

GALLATIN GRUBBER

August 2017

Sept. 11 Meeting

We will resume our regular monthly meetings on Sept. 11—a week later than usual due to Labor Day—with a presentation by Michael Fox, food researcher, on “The Food System in the United States.” The meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church on 19th and Graf.

Congrats, Don!

The Bozeman Daily Chronicle will honor our own Don Mathre on Aug. 29 as one of the recipients of this year’s Prime Award for his “exceptional personal and professional accomplishments, talents and contribution to our community.” Congratulations to Don, and thanks to Felix Spinelli for nominating him!

Allagene Mason

Allagene Mason, 97, wife of long-time club treasurer Walter Mason, passed away in Bozeman July 26 of natural causes. Walter and Allagene were married for 70 years and shared an interesting life together in various places in the US and overseas. The club will remember Allagene for reliably ordering 10 pounds of tomatoes to can each autumn. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017, at Bozeman United Methodist Church at 11 a.m.

3 Hearts Farm Tour Aug. 9

The club will host a tour of the Three Hearts Farm on Wednesday, Aug. 9 at 10:30 a.m. The farm is located at 2111 Love Lane (west of Love Lane between Baxter and Valley



Three Hearts Farm Stand

Center roads). If you would like to car pool, meet at the old K-Mart parking lot at 7th and Oak in Bozeman at 10 a.m. Three Hearts is a 20-acre certified organic vegetable, herb, and flower farm operated by the Hicks family. They grow over 150 varieties of plants and strive to be self-contained and self-sustaining by utilizing solar, geothermal

and agriculture energy sources, including their own compost, manure and herbal preparations. They plant and harvest biodynamically, and place a high value on water conservation. They maintain 10 percent of the farm in wetlands and grasslands. Milk cows, guineas and ducks also share the space.

Please join us for what promises to be an interesting tour!

Market and Garden News

With seven farmer’s markets under our belt—including two this past week—plus outside sales, we’ve earned over \$5,000 so far this year. Notable are our sunflowers, shepherded in the garden and market by Yvonne Baskin.

We appreciate everyone who has helped in the garden and at the markets to date, but we will need to redouble our efforts now as the garden comes into full production. We anticipate harvesting during the cooler morning hours over the next few weeks on Tuesdays (8:30 a.m.) and Fridays (9 a.m.). Times are subject to change so watch email advisories for exact times.

The green and yellow beans are doing very well as are the three types of beets we have: red, gold, and elongated red

beets. The carrots are finally showing some good growth with harvest of them to begin in early August. Tomatoes are doing better with the cherry types ripening sooner than the standard types. We expect to pick some large red tomatoes in early August. Our gladiolas are now beginning to bloom and we should have several hundred to sell soon. The sunflowers have been blossoming now for several weeks and selling very well at the Farmers' Market and at the Community Food Coop. One of our best crops has been the white Japanese salad turnips. They have grown well in our raised beds and sell very well. The same is true for our Romaine style head lettuce. Our broccoli and peas are now in full production with excellent yields, especially for the peas which were a disaster last year. Cabbage is doing very well this year, both green and red varieties, and harvest has already started, unusually early. Our crops for sale to the Community Food Coop kitchen are peppers, fennel, and cauliflower. The peppers and fennel are both really doing well with weekly deliveries to the Coop. We're still waiting to see how the cauliflower will do but the plants look great.

Our sincere thanks to
Cynthia and Joe Yates
for hosting this year's annual picnic. In
spite of an unexpected thunderstorm
the event was a grand success and a
good time was had by all!