Happy New Year...

As much as I dislike icy roads and cold cars, I do like this time of year as it feels like the start of a journey that is filled with opportunity. In 2018 we completed many projects and provided programming that helped us meet our mission of being a community resource. We restored the sunroom, got a new roof and new concrete steps, expanded our field trip opportunities, had an architectural and collections survey, and received great media attention of our Autism Friendly Austin initiative. We have many plans for 2019 but we are also prepared for whatever opportunities arise. We’re partnering with the Friends of the Library, APS Early Childhood programming, and U of M Extension to bring meaningful programming to the community. Let us hear your ideas. We love opportunities!

Membership Update

Thank you to all for your generous membership gifts. Below are listed those who have re-newed or joined since September 27, 2018

**Carriage Club $25**

**Atrium $100**

**Peace Garden $250**

**Stained Glass Society $500**
Anne Hormel

**Preservation $1000+**
Steve & Debbie Binder~James C. Hormel, Jr.~Phil & Gail Minerich~Mahlon & Karen Schneider~Alison Hormel & Bernie Webb
Join us for the 8th Annual Fundraiser to support the mission of the Hormel Historic Home.

Main Event 6-9 p.m. $35 per person*

*New* Appetizer Contest & Wine Tasting 5 – 6 p.m. $8 with purchase of main event ticket.

5 chef teams, 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 Rush Hour.

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

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**8th Annual Foodie Throwdown**

benefiting the Hormel Historic Home

Sat. February 16, 2019

Tickets are available at the HHH office or at www.hormelhistorichome.org

*HHH Member discount available

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**MUSIC...**

“And when the family got together, it always meant music.”  George Hormel

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Saturday, February 2, 2019

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

Registration due by January 14, 2019

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.

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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 14—Wedding Fashions and Traditions
Presented by Jaimie Timm, Mower County Historical Society
Take a look at wedding fashions from the late 1800’s through the mid-1900’s (including an apron worn at the first wedding in Mower County!). Explore photographs and fashion examples from the MCHS collection and learn about the women who wore them.

Monday, February 11—History of the Hormel Institute
Presented by Andy Lucas, Hormel Institute Librarian
Hear about early days of the institute—it’s original function, projects, and successes, as well as on its progress up to now.

Monday, March 11 - Bizarre History of Minnesota
Presented by Chad Lewis, Author, Speaker and Researcher of all things scary and bizarre.

By Mary Barinka, Community Autism Resource Specialist
The Hormel Historic Home autism programming has continued to receive positive feedback. Many new businesses and organizations have asked to participate in the initiative including Elrod, Green and Heimer Dentists and InnoVision Eyecare. CARS has presented ASD awareness programs and educational sessions to over 200 people in our community including 120 paraprofessionals in the Austin Public Schools. In 2019 we will be collaborating with the Autism Society of MN as we look to bring new and exciting programs to the Austin/SE Minnesota region. Thank you for your support. For more information or if you have questions you can contact me at autism@hormelhistorichome.org or 507-433-4243.

Autism Friendly Austin (AFA) Location Spotlight: Austin Fire Department
After presenting about Autism Friendly Austin to the City Council the Austin Fire Department invited Mary to meet with an audience of 40 local firefighters. Positive feedback was received and now Austin’s firefighting personnel are better equipped to interact with someone on the spectrum.

Job Posting: The HHH is currently seeking a Co-Director for the All Access Community Explorations Program. 2019 dates are July 8-11, 15-18, 22-23. For more information contact Holly at holly@hormelhistorichome.org.

2019 Camp Dates:
- Circle of Friends Day Camp: June 24-28
- All Access Community Explorations: July 8-11, 15-18 and 22-23
- Camp Just for Me: July 29-August 2

Upcoming ASD events:
Educators, Parents, Caregivers and Service Providers are invited to this informative program about how the Minnesota Department of Health can serve those on the spectrum. Also hear current MN data and trends relative to Autism Spectrum Disorder. Dinner and childcare provided.

Respite Nights: Registration is required at the HHH before each event. Please call or go online for more information
- Friday, Jan 4 Teen Night at the Arc (7-12 grades)
- Friday, Jan 4 Respite at the YMCA (5-8 grades)
- Friday, Jan 18 Respite Night (k-4) @ YMCA
- Friday, Feb 1 Teen Night at the Arc (7-12 grades)
- Friday, Feb 1 Respite at the YMCA (5-8 grades)
- Friday, Feb 15 Respite Night (k-4) @ Y
- Friday, Mar 1 Teen Night at the Arc (7-12 grades)
- Friday, Mar 1 Respite Night (k-8) @ Y
- Friday, Mar 15 Respite Night (k-4) @ Y
- Sunday, Apr. 14 Stepping Out for Autism Fundraising Walk
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.

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