

# HHH NEWS



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

Hospitality ~ Education ~ Music ~ History

May, June, July 2019

## What's New?...

Over this snowy cold winter the Hormel Historic Home underwent a few updates, though you may not notice them right away. We are grateful to Joseph Construction for managing our concrete replacement project. They started last November and then the weather changed. For a few months the freshly poured concrete was allowed to cure under many inches of snow. Now that spring has arrived we are fully accessible and the concrete is smooth. The railing will be repainted soon and guests are invited to enter through the grand front door of the home.

Another necessary project was completed on the 2nd story of the home. Maybe you never noticed the popcorn ceiling texture in the three main bedrooms. It is likely that the texture was applied as an inexpensive way to cover cracks or leaks. Our goal is always to return the home to its early 1900's grandeur so resurfacing the ceilings was a planned project. We are grateful to the Hormel Foundation for supporting the project with a grant.

The Foundation also made it possible for us to install data loggers throughout the house so that we can measure temperature and humidity changes. This data will help us to consider measures that will lead to a better environment for preserving our artifacts.

These unseen and less than glamorous changes are crucial to the upkeep of the home and to our long-term sustainability. You may not say wow, but we hope you will appreciate what we are doing to keep this old house in top historic condition.

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## Volunteer Spotlight

I am certain that I don't give credit to those that help the Hormel Historic Home run smoothly. Amanda and I were recently away at a history conference, and in our absence we had a variety of people covering the office duties. Thank you to Ann Dixon, Anita Ulwelling and Joanne Hallman for taking the time to answer phone calls, welcome tourists, and complete idle tasks in the downtime. I am grateful to be able to be away without worrying. The HHH is in good hands with our volunteers!

## Thomas D. Hormel... In remembrance 2/3/1930 - 2/2/2019



My relationship with Tom Hormel began in 2015 as he was starting the process of publishing his grandfather's autobiography, *The Open Road*. Our conversations revolved around the mission and purpose of the Hormel Historic Home and I felt like Tom's curiosity about his past was being awakened.

As a guest at his recent memorial service I heard people talk about the lessons they learned from Tom. Things like 'Don't Assume Anything' and 'Take Responsibility' and that Tom believed art and music could be healing to people.

Tom invested greatly in organizations he believed in and I am beyond grateful that he came to value the HHH. His support has made an impact in our programming and our preservation and we are beyond grateful to have known him. His legacy will continue through the Hormel Historic Home.

# Hormel Historic Home ~ 2019

## Music @ the Mansion Series



Join us in the Peace Garden for family friendly entertainment.  
Bring your lawn chair or blanket. Beverages will be available for purchase.  
Rain or shine. 208 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW ~ 507-433-4243 ~ [www.hormelhistorichome.org](http://www.hormelhistorichome.org)

### Tuesday, May 28 Jazz One

7 p.m. 17-member jazz group made up of Austin High school students. Enjoy a mix of old and new ranging from familiar swing tunes and jazz classics to newer funk tunes.

### Tuesday, June 11 Kid's Concert featuring Dennis Warner

2-3 p.m. Entertainer and author of "Beads on One String" Warner has traveled the world. Come join us for a magical afternoon of singing, laughter and storytelling!

Tuesday, June 18 Patchouli & Terra  
Guitarra - Internationally Touring Guitar Duo  
2 p.m. Indoor Event/7 p.m. Peace Garden  
Soulful fusion of blazing Spanish and world guitar instrumentals, heartstring tugging lyrics, lush vocal harmonies, and epic folk rock anthems infused with a visible onstage chemistry guarantees to make the night an uplifting one.

### Monday, July 1 The Austin Community Jazz Band

7 p.m. Directed by Brian Koser, this local music favorite has an annual tradition of performing at the HHH. Join us for classic jazz and fun arrangements performed by local musicians. Special musical guest Adam Meckler on trumpet.

### Monday, July 8 Kate & The Kavemen

7 p.m. Led by Austinite Kate Jordal, this regional act will perform classic rock and folk tunes in addition to current pop favorites.

### Monday, July 15 Lehto & Wright

7 p.m. Minneapolis based group performing modern interpretations of Traditional Celtic and American Folk Music. The musicians bring a fresh approach to the world of folk and folk rock.

### Monday, July 22 Joey Leone: AM Radio Memories – Songs & stories of the 50, 60's and 70's

7 p.m. Joey Leone and his band take an in-depth yet lighthearted look at the songs that came out of our AM radios during the golden age of rock and roll.

### Monday, July 29 Bluedog Blues Band

7 p.m. Minneapolis based Bluedog is an award-winning blues band featuring female blues vocals, rocking blues guitar, hot keys and solid rhythm and bass. The music is influenced by life experiences of Native people.

### Monday, August 5 Scott Jasmin presenting Small Town Songs

7 p.m. Small-town Songs is a collection of original Americana that depicts snapshots of everyday life in an ordinary Midwestern small town. Jasmin's original tunes reflect the nostalgia of small town living.

