



GALLATIN GRUBBER

November 2020

Board Election

The club board is nominating the following slate of officers for 2021:

- President: Cathy Rechlin
- Vice-president: Susie Mathre
- Secretary: Frank Erickson
- Treasurer: Janne Hayward
- Directors: Yvonne Baskin, Kim Kotur and Mindy Makos

(Pat Flaherty will continue as Past-President and Don Mathre as Farm and Market Manager.)

Normally, we would vote on officers at the November meeting. But since there will be no November meeting this year, we will be asking members to respond to an email confirming this slate. Watch for it on Nov. 2.

Thanks, Maggie!

After serving three years on our board as one of the



members-at-large, Maggie Spinelli is stepping down from that post. Maggie has been a continual source of

common sense and good cheer at our board meetings and we thank her so much. We look forward to continuing to see her and her husband Felix at the garden.

November Program

Our November meeting program will again be virtual, a PowerPoint presentation by our own Don Mathre, emeritus professor of plant pathology at MSU, about his interesting experiences with two diseases of wheat that had economic impacts on Montana. The story includes elements of international cooperation and intrigue and pathological detective work! You can watch it by clicking on <https://youtu.be/uazSbwW-vxo>. And if you have any ideas for future programs you like to see, let us know!

Helping the Fork & Spoon

At the November board meeting, the club directors authorized an emergency \$2,000 grant to the Fork and Spoon, Montana's only pay-what-you-can restaurant which finds itself in a financial bind due to Covid 19 restrictions. Further, we are encouraging club members to support the restaurant either by purchasing a take-out meal or making a direct donation (<https://www.forkandspoonbozeman.org>) They are located in Bozeman at 302 N. 7th Ave. and are open 5 and 7 p.m. Sunday through Friday. Their menu is posted weekly on their web site.

Garden Club Masks

In our continuing effort to make the best of a tough situation, we are creating Gallatin Gardeners Club cloth facemasks. They will feature our logo, modified to make the pea "smile" by club vice president and professional artist Susie Mathre. These masks will be produced by the same company that makes the popular tyrannosaurus masks for the Museum of the Rockies which, by the way, were designed by club president Cathy Rechlin's son. Final details are still being worked out, but we anticipate the masks will cost about \$5. Ordering details will be forthcoming.

