

HHH NEWS



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

Hospitality ~ Education ~ Music ~ History

January, February, March 2017

Happy New Year from the Hormel Historic Home!

When I look back on 2016 I am amazed at all the programs and people we have hosted through education, music, and social programming—over 8,000 to be specific! And the projects we have completed in the home have turned out great. The kitchen is restored, the exterior trim is freshly painted, and we have new historical items on display thanks to donations from various Hormel family members and the Hormel Foods Company Archives.

We were definitely mission driven in 2016 and we have many plans in place for 2017 to continue serving our mission of *Preserving and Sharing the Hormel Family legacy through Hospitality, Music, Education, and Community Service.*

I hope you will join us for an upcoming event soon. Below is just a preview of what is to come.

Winter: Austin Wedding Showcase (1/22); New monthly cooking series led by Hy-Vee Chefs (1/29); Special musical performance by MarySue Hormel Harris (1/31); Austin Big Band Pink Swing (2/3); Harris Music Contest now including musical instruments along with piano (2/11); George and Lillian Hormel's 125th Wedding Anniversary will be celebrated at the Foodie Throwdown Fundraiser (2/18); Music and Movement Concert for little ones (3/25).

Spring: SpAM® Kids Fest (4/8); Stepping Out for Autism Walk; New and improved historic exhibits.

Summer: Circle of Friends Day Camp, All Access Community Explorations and Camp Just for Me camps for young people on the Autism Spectrum; Peace Garden Concert Series.

Fall: Fun and music filled Membership Recognition Parties; Festive Holiday Open House events.

It is always fun to look back, but now is the time to look forward relying on the past to inspire the future. Hope to see you at the HHH in 2017.

~Holly

Volunteers Needed:

2nd Annual SPAM® Kids Fest is being planned for Saturday, April 8, 2017, from 9am-2 p.m. Fun 2 hour shifts are available for people to assist with activities. Please call for more information, 507-433-4243.

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING HELPING TO MAKE THIS FUN FESTIVAL BIGGER AND BETTER THAN LAST YEAR!

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Holiday Volunteer Spotlight

If you drove by the HHH Peace Garden between November 18 and today, you hopefully enjoyed the beautiful holiday lights that illuminated the trees, bushes, and pond. How did that happen? With the help of willing volunteers.

Volunteers make the holidays happen at the Hormel Historic Home. Both the inside and outside décor was made possible by the willingness of the HHH Board of Directors, the AHS Robotics Team, and groups of kids from Gerard Academy.

Our holiday events were all successful so thank you to all who attended or helped out in any way.

Special recognition to Kim Guzman, Dawn Hoffman, Donna Skiba, Anita Ulwelling, and Jenelle Cummings for making the house a beautiful holiday showcase again in 2016.

Music...

This is a fun time of year in that I can look at the whole calendar through a musical lens. From workshops to concerts and contests, the Hormel Historic Home is committed to offering a wide variety of opportunities for people of all ages to appreciate and enjoy music. Already there are several events planned for 2017. Over 2500 people enjoyed our music programming in 2016, and we hope you will be one of many to attend in the coming year.

Tuesday, January 31 Music with MarySue ~ FREE

MarySue Hormel Harris will once again please an audience with her passion for the piano. Join us for an afternoon of Gershwin.

Time to be determined. Please check our website or call for more information.

February 3, Austin Big Band Pink Swing 6—8 p.m. ~ \$12 per person

Rescheduled from December, this energetic music event will get rid of your winter blues. The Austin Big Band will play classic tunes that are sure to get you dancing.

Basic dance instruction will be offered by Peter Jacobs and Ann Hokanson beginning at 5:45. Pink refreshments included. Cash bar available.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Paint the Town Pink

Tickets available online at www.hormelhistorichome.org/events or at the door.

February 11, Harris Music Contest Concert 4 p.m. ~ FREE

Area youth will compete in this fun and educational contest. The public is invited to attend the afternoon concert and awards ceremony at the Historic Paramount Theatre starting at 4 p.m.

March 25 Music in motion class with the Silver Wind Flute Quartet 10:30 a.m. \$2

Youth ages 2-8 will explore musical concepts through movement, guided listening and other interactive activities.

Hospitality...

2017 Foodie Throwdown

Sat Feb 18 ~ 6 p.m.
\$35 per person



Celebrate George & Lillian Hormel's
125th Wedding Anniversary at a chef
challenge in their honor

The 6th Annual Foodie Throwdown will take place on Saturday, February 18. This event has become the premier fundraising event for the Hormel Historic Home so thank you for your past participation.

This year we are throwing George and Lillian Hormel an anniversary party as the couple would have celebrated 125 years of wedded bliss in 2017.

Sample food from 6 area Foodies and vote for your favorite main dish and dessert.

Live Music

Silent and live auction

\$35 per person; Tickets limited to 170. Available at www.hormelhistorichome.org/events

Hearth & Home Series



In an ongoing effort to promote education in and around the Home, we are continuing our daytime program

this fall. Please join us as we explore various topics relevant to all. **Events are free but donations are appreciated.**

Tuesday, January 17 10 a.m.

Flood Walls in a Former Swamland

Presented by a Tim Ruzek of the Cedar River Watershed organization. You will hear about the creation and eventual demise of the Austin Horace State Part which developed into commercial/residential properties.

Tuesday, February 21 10 a.m.

The Life and Music of Ian Shapinsky

Enjoy a panorama of piano styles performed by accomplished pianist Ian Shapinsky. A professional performer since the age of nine, Ian's flawless performance and interesting stories will entertain and inspire. Program will take place in the Historic Home Living Room.

Tuesday, March 21 10 a.m.

Drumming for Life and Mind

Led by Terri Bergstrom, you will learn the benefits of meditation in a new way.

RSVP appreciated, walk-ins welcome.



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.

Upcoming events:

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

**Monday, January 9
Archeology of Bones**

Presented by Elena Haymond, research on bones from an ancient Bulgarian cemetery. With pictures and stories, Elena will explain how the appearance of a bone can tell cause of death, childhood nutrition, and information about the civilization of the time period.

Monday, February 13, 2017

For the Love of Old Books

Presented by Jay Nelson, Antique Bookseller and John Haymond, Director of the Mower County Historical Society.

Learn the history of bookmaking, how to find and care for rare books and how valuable they may be. Feel free to bring one from your own collection for the presenters to evaluate.

Monday, March 13, 2017

Southern Minnesota Railroad History: Development of the Lyle Gateway

Presented by Rail Road Enthusiast Paul Spyhalski

Autism Programming

Respite Nights for young people in K-6th grades on the Autism Spectrum are scheduled for upcoming Fridays, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 10 at the YMCA.

Cost is \$5 per person

Must register in advance at the HHH

2017 Summer Camp Dates

Circle of Friends Day Camp: June 26-30, 2017

All Access Community Explorations: Mon & Wed, Jul 10- Aug 9

Camp Just For Me: Mondays July 10-Aug 7



Collections Update:

If you haven't been by in a while you probably haven't seen that we now have 3 sets of golf clubs on display. Two of the sets belonged to George Hormel with one being used at the Los Angeles Country Club. It is said that George scored a 70 on his 70th birthday and an 80 on his 80th birthday so these clubs were certainly used well. The third set belonged to Germaine Hormel and we have a photo in Jay's bedroom showing the couple posing with their irons. Lillian Hormel had a golfing reputation as well at the Dodge's Point golf course where the family's lake cabin was in Clear Lake. Since none of us are golfing this time of year in MN, you should stop in to take a look at the Hormel family sticks. Thanks to the Hormel Company Archives for loaning us these family artifacts.



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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