### Monday, August 12 Bissen Family & Friends Band

7:00 p.m. One of the area's most loved musical family (and friends) bands. These talented and downright friendly musicians will perform your favorite classic rock tunes. You'll be singing along the whole time.



Funding for the Music @ the Mansion Series is provided by a generous annual donation by MarySue Hormel Harris

## Autism Initiative



Over 200 people participated in the 8th annual fundraising walk. We raised over \$6,000 to support those on the

spectrum in our community.

**Thanks to our 2019 Corporate**

**Sponsors:**

**Bollingberg Chiropractic ~ CRC ~ Family Eye Care ~ Games People Play ~ Holiday Inn ~ Mayo Clinic Health Systems ~ McFarland Truck Lines ~ Midtown Auto Clinic ~ Pizza Ranch ~ Potach & Mitchell Dentistry ~ QPP ~ Rocco's Retreat and Doggy Day Care ~ Rolling Green Fencing ~ SE MN Oral & Maxiolfacial Surgery ~ Worlein Funeral Home**

**ANNOUNCING...**

**ASD CONFERNECE**

**Thursday, June 13 8-4 p.m.**

Autism Conference hosted by the Autism Society of MN, Autism Friendly Austin, and the Hormel Historic Home

Join us for a worship for parents, caregivers, support professionals and individuals with autism.

\$30 per person includes sessions, resource fair, continental breakfast and lunch.

Register online at [www.ausm.org](http://www.ausm.org).

**Summer Camps!**

**Circle of Friends Day Camp-**

**FULL**

**All Access Community**

**Explorations, Grades 6-12**

July 8-11, 15-18, 22-23

**Camp Just for Me, Ages 7-17 who require extra support**

July 22-26



## 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.

5:30 p.m. Social time

6 p.m. - 7 ish Presentation

### Monday, May 14

**Austin's Other Historic Homes and the People Who Lived in Them**

Presented by Holly Johnson, Wendy Larson, and Jaimie Timm 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 Jacob Decker family (no relation to George Hormel), the George Hirsh home, and one of the homes lived in by the infamous Cy Thomson - all in the neighborhood of George and Lillian Hormel.

### Monday, June 10

**A Walking Tour of Mill Pond**

Tim Ruzek of the Cedar River Watershed District will lead a walking tour of the Austin Mill Pond history with a handout of old pictures for participants to reference for comparison. This area's major changes will be covered including its first era as a backwater swamp with islands to its transformation into a state park before being opened for development in the 1960s to its present-day flood walls and berms.

## FINANCIAL GIFTS

Thank you to those who gave membership gifts or general donations since January 1, 2019

**Carriage Club ~ \$25**

Roger & Lana Epley, Heartman Insurance, Peg Keener, Penny Kinney, Ann Kvam ~ Bev & Dennis Nelson, Juanita Neuman

**Half-Pints Club ~ \$40**

Scott & Carrie Murphy

**Atrium Club ~ \$100**

Cassie Brossard & Taylor King ~ Elta Knudsen ~ MJ O'Connor, Inc., Jerry & JoAnn Reshetar ~ Courtney Wyant & Stephen Schmitt

**Peace Garden ~ \$250**

Bremer Bank, Kurt & Annette Mueller

**Stained Glass Society ~ \$500**

Rick & Carol Young

**Preservation ~ \$1000+**

Elizabeth Hormel, Jim & Tammy Snee

**General Donations:** Rick & Carol Young, Gary & Pat Ray

**Grants:** United Way (Autism), Thomas D. Hormel (General)

# King's Wood Dinner Event

## King's Wood Dinner



Saturday, May 18, 2019

6 p.m. Social

6:45 p.m. Program and  
Dinner

Enjoy a night celebrating  
the past and supporting  
the present of Gerard  
Academy and the Hormel  
Historic Home.

Gourmet Meal ~ Live  
Jazz Music ~ Historic  
Photos  
Tickets are \$35 per  
person

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:

May 4	History At Play Event
May 8	HHH Open House
May 9	Y's Women
May 13	Floral Club
May 13	History Happy Hour
May 18	King's Wood Dinner
May 20	Board of Directors
May 21	Board of Trustees
May 27	Closed for Mem. Day
May 28	Music @ the Mansion
June 10	History Happy Hour
June 11	Music @ the Mansion
June 18	Music @ the Mansion
June 24-18	ASD Camp
July 1	Music @ the Mansion
July 8	Music @ the Mansion
July 8-23	ASD Camps
July 15	Music @ the Mansion
July 22	Music @ the Mansion
July 29	Music @ the Mansion
Aug. 5	Music @ the Mansion
Aug. 12	Music @ the Mansion
Aug. 26	David Stokes Program
Sept. 8	Music @ the Mansion-10 Yr. Anniv. Celebration

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