

GALLATIN GRUBBER



December 2017

Jan. 8 Program

Organic entrepreneur Dylan Strike will be the featured speaker at our first meeting of the new year on Jan. 8, 7 p.m., at the Hope Lutheran Church on 19th and Graf. Dylan owns and operates Strike Farms, a 20-acre certified organic farm located near Bozeman.



Farmer Strike

“Right from the start, we’ve been committed to growing the finest quality vegetables, flowers, and other foods using only sustainable farming practices,” states Dylan. “We farm our ground in a way that not only maintains its fertility, but also improves it over time.” Strike Farms market their vegetables, herbs, flowers and bedding plants through local stores, farmer’s markets and both Winter and Summer CSAs. Dylan grew up in Pinedale, Wyoming. After finishing high school he attended MSU, earning a degree in Agroecology. Before striking out on his own, he served an internship at the MSU Towne’s Harvest Garden and was manager of the Three Hearts Farm.

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Refreshments: Frank Erickson, Susie Mathre and Don Mathre.

Christmas Dinner Dec. 4th

Our annual Christmas Dinner, one of the club’s longest-standing traditions, will be celebrated on Dec. 4 at the historic Story Mansion in Bozeman. The social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with a sit-down dinner, prepared and served by MSU Catering, at 6:30 p.m. Cost of the dinner is \$35 per person. *If you’ve not yet signed up for the dinner, there’s still time. Please fill out the attached registration form and mail it to Janne Hayward, Club Treasurer by Nov. 27.* Hope to see you there!

Christmas Dinner Menu

Cracker and cheese appetizer

Entrees:

Lemon Herb Chicken, Pork Loin or Vegetarian Napoleon

Sides:

Rolls and butter, house salad, and vegetables.

Desserts:

Apple pie or chocolate flourless cake with whipped cream and berry sauce.

Ice water and decaf coffee will be provided.

BYOB or other drinks.

2017: Best Year Yet!

Janne Hayward, club treasurer reports that between the Plant and Tool Sale and the Farmers' Market our 2017 income was over \$17,000. This is an all-time record amount for these two sources of income. Just shows what a good growing season we had so we are in a good position to make some significant contributions to various organizations that request support from us.

2018 Grants

The executive board has requested progress reports from the groups and individuals that received financial support from the club in 2017. In addition, those groups or individuals who would like to receive financial support in 2018 will have the opportunity to do so in early 2018. The application form is on-line and can be accessed at our web site: gallatingardenersclub.com.

If you have suggestions of projects that you think we should consider for support, pass your suggestions on to our President Susie Mathre.

Garden Update

While it may be a bit early to be thinking about 2018's garden, it won't be long until we order our seeds. The seed catalogs are beginning to arrive in our mail boxes and we are beginning to develop our plans for next year's garden. We will have our first planting party sometime in early February to plant onions, leeks, and shallots using the facilities of MSU's Plant Growth Center. Following that in April, we will have a major planting party to seed flats with broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, fennel, kohlrabi. Stay tuned for the exact date and time for both of these events as many hands make for light work!

Garden Videos on YouTube

The videos of club member gardens that were shared at the November meeting are now posted on Frank Erickson's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR4Qsr13htX2CMdruXNVgZQ>) for anyone who missed the meeting or is interested in viewing them again:

Geoff Goodman— See Geoff's innovative approach to gardening near the mouth of Hyalite Canyon, where the challenges include rocky soil and hungry deer. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IsQyizCO-No&t=17sw>

Lisa Easton— After a "gut remodel" of her historic north side Bozeman home, Lisa Easton used her artistic, welding, and landscaping talents to create a one-of-kind yard where the grass will never need to be mowed, because there isn't any!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfLtoBiODmw&t=20s>

Kim Kotur— Master gardener Kim Kotur shares with us her techniques for growing tomatoes and other crops, including how to build your own self-watering container from a 5-gallon bucket.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iHo2vlaYBqM&t=8s>

Bob Donovan— Bob applies the expertise he learned from years of gardening at Big Sky to two gardens located in Bozeman's South End—one at home and another a few miles away. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZzWuiOJU-k&t=11s>

2018 Club Board

At our November monthly meeting, the following were elected to serve as the club board of directors for 2018:

- President: Pat Flaherty
- Vice-President: Cathy Rechlin
- Secretary: Frank Erickson
- Treasurer: Janne Hayward
- Directors: Maggie Spinelli and Don Heyden
- Past-President: Susie Mathre

Board meetings are usually held the third Monday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church and are open to any and all club members who would like to attend.