

# HHH NEWS



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

Hospitality ~ Education ~ Music ~ History

Summer, 2018

## George, always more to learn...

Summer time in Austin is fast and the weather can be unpredictable, but what is certain is that you will always be able to find something to do. Inside you will find the schedule of our 2018 Harris Peace Garden concerts so I hope you will grab a chair and plan to join us for one or more. Our concert series is supported through funding from MarySue Hormel Harris and is meant to entertain, engage, and inspire the community through the appreciation of music.

The busy summer season is not a new phenomenon. George Hormel wrote of these months with fondness for all that was available within the community. Read his description below.

“In summer, the *Belle of Austin* chugged up and down the Cedar River, carrying boatloads of merrymakers to strawberry festivals in Columbia Park where the young people waltzed in the rustic pavilion to the music of Tische’s orchestra. The Park was the favorite site of roast suckling pig suppers given by the young blades of the town who handsomely entertained their girls at feasts prepared by themselves.

Summer also brought Saturday evening band concerts – and the circus. The whole countryside flocked into town to see Ringlings’ or Forepaugh’s spangled elephants majestically swing down Main Street. And every boy in Mower County was on hand when Stearn’s Wild West Show made its annual appearance.”

For a full list of activities happening in Austin, visit the Discover Austin website at [www.austinmn.com](http://www.austinmn.com), and as always, stay tuned to the HHH calendar on Facebook or at [www.hormelhistorichome.org](http://www.hormelhistorichome.org).

## Spring Donations Thank You!

The Hormel Historic Home is grateful for the support of so many individuals and organizations. Every donation allows us to better fulfill our mission of preserving the Hormel family home and legacy.

### Memberships and Donations since April 1:

#### Carriage Club ~ \$25

Alice Anderson ~ Cole & Amanda Barber ~ Kathy Dolan ~ Ann Kvam

#### Atrium Club ~ \$100

Mike & Alicia Holten ~ Elta Knudsen ~ Maureen Steenblock

#### Peace Garden ~ \$250

Evan & Katie Larson

**ASD Corporate Donations-** CLC~Eagles 5th District~IBI Data~IJ Holton Intermediate School~Neveln Elementary~ Pacelli Schools~St. John’s Lutheran Church~St. Olaf Lutheran Church

**General Donation** - Thomas D. Hormel Foundation

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## History for Half Pints Attractions

### Calling all Kids!



The History for Half Pints Team would like to invite young people (and their chaperones) to visit the HHH and explore the home and grounds. Kids (of all ages) can learn about the past from our historic walls, but we also want everyone, regardless of age, to just have fun here.

With our specially designed learning labs and scavenger hunt, kids will enjoy looking in all the rooms and taking a step back in time.

Kids up to age 17 visit for free with their chaperone.

Adult Admission is FREE for HHH members and \$5 for non-members.

Open for tours M-F 10-4:30

Music...



# Hormel Historic Home

## 2018 FREE 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.

Musical programming made possible through the generosity of MarySue Hormel Harris

**Friday, June 15**

**Summer Music Kick Off**

**Happy Hour with JCA**

**5-7 p.m.** Local favorite known for their former association with SEEDS in an acoustic show for your listening pleasure. Some of Jamie's originals, some favorite SEEDS covers and plenty of fresh material just for fun.

**Tuesday, June 19 Tricia and The Toonies—The Happy Days Show**

**2:30 p.m. Koncert for Kids**

From the Shimmy to the Twist, The Swim and the Pony, The Limbo to the Hand Jive...The Jerk and Mony Mony. No one can keep still!

**6:30 p.m. Peace Garden Concert** Music that brings all ages together in fun and dancing with great music and laughter. Everyone will have a rockin' good time and will surely take home great memories! Optional-Dress up in 50's and 60's style!

**Sunday, July 1**

**The Austin Community Jazz Band**

**6:30 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.

**Tuesday, July 10**

**Todd Menton**

**6:30 p.m.** Edgy Celtic/eclectic folk and original music. Joined by John Wright of Galactic Cowboy Orchestra on guitar, Todd will entertain and educate about the history and origins of the songs and instruments he is playing. Featured will be the Bodhron (The Irish Drum), Mandolin and The Tin Whistle.

**Tuesday, July 17**

**Jack & Kitty** Emmy Award winning duo specializing in Organic Vaudeville and Jug Band Folk.

**2:30 Sounds So Sweet! The History of American Jug Band Music of the '30s**

A concert of Americana jug band music of the 1930s. Fun and interactive sing-a-longs and lighthearted fun for all.

**6:30 p.m. Peace Garden Concert –** Jack & Kitty will perform for all ages to enjoy.

**Tuesday, July 24**

**History of Blues with Joey Leone**

**6:30 p.m.**

An assortment of blues, from Pre-War to Texas & Chicago Electric Style Blues, as well as his own original blues compositions. His approach is clean & authentic, & his vocal style is unique & reflects his life experiences as well his exposure to the great blues artists that he has played with.

**Friday, August 3**

**Dang Ol' Tri'ole**

**6:30 p.m.**

With unique experiences and common bonds, the group features their own sound that borrows from an array of styles including Traditional Folk, Progressive Rock, Salsa, Blues, Ska, Gypsy, and Classic Rock.

