

HHH NEWS



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

Hospitality ~ Education ~ Music ~ History

January, February, March 2018

Happy New Year...

Although it is somewhat common to now fall into the winter doldrums, I hope you aren't thinking 'So now that another holiday season is past what is there to look forward to but cold days and icy roads?' There is so much going on in Austin that can enrich your life and make the chilly temps seem just a bit warmer. The calendar at the Hormel Historic Home is filling up with music, food, history and good times!

In January you can learn about baseball, lobster bisque, and music

composition. And you can plan all the details for your upcoming wedding or other special event such as anniversaries and reunions at the Wedding & Event Show.

In February you can enjoy Big Band music and support Paint the Town Pink, attend the Foodie Throwdown Hoedown Showdown, and learn about Safety Tips for Seniors. You can also have a date night by learning how to cook a special meal for two led by Hy-Vee's Megan Groh.

March offers Music In Motion for kids, The 5th Annual Harris Music Contest, and a class on Positive Internet Usage.

Your long cold winter season will fly by if you plan to add the HHH to your calendar. Hope to see you soon. \sim Holly



MAKE VALENTINE'S DINNER ITALIAN STYLE SPONSORED BY AUSTIN COMMUNITY ED.

Friday, February 9, 2018 6 - 9 p.m. \$84 per couple



Led by Hy-Vee Dietitian, Megan Groh Tomato Basil Bruschetta, home-made Gnocchi, and Double Chocolate Biscotti Registration deadline is February 5th at www.austin.revtrak.net class #17W1700

wine will be available for purchase

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Membership Update

Thank you to all for your generous membership gifts. Below are listed those who have re-newed or joined since November 1, 2017

Carriage Club \$25

1 Anonymous~Audrey Arneson~Jean
Arnold~Dick & Deanna Brekken~Marlys
Dunlop~Don & Marlene Fox~Lavonne
Griffin~Arlen & Jane Helfrich~Diane
Low~Chuck & Bev Morem~Gretchen
Ramlo~Barb Selmecki~Georgiann Simonson

Half-Pints Club \$40

Carrie Murphy~Darla Wheat

Atrium \$100

Dan & Becky Astrup~Jon & Jean
Erichson~Gareth & Alaina Hataye~
Corey & Lauren Hegna~Brad & Jeni
Lindberg~Aaron & Heather Massman~M.J.
O'Connor~

Jeremy & Savannah Peck~Piggy Blues BBQ~Mark & Rhonda Roberts~Mike & Barb Ruzek~Southeast MN Realtors~Andrew &

Melissa Sprau

Peace Garden \$250

Kevin & Deanna Brady~Rick & Marianne Brucker~Jim & Jeanne Sheehan

Preservation \$1000+

Jeff & LeAnn Ettinger~Mike & Karen Farrand~Anne Hormel~Randy & Wendy Kramer~Mahlon & Karen Schneider~ Jim & Tammy Snee

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7th Annual Foodie Throwdown Fundraiser



Join us for the 7th Annual Fundraiser on 2/17/18 to support the mission of the Hormel Historic Home.

6 chefs, both professional and amateur will create sample dishes you are sure to love. Let your taste buds have a voice by voting for your favorites.

Live music will be performed by the Silver Prairie Bluegrass Band.

Silent & Live Auctions will help us raise necessary funds to carryout our mission of serving the community through hospitality, music and education.

Tickets are \$35* per person and are available at the HHH office or online at www.hormelhistorichome.org *HHH Member discount available

MUSIC

"And when the family got together, it always meant music."

George Hormel



Tell a Story with Music... Composition Class

Sunday, January 28, 2018 ~ 2- 4 p.m. ~ FREE

Led by Minneapolis Music Instructor Sarah Miller, participants will learn to compose a story in music.

Special Guest MarySue Hormel Harris will assist participants in the process
All ages welcome but ability to read music is required
Please register at www.hormelhistorichome.org

6th Anniversary Harris Music Contest & Concert

Saturday, March 3, 2018

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

Youth ages 6-18 are invited to register at the Hormel Home or online ~ \$20 per person Prize pool of \$3,200 will be awarded

Public Concert to showcase the top 16 musicians will be held at 4p.m. at the Historic Paramount Theatre

Kids' Music In Motion Class Saturday, March 17, 2018 ~ 10 a.m.

Meant to expose young children to various genres of music and movement activities

Meet the musicians ~ explore instruments ~ play in the historic home

\$2 per child ~ Free for History for Half-Pints Members

The Autism Advocate....

