

GALLATIN GRUBBER

October 2017

Oct. 2 Meeting

Our next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 2 at the Hope Lutheran Church on South 19th Ave. beginning at 7 p.m. The program will be presented by each of us telling "What worked and what didn't work" in our gardens in 2017. Given the expected large turnout, we are asking that each presenter limit themselves to 2-3 minutes to give everyone a chance to have their say.

Refreshments: Cara Priem, Larissa Jackiw, Maggie Spinelli.

2018 Board

The following board of directors is proposed for 2018: President, Pat Flaherty; Vice President, Cathy Rechlin; Treasurer, Janne Hayward; Secretary, Frank Erickson; and Members-at-large, Maggie Spinelli and Don Heyden. (Susie Mathre will serve on the board as past president.) The election will be held at the November meeting.

On Deck

The Nov. 6 meeting will feature videos of club member gardens, and Dec. 4 will be our annual Christmas party at the Story Mansion. Details forthcoming!

Another Successful Year!

Our gardening season ended on Sept. 19 with a muddy harvest followed by a cold and rainy farmer's market at Bogert Park. In spite of the soggy conclusion, sales will likely top \$16,000 for 2017, a new record for revenue. Overall, it was an excellent garden season for our club. Most crops grew well, and turnout to work at the garden was excellent with veteran volunteers joined by enthusiastic newcomers. Thanks to everyone who helped plant, weed, water and harvest the garden and staff the farmers market booth. Special thanks to:

- MSU and the Dean of Agriculture for providing the land, water, and electricity for our garden at the Hort Farm.
- Dave Baumbauer, manager of the Plant Growth Center and the Hort Farm for all his support and his co-workers who keep the farm looking so nice.
- Mac Burgess and his crew who help with garden clean up in the fall and rototilling in the spring.

A meeting to recap the year and plan for next year's garden will be held at Janne and Bill Hayward's house, 325 Concord, Oct. 26 at 1 p.m.

Garden Club Swag

T-shirts, sweat shirts, hats, aprons and other apparel featuring the new garden club logo (designed by our president Susie Mathre) will be available for order in October with delivery guaranteed before Christmas. We have been working with Hands On Printing, a firm in Four Corners that comes highly recommended, and are very excited about the items we'll be offering. Order forms will be available at the October meeting.