**Tuesday, August 14**

**Driven By Rhythm**

**6:30 p.m.**

Rochester-based band that has been pleasing audiences around SE Minnesota for the last seven years. The band features a folk/rock style delivery of many favorite and familiar songs from the 60's through the 80's, as well as some original songs.

# Autism Programming...

## Autism Friendly Austin

Momentum continues to be strong for the Autism Friendly Austin initiative. Many organizations and service providers have embraced the training and guidance of Mary Barinka, the Community Autism Resource Specialist, and are more aware of and inclusive of the needs of those on the spectrum.

Did you happen to see the article in the Minneapolis Star Tribune on Saturday, May 5. You can find it by searching autism on the Star Tribune website. It'll make you proud to be from Austin.



The next Community Outreach event will be on **Monday, June 4 from 6—8 p.m.** and will feature a free presentation on what parents and caregivers need to know about preparing their child for the transition to adulthood. Light supper and child care provided.

For more information please contact us at [autism@hormelhistorichome.org](mailto:autism@hormelhistorichome.org) or 507-433-4243.

Thank you to all who helped us raise over \$9000 to support the Autism Programming at the Hormel Historic Home during the month of April. In our 9th year of providing summer camp experiences to youth on the Autism Spectrum, our services continue to grow.



Through the Pizza Ranch Tip Night, the Stepping Out for Autism Walk, and donations from the Austi-Con Convention, we have raised necessary funds to continue the programming.

### 2018 Corporate Sponsors:

**Bollingberg Chiropractic ~ CRC ~ Family Eye Care Center ~ Games People Play ~ Holiday Inn ~ Hormel Foods ~ Mayo Clinic Health Systems ~ McFarland Truck Lines ~ Midtown Auto Clinic ~ Pizza Ranch ~ QPP ~ Rolling Green Fencing ~ Worlein Funeral Home ~ YMCA**



### 2018 Grant Supporters:

**United Way of Mower County & The Hormel Foundation**

**\*Special Thanks** to Tony Delhanty and the Oshkosh Corporation Foundation for a donation of \$5000 to our Autism Programming. Tony won an award of excellence for a work project and has designated the HHH to receive the awarded charitable donation in his name. This donation will serve the Delhanty's son as well as many others in our area.

### 2018 Camp Schedule: Pre-registration required.

**Circle of Friends Day Camp—June 25-29**

**All Access Community Explorations— Mondays and Wednesdays, July 9-Aug. 8**

**Camp Just for Me— Mondays, July 9-Aug. 6**

**Respite Events will resume in September.**

EDUCATION...

History Happy Hour will resume in the Fall. Watch for more presentations about other historic homes, notable people, and historic events in our region.

The series is a partnership between the Hormel Historic Home, the Mower County Historical Society and the Friends of the Austin Public Library.

MUSIC...

**Tuesday, July 17, 10:30 a.m.**

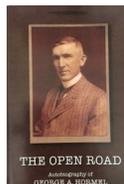
**Instrument Building for preschool through elementary aged kids (limit 30).**



Jack and Kitty will teach kids about jug band music and help kiddos build their own instruments. Class will end with a group jam session. Parents and caregivers are welcome to stay and join in the fun. Must pre-register through the Hormel Historic Home. \$3 per child for HHH members, \$5 for non-members.

## ***The Open Road—Autobiography of George A. Hormel***

There have been two exciting occurrences in the journey of George’s autobiography recently.



1. It was recently chosen as a finalist in The Midwest Book Awards program sponsored by the Midwest Independent Publishing Association (MIPA), which serves the Midwest publishing community in a collaborative sharing of publishing, production, promotion, and marketing information. We competed in the Autobiography category against authors from 12 Midwest States. We are grateful for the recognition of George’s life and story.

2. It received a wonderful review from Kirkus Reviews which is a book review magazine highly valued by authors and publishers. Enjoy the excerpt below or read the full account at [www.kirkusreviews.com](http://www.kirkusreviews.com).

“Hormel’s memoir chronicles his rise in business from the 19th into the 20th century...In elegant, charming prose, the author also recounts lessons he learned from his greatest influences, first and foremost his father, John George Hormel, about a wide range of subjects including the nature of business, the intersection of commerce and government, and his religious convictions... A gracefully distilled account of a remarkable life in business and beyond.”

Copies are available at the Hormel Historic Home on our website, or at Sweet Reads.

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:**

June 3	Oakwood Cemetery Tour
June 4	ASD Caregiver Network Event
June 9	Wedding Event
June 15	Peace Garden Concert
June 19	Koncert for Kids
June 19	Peace Garden Concert
June 19	Board of Directors/Trustees
June 23	Wedding Event
June 25-29	Circle of Friends Day Camp
June 30	Wedding Event
July 1	Austin Comm. Jazz Concert
July 4	Office Closed
July 9	All Access Community
Explorations and Camp Just for Me begin	
July 10	Peace Garden Concert
July 17	Peace Garden Concert
July 17	Board of Trustees
July 21	Wedding Event
July 23	Tour Group
July 24	Peace Garden Concert
July 28	Wedding Event
Aug 3	Tour Group
Aug 4	PHS Class of '78 Reunion
Aug 11	Wedding Event
Aug 14	Peace Garden Concert
Aug 17	Wedding Event
Aug 20	Tour Group
Aug 20	Board of Directors
Aug 21	Board of Trustees
Aug 25	AHS Class of '73 Reunion

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