



GALLATIN GRUBBER

November 2023

Election of 2024 Officers

The Nov. 6 meeting is the club's official annual meeting where officers for the following year are elected. The club board nominated the following slate of officers for 2024:

- President: Pat Flaherty
- Vice-president: Mindi Makos
- Secretary: Frank Erickson
- Treasurer: Janne Hayward
- Directors: Nancy Blake, Don Heyden and Cathy Rechlin

(Per club bylaws, Susie Mathre will assume the past president post. Don Mathre has agreed to continue as our market and garden manager.)

2024 Grants

The club board is contacting 2023 grant recipients for progress reports and reminding them of the January 15, 2024 deadline for next year's grant applications. Applications must be submitted electronically, and forms and criteria for grant submissions are available on our website at <https://www.gallatingardenersclub.com/grants>. New organizations that meet the club's criteria are also welcome to apply.

Nov. 6 Meeting: Happy Trash Can Composting

Ryan Green and Adrienne Huckabone, co-proprietors of the Happy Trash Can Curbside Composting, will be the featured speakers at our November club meeting. Since 2016 they have been making

affordable and quality compost from local food waste in Bozeman and surrounding communities. Each week they pick up and process 30,000 pounds of food waste. After the waste is collected it is mixed with wood chips, and after about 8 weeks of composting it is set out to cure



Adrienne and Ryan

before being returned to subscribers and local farms. "Our focus is to support soil health and the local food system," said Ryan and Adrienne, "so we make sure we have the highest quality compost available." Join us on Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church, 19th and Graf in Bozeman for what promises to be an interesting presentation.

Christmas Potluck Dec. 4

Mark Monday Dec. 4 on your calendar for the club's annual potluck Christmas party. This year we will once again meet at the beautiful and historic Story Mansion for one of the club's oldest traditions. The social hour will be begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

What to Bring: Assignments for the potluck dinner are as follows: If your last name begins with A-J, please bring a main dish; if your last name begins with K-O, bring a dessert; and if your last name begins with P-Z, bring a side dish or salad. The club will provide plates, utensils and ice water, but BYOB or other beverage if you so desire. The party is open to club members, spouses and guests. The Christmas party was first hosted in 1982.

Grantees Express Their Thanks

As many of you know, each year the Gallatin Gardeners Club donates the proceeds from its market garden to community food and garden-related projects and organizations. Since 2011, we have donated over \$160,000 to the community! As a requirement of the donation we ask for reports on how the money was used. Here are a few from our 2023 grants. We will feature more reports in future newsletters as space permits.

Belgrade Senior Center: We had a wonderful garden this summer. We planted zucchini, yellow squash, carrots, green beans, peas, cucumbers and Heirloom and yellow cherry tomatoes. In our herb garden we grew dill, thyme, basil, parsley, and chives! We used the fresh produce for Meals on Wheels and Congregate meals, and we were also able to make some of the produce available for individuals to take home. We established a raspberry bed this spring and we did not expect to have much of a crop this summer, but toward the end of the growing season, we had a good amount of raspberries to share with our folks. Our established strawberry bed did not disappoint! We had the most delicious strawberries for several weeks.

We planted and harvested the gardens with help from volunteers who still enjoy getting dirt under their fingernails even though many are unable to have a garden of their own anymore. These little gardens are such a blessing and a bright spot! They are much more than just a way to supplement our food supply and we are so grateful for the part that Gallatin Gardeners play by helping us continue this program!

MSU Horticulture Scholarships: Each year we donate funds that MSU awards as horticulture scholarships. The recipients of these scholarships are always very grateful. Here's what recipients wrote us this year.

Laura Steverson—"I am incredibly honored to receive the Gallatin Gardeners Club scholarship. As a non-traditional age student with a family, this is such an invaluable contribution to my education, as it allows me to focus more on my studies and less on financial stressors. As I enter my senior year at MSU, your contribution will be an immense help to finishing the pursuit of my environmental horticulture degree. I am grateful for this opportunity..."

Maria Kirsch—"I am honored to receive the Gallatin Gardener Club Scholarship. This support will help me to be able to continue to devote my attention and energy to my studies...I have found horticulture to be my passion and a career full of opportunities that I am excited to explore... Again, I want to thank you for your support."

Tom Raske—"I am moved by your support towards my future through the Gallatin Gardeners Club scholarship. This is an amazing opportunity and inspires me to continue putting my best forth in my studies... I am attending MSU so that I may be able to participate in future sustainable farming practices and more water efficient landscaping. Having grown up working in gardens with my grandma and mom in Spokane I have a lifelong passion that has only been invigorated in my time in college."

Hoop House Capital Campaign

The club is sponsoring a capital campaign to raise \$8000 to replace our tomato hoop house that collapsed late last winter. The club is a 501c3 organization so donations are tax deductible for both state and federal tax returns. You can make pledges, and/or donations either this tax year or next, whatever fits your situation best. Any amount would be most welcome. Mail donations and/or pledges to the Gallatin Gardeners Club, c/o Janne Hayward, 325 Concord, Bozeman, MT, 59715