



GALLATIN GRUBBER

November 2018

Nov. 5 Meeting

The Nov. 5 meeting program will be presented by Jonquil (Johni) Nelson of Sage Gardeners, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for aging gardeners in Montana. Founded in 2010 by Ms. Nelson, Sage Gardeners set out with a plan: reconnect seniors to their gardening roots. And that is what Sage Gardeners has done in towns all across Montana. With the help from numerous volunteers, master gardener students, and Montana State University students, Sage Gardeners has built gardens in retirement, assisted living, skilled nursing, cancer and veteran support communities, and affordable housing complexes, as well as provided raised gardens beds to over 75 seniors in private residences. Many more eager seniors are awaiting beds for 2019! Our club supports this program financially so it will be fun to hear details about how they operate. The meeting will be held at the Hope Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.

Refreshments: Carol Flaherty, Mary Hektner and Susan Foster.

Treasurer's Report

Club Treasurer Janne Hayward reports that club revenues totaled over \$19,000—a new record— in 2018, positioning us to support a robust grant program in 2019.

Christmas Dinner Dec. 3

Our annual Christmas Dinner, one of the club's oldest traditions, will be celebrated on Dec. 3 at the historic Story Mansion in Bozeman. The social hour will begin at 6 pm, with a buffet dinner served by the Fork and Spoon Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. The cost will be \$35 per person.

Ice water and decaf coffee will be provided. BYOB or other drinks. (The Fork and Spoon, formerly known as the Community Cafe, is sponsored by the HRDC, an organization we have supported for many years.)

To reserve your place at the dinner, please fill in the attached form and bring it, with payment, to the Nov. 5 meeting or mail it to Janne Hayward, club treasurer, at 325 Concord, Bozeman, MT 59715 by **Nov. 23**. The mansion is located on Willson between College and Harrison. Also, dues for 2019—\$10 for individuals or \$15 for families—can be mailed in with the dinner form or paid at the Nov. 5 meeting. And, since we are a 501(c)3 organization, please consider making a tax-free donation to the club to help support the projects that we fund.

Other Club News

2019 Grants— 2018 grant recipients have been contacted for progress reports and invited to apply for grants again in 2019. Other worthy organizations are also invited to apply. Applications must be submitted electronically. Details and deadlines are available on our website: <https://www.gallatingardenersclub.com/grants>.

2019 Officers— Here is the proposed slate of officers for 2019 that we'll be voting on at the Nov. 5 meeting:

- President: Pat Flaherty
- Vice-President: Cathy Rechlin
- Secretary: Frank Erickson
- Treasurer: Janne Hayward
- Directors: Yvonne Baskin, Don Heyden, and Maggie Spinelli.

(Susie Mathre will continue to serve on the board as past president and Don Mathre as market and garden manager, per club bylaws.)