

HHH NEWS



HORMEL HISTORIC HOME...where the past inspires the present

Hospitality ~ Education ~ Music ~ History

April and May 2017

Jay on my mind...

Between the ages of 9 and 32 a great deal of growing up occurs, don't you agree? Family, school, work and marriage often have great impact on a person during this time frame. This is true of Jay Catherwood Hormel who spent those very years growing from child to young man to soldier to business man and husband in the home his parents provided for him.



I think Jay should be remembered for more than just being the father of the Spam® brand. In upcoming columns I will be sharing Jay's history from 1901-1925 when he called 208 Water Street his home. By the end of the month I will be inviting you to visit and see how we have updated the exhibits in Jay's bedroom. Thanks to a grant from the Hormel Foundation we will be able to give recognition to Jay and his accomplishments through photos, stories and objects.

We are celebrating Jay's product of fame at the 2nd Annual Spam®Kids Festival on Saturday, April 8. Join us if you can!



2nd Annual SPAM®Kids Fest

Saturday, April 8 2017

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

*9-10 a.m. "Just For You" hour for kids w/ special needs. Call for more information.

Hormel Historic Home
208 Fourth Ave NW, Austin, MN

FREE Admission

Activities throughout the event for kids ages 2-12 including:

- Crafts • Games • Live Music • Musubi Samples
- Interactive Presentations • Story Telling • Sensory Activities
- Kid friendly tours of the Hormel Historic Home
- Special appearances by SPAM® Characters

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Foodie Throwdown Thanks

The 6th Annual Foodie Throwdown Fundraiser was a great success! Food was fabulous, music was terrific and guests were generous. 'Mr. and Mrs. Hormel' were thrilled to see so many people celebrating their 125 years of wedded bliss.



The event raised \$10,000 to support the mission of the Hormel Historic Home!

2017 People's Choice Winners included:

The **Just Neighbors Team** of Leah & Levi Erickson and Tom and Kim Schulte with Caramel Apple Crunch &

The Austin Country Club Culinary Team of Philip Ryks and Denise Sutter with Braised Pork



6th Annual Walk for Autism

Sunday, April 23, 2017

1 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Hormel Historic Home Peace Garden

Registration begins at 12:30 p.m.

DJ and Photobooth Entertainment

Special Guest: Alison Hormel Webb

Raffle prize drawings

Register at the Hormel Historic Home,
208 4th Ave. NW or online at
www.hormelhistorichome.org

All proceeds will support area youth at the
Hormel Historic Home Autism
Programming.

2017 Corporate Sponsors:

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How Can You Help?

Register to be a walker

(by 4/12 to get your shirt
at the walk)

~ Make a donation

~ Collect donations

~ Become a Walk Sponsor

~ Donate a raffle prize

ASD Respite Events:

Children in K-6th grades on the Autism Spectrum are invited to attend the two remaining respite events at the YMCA on Friday, April 21 and Friday, May 8.

Youth will swim, play games and have a snack in a fun and supervised setting.

6-8:30 p.m.

Cost is \$5 per person

Must register in advance at the HHH

ASD Teen Night at the Arc

Saturday, April 29

The HHH and the Arc are working together to provide fun and safe activities for those on the Autism Spectrum in their teen years. Families are invited to stay to learn more about the services offered by Arc. Details are still being finalized. Please call or email with questions. 507-433-4243 or autism@hormelhistorichome.org



Hearth & Home Series



In an ongoing effort to promote education in and around the Home, we offer daytime

educational program. Please join us as we explore various topics relevant to all.

Events are free but donations are appreciated.

Tuesday, April 18 10 a.m. Flood Walls in a Former Swampland

Presented by Tim Ruzek of the Cedar River Watershed organization. You will hear about the creation and eventual demise of the Austin Horace State Park which developed into commercial/residential properties.

Tuesday, May 16 10 a.m. Austin's Other Historic Homes and the People Who Lived in Them

Austin's history was made by many people whose names we see around town or hear about in conversations of the past. In this presentation we will feature information about the Hormel, Burnham, and Fox families and the homes they lived in. Presented by house and history lovers, Holly Johnson, Jaimie Timm, and Wendy Larson.

RSVP appreciated, walk-ins welcome.



History Happy Hour Programs

The series is a partnership between the Hormel Historic Home, the Mower County Historical Society and the Friends of the Austin Public Library. Members of our organizations are invited to attend the programming for free while non-members pay \$5 per person. Our goal for the programming is to offer a social time with light snacks and drinks for history lovers as well as meaningful content that will teach and inspire those in attendance.

Upcoming events:

5:30 p.m. Social time
6 p.m. - 7 ish Presentation

Monday, April 10

MOWER COUNTY IN THE WORLD WAR

Presenter Dean Ulland will tell of the many ways the war affected people in our community. He will talk about the draft, using local men as examples and he will cover the work of thousands of volunteer activities that supported the war effort.

Monday, May 8, 2017

FARMING THE RIDGE, YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Dramatic monologues taken from interviews conducted by Ken McCullough, Winona's Poet Laureate, with farmers and their families who live and work on the Garvin Heights Ridge, outside Winona. McCullough will read the pieces spoken by men, and Lynn Nankivil, playwright, will read the pieces spoken by women.

Music...

Harris Music Contest Concert Recap

MarySue Hormel Harris

Forty young musicians participated in the 5th Harris Music Contest in February. With the inclusion of strings, woodwinds, brass, and mallet percussion this year, we were able to include more talented youth.



Andrew Keenan, photo courtesy ADH

Impartial judges offered valuable feedback that will allow the musicians to grow and improve in their musical journey, and \$2500 was awarded in prize money.

MarySue Hormel Harris, the benefactor for the event, was able to attend and act as a judge. She was thrilled by the level of musicianship and encouraged the young people to keep participating in events of growth such as this one.

Autism Friendly Austin

The Hormel Historic Home is part of a new initiative to help Austin become more Autism Friendly and Sensory Sensitive. At a luncheon on Thursday, April 6 guests will learn how their

business or service can become more aware of the characteristics of people with special needs, such as Autism, and welcome them into their organization either as a customer or employee. Special guest speaker, Mike Dierdorff, will share his story as an Autistic man in the workforce. Contact autism@hormelhistorichome.org for more information.



The Hormel family valued education and music and exuded a spirit of hospitality. Those values carried on through the work of the Y.W.C.A. and continue today as the mission of the Hormel Historic Home.

Contact Us:

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Office & Tour Hours: Monday—Friday 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Self-guided tours are free for members; \$5 per person for non-members

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HHH Calendar of Events:

April 3	Pizza Ranch Tip Night
April 6	Autism Friendly Austin Lunch
April 8	Spam®Kids Fest
April 10	Floral Club
April 10	History Happy Hour
April 13	Y's Women
April 17	Board of Directors
April 17	Eberhart Poetry Contest Awards
April 18	Hearth & Home
April 18	Board of Trustees
April 21	ASD Respite Night @ Y
April 23	Stepping Out for Autism Walk
April 29	ASD Teen Night at the Arc
April 29	Floral Club Spring Luncheon
May 8	Floral Club
May 8	History Happy Hour
May 11	Y's Women
May 12	ASD Respite Night @ Y
May 15	Board of Directors
May 16	Hearth & Home
May 16	Board of Trustees
May 20	Wedding Event
May 29	Memorial Day, HHH closed

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