_ early American music trio;

David Maloney_ acoustic guitar and vocals;

Kristen Brooks Davidson_ flute students;

The Jazzinators_ youth jazz band directed

by John Soulis; **The Bay Area Contra**

Dance Society_ caller Alan Winston;

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