

# GALLATIN GRUBBER

February 2021

## New Varieties for 2021

For our February program, Don Mathre perused several of the 2021 seed catalogs for new varieties and prepared a presentation of what promise to be some of the very best. This is a reprise of presentations Don made for many years at club monthly meetings, but this time it will be coming to you via YouTube at

<https://youtu.be/R5LQEQbl0Ms>

Below are links to the catalogs Don reviewed:

**Johnny Selected Seeds,**  
877-564-6697,  
[www.johnnyseeds.com](http://www.johnnyseeds.com)

**Totally Tomatoes,**  
800-3345-5977  
[www.totallytomatoes.com](http://www.totallytomatoes.com)

**Vermont Bean Seed**  
800-349-1071  
[www.vermontbean.com](http://www.vermontbean.com)

**Park Seed** 800-845-3369  
[www.parkseed.com](http://www.parkseed.com)

**Seeds n Such** 803-663-1501  
[www.seedsnsuch.com](http://www.seedsnsuch.com)

**Jung Seeds** 800-247-5801  
[www.jungseed.com](http://www.jungseed.com)

**HPS** 800-322-7288  
[www.hpsseed.com](http://www.hpsseed.com)

**Territorial Seed** 800-626-0866  
[www.territorialseed.com](http://www.territorialseed.com)

**Burpee Seed** 800-888-1447  
[www.burpee.com](http://www.burpee.com)

## Proposed 2021 Grants

After reviewing requests from fifteen organizations, the Club's Board of Directors is recommending eleven grants, totaling \$17,150, be awarded in 2021. Requests this year totaled \$30,825, much more than we could fund. The board based its recommendations on the principle of putting our support where we thought the need was the greatest. This required some tough decisions. Below is what the board is proposing. Additional information is provided on page 2. The club membership will be asked to vote on this proposal in a separate email. Funding for the grants was provided by sales from the club's market garden and the annual plant and tool sale.

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| MSU Horticulture Scholarships  | \$4,000         |
| Montana Ag Live                | 500             |
| Belgrade Senior Center         | 750             |
| Bozeman Public Library         | 500             |
| Bozeman Senior Center          | 2,000           |
| Cancer Support Community       | 1,000           |
| Eagle Mount                    | 2,000           |
| Fork and Spoon Restaurant      | 2,400           |
| Gallatin Valley Farm-to-School | 2,000           |
| Gallatin Valley Food Bank      | 1,000           |
| Sage Gardeners                 | 1,000           |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$17,150</b> |

## Charlie Hash

We are sad to report that long-time club member Charles "Charlie" Hash passed away on January 9, 2021. Charlie was a regular participant in club activities for many years. Charlie enjoyed a long and interesting life. He was born in Red Lodge on June 24, 1934. After high school and a stint in the Army, he earned four degrees from Montana State



*Charlie, in his signature hat, helping with the club garden*

College (now MSU), including a doctorate in 1972. He worked at the First National Bank and as an instructor at the MSC Business School. Then, beginning in 1974, Charlie served many overseas agricultural assignments in Africa, Asia and South America, first with Brigham Young University and then with the US Agency for International Development. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie, son Tom, daughters Gail and Patty, and four grandchildren. Covid-free memorial gatherings will be planned in the summer.

## 2021 Grant Details

### **Horticulture Scholarships and Montana Ag Live.**

Funding these is part of our agreement with Montana State University for using the land where we grow our market garden. One of the scholarships will be named in honor of club member Charlie Hash, who recently passed away.

**Belgrade Senior Center** — Increase amount of produce grown by adding containers to supplement existing garden.

**Bozeman Public Library**— Re-establish a seed library to help people connect with the resources necessary to engage in the rewarding practice of gardening.

**Bozeman Senior Center** — Continue funding the purchase of fresh fruit to supplement the Meals-on-Wheels program, which provides nearly 100 meals each day to senior citizens, over half of whom are living on fixed incomes.

**Cancer Support Community**— Continue funding their "Garden of Hope", six raised organic herb/vegetable garden beds, aligning with their mission to promote and educate participants and families about healthy lifestyles during and after cancer treatment.

**Eagle Mount**— Add additional planters, accessible benches and windscreen to existing garden.

**Fork and Spoon Restaurant**— Continue funding to partner with area farms and ranches to feature a regular supply of locally-sourced produce on their menu.

**Gallatin Valley Farm-to-School**— Expand summer camp program.

**Gallatin Valley Food Bank**— Continue supporting the Story Mill Learning Garden, a project targeted at engaging young people in the joys and benefits of gardening.

**Sage Gardeners**— Continue providing funding for accessible vegetable gardens for disadvantaged seniors at senior facilities and at private residences. Over 500 seniors helped annually.