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.

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 4th Ave. NW ~ 507-433-4243 ~ 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 Kosier, 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
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 & Maxillofacial 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.

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
Half-Pints Club ~ $40
Scott & Carrie Murphy
Atrium Club ~ $100
Peace Garden ~ $250
Bremer Bank, Kurt & Annette Mueller
Stained Glass Society ~ $500
Rick & Carol Young
Preservation ~ $1000+
Elizabeth Hormel, Jim & Tammy Sne
General Donations: Rick & Carol Young, Gary & Pat Ray
Grants: United Way (Autism), Thomas D. Hormel (General)
King’s Wood Dinner Event

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.

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