Ardenwood Historic Farm

East Bay Regional Park District Staff

Supervising Naturalist  Ira Bletz

**Interpretation**
- Naturalist (part time)  Gaeta Bell
- Naturalist/Volunteer Coordinator  Christina Garcia
- Naturalist  open
- Naturalist (part time)  Sara Fetterly
- Secretary  Rosemary Ashley (on leave until June)
- Secretary (temp)  Bernadette Cruz
- Interpretive Student Aide  Erin Twomey
- Interpretive Student Aide  Jou Ching Chen
- Interpretive Student Aide  Eric Nicholas
- Interpretive Student Aide  Amy Baldwin
- Interpretive Student Aide  Esther Huang
- Interpretive Student Aide  Gina Bacigalupi

**Operations**
- Park Supervisor  Yvonne Provanik
- Park Ranger II  Marcelino Madrigal
- Park Ranger II  Ken Miller
- Park Ranger I  Erick Hankins
- Park Ranger I (part time)  Jeff Fuller
- Gate Attendant (part time)  Nikisha Prasad
- Farm Technician II  Paul Lewis
- Farm Technician I  Karen Lesico
- Gardener  Dan Clark

City of Fremont Staff

**Patterson House**
- Randy Hees  House Manager
- Anne Wolfe  Tour Coordinator
- Ann Tupper  Tour Coordinator
- Barbara Culp  Tour Coordinator
- Sharon Belford  Tour Coordinator
- Dottie DiFranco  Tour Coordinator
Ardenwood Regional Preserve
Concessionaires
2007

City of Fremont
Patterson House maintenance and tours, open house, croquet, flower arranging, special events at the house, Patterson House Foundation teas.
(510) 791-4196

SPCRR
(Society for the Preservation of Carter Railroad Resources)
Train rides, Railroad Museum, Haunted Railroad

Ardenwood Affairs
(a subsidiary of The Picnic People) Group picnics at Deer Park, Farmyard Café food service and catering, weddings and receptions at the gazebo and poolside
(510) 797-5621

Joe E. Perry & Son Farms
Organic farming, Produce Stand, Pumpkin Patch, Corn Maze
(510) 791-0340

Ardenwood Forge
Operated by Scott Thomas: Blacksmithing demonstrations, lessons, apprenticeships & sales, horseshoeing service
(510) 790-9060

Johnny Tettetton
Beekeeping
East Bay Regional Park District  
Ardenwood Historic Farm

POSITION: Farmyard Docent

YOUR SUPERVISOR IS: Christina Garcia

TIME COMMITMENT: 4-8 hours per month. Farmyard Docents are needed on Fridays from 10am-2pm and weekends 10am-3pm April -November.

ACTIVITIES YOU’LL DO:
- Demonstrate historic crafts and farm chores including wool spinning, rope making, hay hoisting, corn shelling, wheat milling and wood stove cooking.
- Display small farm animals such as rabbits, goats and chickens.
- Assist naturalists in hay, wheat and walnut harvesting, cider pressing, and other historic farming activities
- Provide hands-on assistance to visitors in making old-fashioned toys, art, ornaments and other crafts.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:
- Volunteers must be 15 years old and able to commit to a training schedule.

QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS:
- Friendly, patient and enjoy working with people of all ages, especially children.
- Comfortable working in outdoor conditions.
- Good verbal communication skills.
- Willing to acquire and wear late-1800’s period costume

TRAINING YOU CAN EXPECT:
- Training will consist of 16 hours of hands-on information in the following areas:
  a) Orientation to the East Bay Regional Park District, Ardenwood Historic Farm and its policies.
  b) Overview of California and local history.
  c) Basic knowledge of typical household activities of a late 1800’s rural family
  d) Information on farm animals, crops and machinery

VOLUNTEER BENEFITS:
- Opportunity to make a difference in a child’s life by providing an invaluable experience!
- Free admission to Ardenwood Historic Farm for immediate family
- Learn some new skills from our talented docents.
- Interact with interesting, fun people.

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www.ebparks.org
AR DENWOOD HISTORIC FARM  
NATURALIST PROGRAM  
RESERVATION FORM

Teacher/Leader: ____________________  Contact Person: ____________________

School/Organization: ____________________

Street Address: ____________________  City: ____________________  Zip Code: ____________________

Special Needs: (Please specify, e.g. wheel chair, visual, hearing) ____________________

School/Org. Phone: ____________________  Home Phone: ____________________

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Interpretive Program Options  
Ardenwood Historic Farm  
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<td>Farmyard Program (Spring through Fall season)</td>
<td>3rd - 5th</td>
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<td>Introduction to Ardenwood/local history with a focus on turn-of-the-last century farm life. Seasonal hands-on activities with an emphasis on where food comes from including planting, tending, harvesting or processing crops.</td>
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<td>Farm Animals/Farm Chores (All year round)</td>
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<td>Focus on farms and farm animals with hands-on activities including processing feed, animal feeding, tending crops and gardens.</td>
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<td>An introduction to the lifestyle of Victorian America using period clothing and accessories to explore social customs with student participation. Includes brief, guided tour of the Patterson House.</td>
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<td>Children move between the activity stations which may consist of grinding &amp; shelling corn, hay bale hoisting, tending the vegetable garden, rope-making, games on the lawn, and visiting the farm animals. A list of the day’s activities will be posted on arrival.</td>
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<td>Children learn how wool from our sheep turns into the clothes they wear. The program takes you from shearing, washing, carding, and then spinning the wool into yarn.</td>
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