By Mary Barinka, **Community Autism Resource Specialist**

My first few months consisted of a whirlwind of trainings for Autism Friendly Austin locations and support/quidance to some individual families. I look forward to the coming new year for advancing awareness, education and improved opportunities for those living with autism and their families!

Community input is welcomed! I am creating a dedicated newsletter related to autism. If you are interested in being on the mailing list please let me know.

Contact me at autism@hormelhistorichome.org or

507-433-4243

Autism Friendly Austin (AFA) **Location Spotlight: Austin Public Library**

Mary has helped the library Friendly embrace the AFA initiative. **Austin** We provided them with two tool kits filled with items that help people with ASD to feel comfortable. They now have a special weighted lap pad and furry friend and are investing in more resources to serve their patrons. Mary met with the staff to explain the dynamics of autism and best practices to address their needs.

Upcoming ASD events:

Registration is required at the HHH before each event. Please call or go online for more information

Friday, Jan 12 Teen Night at the Arc (7-12 grades)

Friday, Jan 19 Respite Night (k-8) @ Y

Friday, Feb 9 Teen Night at the Arc

(7-12 grades)

Friday, Feb 16 Respite Night (k-8) @ Y

Friday, Mar 16 Respite Night (k-8) @ Y

Thurs., Apr 12 Pizza Ranch Tip Night

Sunday, Apr. 22 Stepping Out for Autism **Fundraising Walk**

Education...



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 Light Snacks and Cash Bar available 5:30 p.m. Social ~ 6 p.m. Presentation

Monday, January 8—Southern Minny Baseball League

Paul Spyhalski will discuss how in 1937, Austin focused its town baseball efforts on the Southern Minny League, winning the League and State Championship that year. From 1937 to 1942, the League would continue to develop into the town ball powerhouse of Minnesota.

Monday, February 12— Freeways & Floods -- Austin Mill Pond History, Part 2

Tim Ruzek, Outreach Coordinator for the Cedar River Watershed District, has a revamped presentation with more facts and photos on the interesting history of the Austin Mill Pond area. He'll focus on the area being developed in the 1950s-1960s to connect downtown with the new Interstate 90 freeway.

Monday, March 12—Austin's Theater History Presented by Randy Forester, Co-Dir. of Summerset Theater

Learn about the creation and journey of Summerset, Matchbox and Riverland theater programs.



The Hearth & Home Series

Home Series Enrich your life through conversation and inspiring talks 10 a.m. ~ FREE

Tuesday, January 16 – Lobster Bisque with Jack Erwin

Learn the technique behind Jack's kitchen talent. Enjoy lobster bisque as Jack shares stories and tips.

Tuesday, February 20

Safety for Seniors, Presented by Tori Miller, Director Crime

Victims Resource Center- Crime and the fear of crime create special problems for seniors within our community. Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility, not just a job for law enforcement. This presentation will offer seniors suggestions for ways they can protect themselves against crime.

Tuesday, March 20

Intro to Positive Social Media, Presented by Amanda Barber

Amanda will take the mystery out of using social media. She will introduce resources that make accessing friends and family through the internet simple and user friendly. Topics to include Facebook, Pinterest, and Instagram.

Collections Update

A recent gift to the Hormel Historic Home will enhance our décor by showcasing pieces of Jay and Germaine Hormel's china and crystal. The pieces were delivered via Anne Hormel, great grand-daughter to George and Lillian Hormel.

The lovely rose and gold pattern would have set a beautiful table for guests and family alike. I am still researching the history of the design and manufacturer and will keep you posted as I discover its origins.





We look forward to showing it to our visitors in the coming year.



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:

208 4th Ave. NW ~ Austin, MN 55912 ~ 507-433-4243 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

208 4th Ave. NW Austin, MN 55912 **HHH Calendar of Events:** January 6 **Wedding Event** January 8 **Floral Club** January 8 **History Happy Hour** January 12 ASD Teen Night @ Arc January 15 **Board of Directors** January 16 **Hearth & Home** January 16 **Board of Trustees** January 19 ASD Respite Event @ Y January 21 **Wedding & Event Show Music Composition Class** January 28 February 3 **Pink Swing for PTTP** February 9 **ASD Teen Night @ Arc** February 9 **Valentine Cooking Event** February 12 **Floral Club** February 12 **History Happy Hour** February 16 ASD Respite Event @ Y February 19 **Board of Directors** February 20 **Hearth & Home Series** February 20 **Board of Trustees** March 3 **Harris Music Contest** Floral Club March 12 March 12 **History Happy Hour** March 16 ASD Respite Event @ Y March 17 Kids' Music in Motion March 19 **Board of Directors** March 20 **Board of Trustees**

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