

HHH NEWS



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

Hospitality ~ Education ~ Music ~ History

Summer, 2016

125 Years later....

It is going to be an exciting summer in Austin as the Hormel Foods Company celebrates its 125 years in business. What an accomplishment! And a blessing for Austin! George's decision to settle here contributed to the growth our the community significantly.

During the time the Hormels owned their home on Water St. (4th Ave. NW), 1901-1927, the company achieved great success and the Hormel family was active in the community.

George served as an Alderman and was instrumental in getting Main Street paved. He was appointed to the Water and Light Board and helped secure adequate water supply to the city through the drilling of deep wells. Active in their religious life, the Hormels hosted Billy Sunday in their home during his visit to Austin. Mrs. Hormel was active in the Floral Club, the Art and Travel Club, and in music activities at the Presbyterian Church. She shared her beloved home with many in the community.

On July 24th we will do our part to celebrate the 125 years since George achieved his dream of becoming a pork packer. Beginning at 4:30 the Home will be open for free tours and treats. The garden will be set up for families to enjoy a picnic and early 1900's games. A concert will begin at 6:30 featuring a folk duo from the Twin Cities known as *Going to the Sun*. Bring your family and enjoy the property while being grateful for the man who chose to call Austin his home.

The Hormel Foods Company supports our community greatly and are including several area nonprofits to benefit financially by allowing us to sell Raffle Tickets to meet the Band Perry on July 29 prior to their concert that evening. More information is on page 2. We are grateful for this fundraising opportunity given to us by George's company.



Celebrating another fine Hormel lady 25 years after her passing.

Germaine Dubois Hormel was Married to Jay C. Hormel for 32 years and was the beloved mother to three sons. She died Jan 4, 1991 at the age of 94 in California.

A friend described her as friendly and vivacious and said she contributed greatly to the Hormel Company by the support and devotion she gave to her husband. She was loved in Austin and is remembered still.

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Teddy Bear Tours

The tour made popular at the SPAM® Kids Fest is being offered again this summer. On June 15, July 20 and August 17, Teddy Bear Tours will be offered to our smallest of guests (and their adults).

With narrative created specifically for kids ages 2-12, young people will hear about the life of a child during 1905 while searching for Teddy Bears, the toy named after Teddy Roosevelt in the early 1900's.

Bring your family for this fun and educational journey through the Hormel Historic Home.

Space is limited so please pre-register by calling 507-433-4243.

Cost is \$4 for HHH member families up to 3 people-\$1 for each additional person.

\$6 for nonmember families up to 3 people-\$1 for each additional person.

Tours at 9 and 9:45 a.m.

MUSIC.....

2016 Summer Concert 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.



Monday, June 20 ~ 1:30 p.m. Inside Banquet Hall

Oscars Big Break presented by a Touch of Magic Entertainment

Interactive musical comedy show followed by ice cream and balloon art

Friday, July 1 ~ 6:30 p.m. Peace Garden

The Austin Community Jazz Band

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.

Monday, July 18 ~ 6:30 p.m.

The Bazillions

Kid friendly rock-n-roll from Twin Cities parents and educators. Duo brings songs to life through illustration, animation and activities.

Sunday, July 24 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Going to the Sun Acoustic Duo

Minneapolis-based Going To The Sun performs earthy acoustic folk instrumentation with lush harmonies that result in a sonic yin and yang.

Monday, August 1 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Bissen Family and Friends Band

In a return visit members of the hometown Bissen family band will entertain with classic rock tunes that will take you back in time.

Tuesday, August 23 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Sena Ehrhardt & Cole Allen Acoustic

The couple's soulful bluesy style will engage music lovers of all ages.

How would you like to mingle with the Band Perry?

The Hormel Historic Home is pleased to be one of a few organizations selling raffle tickets for the opportunity to attend the Meet and Greet Event with the internationally acclaimed group, The Band Perry, playing for the Hormel Foods 125th Anniversary Celebration on July 29, 2016.

Location for the Meet and Greet has not been revealed but 40 lucky people will win their opportunity to meet this talented group of musicians.



Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased until July 8, 2016 at the Hormel Historic Home. Drawing will be held on July 13, 2016 and winners will be notified soon after.

Autism Updates

**Summer Camps
For young people
diagnosed on the autism
spectrum**

**Circle of Friends Day
Camp**

Youth in grades 1-5
June 27-July 1

**All Access Community
Explorations**

Youth in grades 6-12
July 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27;
August 1, 3, 8, 10

Camp Just for Me—Full

For youth ages 7-17 who
require 1:1 attention
July 11, 18, 25; August 1, 8

**Autism Awareness
month recap**

During the month of April, the Hormel Historic Home worked hard to raise awareness about the unique characteristics and behaviors of those diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Thanks to many volunteers and donors we raised nearly \$10,000 in support of the 2016 summer Autism camps. Young people who attend camp have the opportunity to participate in activities with the proper support that will help them succeed in their schools, homes, and communities.

2016 Community & Corporate Donors:
Austin-Con Convention, Masonic Lodge, Julyo Clinic, Midtown Auto, Rolling Green Fencing, Kwik Trip, Hy-Vee, Freeborn County Coop Oil, Bollingberg Chiropractic, McFarland Trucking, Worlein Funeral Home, Hormel Foods, GPP, Precision Signs



History Happy Hour Programs

Thank you to all who have supported the History Happy Hour Program to date. 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 nonmembers pay \$5 per person. All three of our organizations rely on the financial support of our members to sustain our daily operations so the History Happy Hour programs is a member perk. We welcome nonmembers and hope that they will see the benefit of supporting our missions which include preserving the rich history in our community and encouraging use of and appreciation for the library services. These things contribute to the quality of life in Austin. Our goal is 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.

We hope you will continue to attend and bring a friend or two along.

Upcoming events:

Monday, June 13

Antiques Evaluations by Mark Moran

Mr. Moran, an antiques expert will examine items and suggest a value.

Evaluation space is full, but spectators are encouraged to attend this fun History Happy Hour event.

Monday, July 11

Pillars of the City-Vision to Reality

Presented by members of the Pillars Committee
Learn about the process for selecting the 2016 Pillars and the plans for the future of the project.

Monday, August 8

The VFW and the American Legion-History and Contribution

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

Kitchen Restoration Project, etc...

Wish I could say it was done, but we have a few more weeks to go on the kitchen. The tile floor replicating the 1913 pattern will be installed within the next few weeks as will the tile countertops. Displays are being developed, and soon the home will be complete in its early 1900's décor.

Other improvements planned at the HHH this year include repainting of the white trim and repairing the masonry work leading to the front entrance of the Home.

Time and weather take their toll on our grand old structure, so thank you for overlooking our preservation projects as they take place.

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; \$3 per person for non-members

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HHH Calendar of Events:

June 7	Minneapolis Tour Group
June 9	New Ulm Tour Group
June 11	Your Essentials Selling Fair
June 13	History Happy Hour
June 14	Business After Hours at HHH
June 15	Teddy Bear Tours
June 16	Tour Group
June 18	Tour Group
June 20	Oscar's Big Break
June 20	Board of Directors
June 21	Board of Trustees
June 25	Wedding Event
July 1	Garden Concert
July 8	Tour Group
July 11	History Happy Hour
July 16	Visit us during the Spruce Up Austin Garden Tour
July 16	Wedding Event
July 18	Winnebago Tour Group
July 18	Garden Concert
July 19	Tour Group
July 23	Wedding Event
July 24	Free Tours and Concert
August 1	Garden Concert

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