

GALLATIN GRUBBER

January 2018

Jan. 8 Program

Organic entrepreneur Dylan Strike will speak at our first meeting of the new year on Jan. 8, 7 p.m., at the Hope Lutheran Church on 19th and Graf. Dylan owns and operates Strike Farms, a 20-acre certified organic farm located near Bozeman.

Dylan grew up in Pinedale, Wyoming. After finishing high school he attended MSU, earning a degree in Agroecology. Before striking out on his own, he interned at the MSU Towne's Harvest Garden and managed the Three Hearts Farm.

Refreshments: Frank Erickson, Susie Mathre and Don Mathre.

Also, we will vote on a proposed bylaw amendment (see p. 2) and circulate a refreshment sign-up sheet for the remaining 2018 meetings.

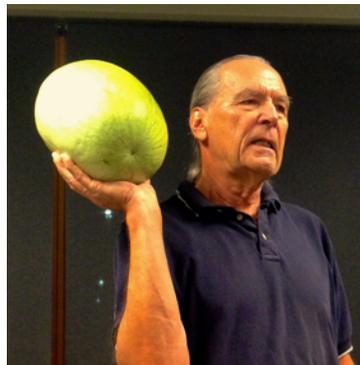
Christmas Party

We enjoyed another successful Christmas Dinner at the Story Mansion, catered by MSU. Thanks to all who helped and attended. We have already reserved the mansion for our 2018 party on Dec. 3.

2018 Program Schedule

Here's the proposed schedule for our monthly membership meetings in 2018. We have lined up a variety of interesting speakers and topics:

- **January 8**— (see notice at left.)
- **February 5**— Cheryl Moore-Gough on saving seeds.
- **March 5**— Dave Baumbauer on movable greenhouses.
- **April 2**— Nina Zidack on growing potatoes in the home garden.
- **May 7**— John Austin on short-season gardening techniques.
- **June 4**— Mac Burgess on the Towne's Harvest Garden.
- **July**— Summer Picnic. Date, time and location to be announced.
- **August**— Garden tours. Dates, times and locations TBA.
- **September 10**— Casey Delphia on native bees.
- **October 1**— Club members share their gardening experiences at the annual "What worked and didn't work" meeting.
- **November 6**— Frank Erickson's videos of selected club member gardens.
- **December 3**— Annual Christmas Dinner, Story Mansion.



John Austin will speak on short-season gardening techniques on May 7.

Containers Needed

Over the winter and spring we need club member to save the following: clean plastic grocery bags with handles, paper grocery bags with handles, plastic boxes that cherry tomatoes, raspberries or blueberries come in. (We don't need the larger plastic boxes.) Bring them to any of our winter or spring meetings. We use them for a variety of purposes related to our farmers' market sales.

2018 Club Grants

The club is now accepting applications for grants from worthy community groups and organizations. Proposals need be filed electronically on our website by Jan. 15, 2018. The board will review these proposals at its meeting on **Monday, Jan. 22 at 1 p.m.** at Hope Lutheran Church. Club members are welcome to attend this meeting, especially if you have ideas or concerns about any proposal the board may receive. This will be your chance for input. At the regular membership meeting on Feb. 5, the club will take an up-or-down vote on the recommendations that come out of the Jan. 22 board meeting.

Logowear

A few club logo wear items are still available for purchase including visors, hats and size large T-shirts. If interested, contact Club Treasurer Janne Hayward at 406-587-6124.

Thanks, Susie

Many thanks to Susie Mathre who, after two years, will be stepping down as club president. Susie applied her considerable organizational and artistic talents to help the club in many ways, including redesigning our logo, brochure, and website, and keeping our meetings on track. Also, congratulations and welcome to Pat Flaherty, our new president.

Amendments to By-Laws

The board of directors is proposing amendments to the club's by-laws to add two additional members to the board: (1) an additional director-at-large, bringing the total to three, and (2) the farm and market manager. The amendments will be voted upon at the January 8 meeting. A two-thirds majority of member's present will be needed to adopt the amendments. The proposals are as follows:

Existing:

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, SECTION 1: The Officers of this club shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and two Directors.

Proposed:

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS, SECTION 1: The Officers of this club shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and *three* Directors.

Existing:

ARTICLE VI—BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SECTION 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers, two elected directors and the Past President. Each member of the Board of Directors shall be an active member of the Gallatin Gardeners Club.

Proposed:

ARTICLE VI—BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SECTION 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers, *the Market and Garden Manager, three elected directors* and the Past President. Each member of the Board of Directors shall be an active member of the Gallatin Gardeners Club.

Discussion:

The reasons for these amendments are two-fold: (1) to increase the opportunities for members to participate on the board, where many decisions regarding the club are proposed, and (2) to recognize the current importance of the garden and market to the club. This is not reflected in the club's bylaws that were adopted in 2006.