



# HHH NEWS

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



Hospitality ~ Education ~ Music ~ History

**February, March, April 2021**

## Happy New Year...guess we're starting 2021 in February since January was a blur!

Under the latest order of Governor Walz, the Hormel Historic Home, as a museum and place of public accommodation, is now allowed to be open!

Our tour hours are currently Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and we are following covid-19 safety precautions such as regular sanitizing, requiring facial coverings and limiting the number of guests onsite.

With this positive news, I have decided to approach the new year with cautious optimism and hope. We have learned how to be safe. We have learned how to adapt. We have learned that we can operate alone, but that we prefer to operate with and for YOU.

We are developing new exhibits and have planned programming and events in the next few months, and we hope you will participate. Some will be in person, and some will be virtual. It's a new world and a new way of operating, but we are up to the challenge and hope you are too.

See ya soon, *Holly*



### Anita Ulwelling 1952 -2021

The Hormel Historic Home is saddened by the sudden loss of our friend, co-worker, and volunteer. Anita left her legacy with us and we will strive to make her proud.



## Membership Update

Thank you to all for your generous membership gifts. Below are listed those who have renewed or joined since November 1, 2020

Visit [www.hormelhistorichome.org](http://www.hormelhistorichome.org) to become a member.

### Carriage Club \$25

1 Anonymous ~ Dianne Barnett ~ Ann Dixon ~ Bill & Idamae Downs ~ Linda Edd ~ Linda Lenz ~ Bev & Dennis Nelson ~ Chad & Jana Norman

### Inglennook Club

2 Anonymous ~ Cole & Amanda Barber ~ Richard & Jan Chuick ~ Jenelle Cummings ~ Jon & Jean Erichson ~ Scott & Carrie Murphy ~ Tom & Patricia Woodhouse

### Atrium \$100

1 Anonymous ~ Bob & Lavonne Brinkman ~ Jim & Milly Burroughs ~ Matt & Deb Daniels ~ Mike & Holly Johnson ~ Brad & Jenni Lindberg ~ Sue Radloff ~ Pat & Pam Retterath ~ Dave & Sue Ruzek ~ Mike & Donna Skiba ~ Michael Williams

### Peace Garden \$250

Rick & Marianne Bruecker ~ Richard & Laura Carlson ~ Joe & Cindy Fuhrman ~ Sue Grove ~ Jim & Mary Herrick ~ All & Alice Holst ~ Paul & Amy Sheehan

### Stained Glass Society \$500

Paul & Vickie Spyhalski

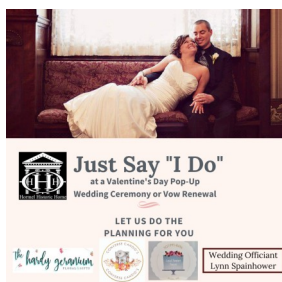
### Preservation \$1000+

Jeff & Diane Baker ~ Jeff & LeeAnn Ettinger ~ Elizabeth Hormel ~ Mark & Tracy Ourada ~ Mahlon & Karen Schneider ~ Jim & Tammy Snee ~ Curtis & Dana Southard

## Hospitality...

**Socializing has become a challenge over the last year. A big part of the mission at the Hormel Historic Home is to open our doors to all for tours, parties, and special events. We now find ourselves having to limit how many can be on site and what they can do when they are here. We are open for tours, but we are delaying some of our annual social events in hopes that we can safely welcome many of you in to enjoy our hospitality.**

**The 10th Annual Foodie Throwdown Fundraiser has been moved to the week of May 9-15. Watch for details about this fantastic celebration event featuring chefs from many of the past Throwdown events.**



Been waiting for the perfect day to say *I Do* to your someone special? Well, maybe the time is now. We have 1 spot remaining for this fully planned and covid safe event on **Sunday, February 14, 2021.** Couples and 8 of their

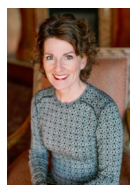
family or friends will enjoy an exclusive wedding ceremony event in our historic charming home. E-mail for more details.



Don't let covid stop you from planning a special event. Join us Sunday March 21

for a limited capacity vendor event to get all your planning done in one place. Tickets will be available for purchase Feb. 15.

## The Autism Advocate....



**Mary Barinka, Community Autism Resource Specialist**

OH what a year it has been!

In January, 2020, the Autism Friendly Austin initiative was honored by Hormel Foods Corporation as a Hometown Hero in Austin and recognized with a lovely promotional video and generous donation. Then COVID-19 happened! The results of **Cancelling predictable schedules, wearing a mask** (which is a major sensory experience which compounds the already difficult task of reading facial expressions and understanding spoken language), **and minimizing social interactions**---all to avoid spreading of **dangerous germs we cannot see**, have had a huge impact on the people we aim to serve!

What can we do---what can't we do? How do we do it? How long will this last? The ASD team at the Hormel Historic Home has worked hard to adapt our meetings, activities, and support services to best meet the needs of families during these challenging times. Many Zooms and Google Meets, virtual camp kits and a Facebook live fundraising event have kept the momentum going in support of our mission.

