The fall and holiday seasons should be a time to celebrate and marvel over the fact that another year is coming to an end. In many ways I think all of us are ready to move past the pandemic era of 2020, but I anticipate 2021 opening with much of the same reality we are currently facing.

Despite that reality, the Hormel Historic Home is offering a few events that will hopefully provide joy and enrichment in a safe format. We’ll still have music, history, autism awareness, holiday décor and Santa all within a few weeks, but we’ll be doing so while observing safety protocols such as the wearing of masks and limited capacity.

We hope to be able to host our annual events in 2021 like the Wedding & Event Showcase and the Foodie Throwdown, but plans are currently uncertain. I hope you will stay tuned to our calendar as we try new things in order to fulfill the vision of George and Lillian Hormel for their home to be a valuable resource for the community.

Stay well and stay in touch, Holly

My guess is that you, at some point in the last 8 months, have heard about, made reference to, or even researched the 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic. History can teach and guide so us we have teamed up with the Mower County Historical Society to preserve the lessons of today. The Covid-19 History Project will give voice to all ages and demographics to share the impact from this historic season. People are struggling right now, but there have been some blessings mixed in as well. We need to hear the stories to preserve them and allow the future to learn from them.

To tell your story complete the form included inside or electronically on our website.

As with the Mower County Covid-19 History Project, 6 members of the Austin Fire and Police Departments and 3 from the Mower County Sheriff’s Dept. have now received training in this important program aimed at assisting emergency personnel in locating vulnerable people who are prone to wander.

With funding from the Hormel Foundation the HHH and Autism Friendly Austin has recently invested in expanding the Project Lifesaver program in Mower County.

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Autism Advocate...

ASD Parent/Caregiver Network Event via Zoom
Monday, November 16 ~ FREE
Autism and Sensory Considerations
Presented by: Eric Ringgenberg, AuSM Education Program Director

This session will discuss sensory processing, including our eight sensory systems and differences that may impact individuals with ASD.

A review will be given of sensory strategies to address sensory sensitivities.

Register by calling the HHH or emailing autism@hormelhistorichome.org
## Holiday Open House Schedule

The holiday season at the Hormel Historic Home usually kicks off with a card party at which groups enjoy the first look at the beautifully decorated historic home and a delicious meal followed by an afternoon of playing a game of their choice. In light of the pandemic we chose not to offer this tradition in 2020, but there will be a variety of opportunities for all to enjoy our festive and charming environment.

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| **Friday, Nov. 20**   | **Holiday Open House Tours** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Guests are invited to stroll through the house where the first floor will be beautifully decorated in holiday finery.  
Ticket options:  
$7 tour the home with a hot beverage and enjoy live piano music.  
$10 tour the home and take home a piece of HHH tradition: Cranberry Cake with Butter Sauce.  
$15 tour the home and take home a luncheon complete with scones, tea sandwiches, and cranberry cake. |
| **Saturday, Nov. 21** | **A Visit To Santa’s Workshop (SOLD OUT)**  
Santa is coming to the HHH this year, but he’ll be busy working in his traveling workshop. Families will visit while he makes toys behind his workbench. He’s even bringing some reindeer in training and some of his favorite elves. Many photo opportunities will be available for families including a professional photo from Converse Candids. |
| **Walk In Tours**     | If seeing the decorated home is your main priority, self-guided tours will be available Monday through Friday, beginning November 23 during our regular tour hours of 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. with a few exceptions.  
FREE for HHH Members; $5 for non-members; Children are free |

## Music...

**An Evening with the Austinaires**  
Monday, December 1, 2020 ~ 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.  
We are offering two seatings for you to enjoy the local favorite performing holiday classics  
Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance.  
Peace Garden doors will open 15 minutes before each performance. Guests are invited to tour the lamp lit decorated home after each show.  
$5 per person  

Mark you calendars: The 2020 Harris Music Contest will be held on Saturday, March 6 2021.

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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  
Space is limited so please call in advance to reserve a spot. Face masks are required.
Hormel Historic Home Membership (as of 10/31/20)

Membership gifts fund the day-to-day operations of the Hormel Historic Home. We are an independent 501 (c)3 non-profit organization and do not receive federal, state or local government funding. If you would like to join us in preserving the history and home of the Hormel family, please become a member today.

Carriage Club ~ $25

Inglenook Club ~ $40

Atrium Club ~ $100

Peace Garden ~ $250

Stained Glass Society ~ $500

Preservation Society ~ $1000+
Sarah Hormel Everett ~ Randy & Wendy Kramer ~ Phil & Gail Minerich ~ Belita Schindler

Thank you to Hannah Rosholt Photography for making the staff at the HHH look good.

Shopping has become more of a challenge during Covid-19. Let the HHH help!

Have a reader on your list? Consider giving *The Open Road, the autobiography of George A. Hormel*. Available in print or in e-book format.

Need a stocking stuffer? How about a trendy t-shirt honoring the value of sausage.

How about a music lover? A cd of jazz classics created by the Hormel family band would make a great gift.

A history buff? A Fine Home on Water Street provides a historical review of how the Hormel family made Austin their home. We’ll even do the wrapping!

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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**HHH Calendar of Events:**

- **November 7**: Wedding Event
- **November 9**: History’s Sweet Reads
- **November 9**: History Happy Hour
- **November 16**: History’s Sweet Reads
- **November 16**: ASD Parent/Caregiver Event
- **November 20**: Holiday Open House
- **November 21**: Visit with Santa
- **November 23**: History’s Sweet Reads
- **November 26**: Happy Thanksgiving
- **November 27**: Office/Tours Closed
- **December 1**: Eve. With Austinaires
- **December 4**: George Hormel B-day
- **December 12**: History Happy Hour
- **December 19**: Wedding Event
- **December 25**: Closed for Christmas

**Hopeful events in 2021:**

- **January 24**: Wedding & Event Showcase
- **February 20**: Foodie Throwdown
- **March 6**: Harris Music Contest
- **April 18**: Stepping Out for Autism Walk
- **June 10**: Autism Conference featuring Judy Endow

All events are subject to change based on the safety recommendations in place at the time.