We are grateful to the community, our partners, camp directors and volunteers who are committed to improving lives and outcomes for those living with autism. And we thank the Hormel Foundation, the United Way of Mower County and many donors who make all of this possible despite a global pandemic. To get involved or learn more contact fee free to contact me at [autism@hormelhistorichome.org](mailto:autism@hormelhistorichome.org),

### Upcoming:

Friday, April 30 Respite for kids in grades K-6 featuring a Mother's Day Craft

Saturday, May 1 Teen Event for grades 7+ featuring a Wellness Activity

Sunday, June 6, 2021 Stepping Out for Autism Walk

## Education...Lifestyle Programming

**HISTORY  
HAPPY HOUR**

Social History—brought to you by the Hormel Historic Home, the Mower County Historical Society and the Friends of the Austin Public Library. Free to members; \$5 non-members  
A pre-packaged snack will be served and cash bar will be available.

Limited to 40 participants to allow for appropriate spacing. Face coverings are required.

### 6 p.m. Presentation

**Monday, February 8** — Radio History in Austin and in the Home

Hear about how radio stations developed in Austin and how they influenced family entertainment.

**Monday, March 8**— Let Me Introduce You To Lizzie Hormel

Presented by Holly Johnson and Wendy Larson  
George Hormel's older sister made a name for herself in Austin and left her legacy in the Art & Travel Club. Hear her story and learn about the other women who found enjoyment and inspiration through art.

**Monday, April 12** - Southern Minny Baseball League History: 1950-1953  
Presented by Paul Spyhalski

**Monday, May 10**—Rationing and Victory Gardens during the Great World Wars  
Presented by Jaimie Timm

## MUSIC...



### Harris Music Contest **Saturday, March 6, 2020**

Musicians on a variety of instruments are invited to participate in this fun and meaningful contest meant to inspire and educate young talent.

Youth ages 6-18 are invited to register at the Hormel Home or online ~ \$20 per entry

Registration due by February 15, 2021

Prize pool of \$3,200 will be awarded

Due to covid we will not have a public concert featuring the winning contestants this year.

Winners will be recorded and a digital program will be made available after the event.

Event made possible by the generosity of  
**MarySue Hormel Harris**



**HHH** sing play learn  
a Hormel Historic Home  
History for Half Pints event

**Friday, March 19, 2021**

**5 p.m.**

**Fun Music Enrichment in your own home.**

**Presented by MacPhail Center for Music**

**\$5 per household**

**Includes musical goodie bag to help you SHAKE the winter blues away ~ available for pick up at the HHH.**

**VIRTUAL  
OLD TIME  
RADIO SHOWS**

**Mar. 13 & 26  
7 p.m.**

**Saturday, March 13 Through the Looking Glass**

**Friday, March 26 Broadway's My Beat: the Howard Crawford Murder**

In a simpler time, families would gather around the radio and listen to an entertainment program together. In the complex world of 2021 Matchbox Children's Theater and the Hormel Historic Home invite you to gather around your computer to hear & SEE a traditional production of an old time radio show.

Tickets for the virtual event are \$10 per household and are available on our website. Concessions Included.

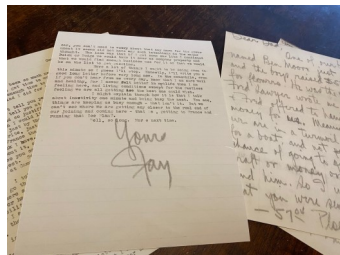
## Collections Update



Seems I have a lot of reading to do when it comes to a few new donations we've received.

The ads and stories in these 1911 Ladies' Home Journals are incredibly interesting-especially the ads by Geo. A. Hormel & Company.

We also received a copy of the 300+ pages of correspondence by Jay C.



Hormel during his time serving in WWI.

Yes, I have a lot of reading to do and will surely have a lot of stories to share with you.

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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## Hormel Historic Home

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## HHH Calendar of Events: Open for walk in tours Monday—Friday 10 a.m.—3 p.m.

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| February 8  | History Happy Hour   |
| February 14 | Pop Up Wedding Event   |
| February 16 | Board of Trustees  |
| March 6     | Harris Music Contest   |
| March 8     | History Happy Hour   |
| March 13    | Old Time Radio Show  |
| March 19    | Music In Motion @ Home   |
| March 21    | Wedding & Event Show   |
| March 26    | Old Time Radio Show  |
| April 12    | History Happy Hour   |
| April 20    | Board of Trustees  |
| April 30    | ASD Respite @ HHH  |
| May 1       | ASD Respite @ HHH  |
| May 9-15    | Foodie Throwdown Tribute Week to include:<br>Mother's Day Tea<br>History Happy Hour<br>Batter Battle<br>Card/Game Party<br>Bartender Contest<br>Music & More |
| June 6      | Stepping Out for Autism Walk   |
| June 10     | Autism Symposium   |

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