

# GALLATIN GRUBBER



December 2019

## 2020 Directors

The following slate of officers for 2020 was unanimously approved at the November club meeting:

**President:** Cathy Rechlin

**Vice-President:** Susie Mathre

**Secretary:** Frank Erickson

**Treasurer:** Janne Hayward

**Directors:** Yvonne Baskin, Kim Kotur, and Maggie Spinelli.

(Pat Flaherty will serve on the board as past president and Don Mathre as market and garden manager, per club bylaws.)

## 2020 Grants

The executive board has requested progress reports from groups and individuals who received financial support from the club in 2019.

Groups and organizations interested in applying for a grant in 2020 now have the opportunity.

Deadline for applications is Jan. 15. See details at:

[gallatingardenersclub.com](http://gallatingardenersclub.com)

## Coming Events

**Dec. 2–** Christmas Party, Story Mansion, 6 pm. See November Newsletter for details.

**Jan. 6–** Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., Hope Lutheran Church, 19th and Graf. The presentation will be by MSU’s Schutter Diagnostic Lab.

## Scholarship Recipients

The recipients of this year’s Gallatin Gardeners Club Scholarships, supported by the club and awarded by MSU, were Madelin Duke and Josey Ugrin. We invited each of these students to tell us a little bit about themselves.

**Madelin Duke:** "I wanted to thank you for awarding me the Gallatin Gardeners Scholarship. I grew up in Huntington Beach, California. I have a fair amount of extended family here in Montana, so when choosing a college I figured that I would give MSU a visit. As soon as I set foot on campus I was sold. I instantly fell in love with the mountains and a meeting with some of the plant science faculty made me 100-percent sure that the MSU was the right place for me. I am currently a junior studying Environmental Horticulture and am set to graduate in the fall of 2020. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Montana State and the wonderful people I have been able to connect with through horticulture. Looking beyond college, I would like to get into greenhouse management and eventually be able to own my own greenhouse specializing in houseplants and other ornamentals."



**Josey Ugrin:** "Thank you so much for awarding me your scholarship. I am currently in the middle of my junior year in the horticulture program. I became interested in the plant sciences through gardening with my grandma. She is part of the Master Gardener’s Program in Billings and I’ve been digging in the dirt with her my whole life. I was born in Billings but I’ve moved around quite a bit growing up. Montana has always felt like home to me which is a big reason as to why I chose to come to MSU. The Horticulture program is also phenomenal here. I really love having classes that allow me to be in the greenhouse or outside. I have taken soils



classes that have allowed me to take soils samples from Hyalite Canyon and analyze them, I have entomology classes where we create our own insect collections and propagation and identification of plant material classes that give us a lot of time working in the greenhouses. I am interested in viticulture and hope to join research on the grapes at our horticulture farm next year. I would really love to work in the wine industry in grape production and research.”

## Garden Update

While it may be a bit early to be thinking about 2020's garden, it won't be long until we order our seeds. The seed catalogs are beginning to arrive in our mail boxes and we are beginning to develop our plans for next year's garden. We will have our first planting party sometime in mid February to plant onions, leeks, and shallots using the facilities of MSU's Plant Growth Center. Following that in April, we will have a major planting party to seed flats with broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, fennel, kohlrabi. Stay tuned for the exact date and time for both of these events.

## “A Year in Our Garden” Video

The video “A Year in Our Garden”, shown at the November meeting, is available online at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1TN82Iu50c&t=14s>

This video chronicles our 2019 garden from planning through sowing, transplanting, weeding and harvesting, selling at the farmer's market and year-end clean-up. If you missed the November meeting and still want to view the video, here it is! Also, the link can be shared with family and friends who may wonder where you go every Tuesday and Friday throughout the summer.

## Thanks from Those We Help

In 2019, we awarded over \$19,000 in grants to fourteen different organizations. Was the money appreciated? Here's what some the recipients told us:

**Eagle Mount**— “With your generous support this past year, we were able to purchase a commercial grade sink for our greenhouse. I personally want to thank all of you for supporting Eagle Mount these past years. The additional funds have allowed us to add much needed equipment.”

**Bozeman Senior Center**— “We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Gallatin Gardeners Club. Thanks to each you, we are having another heartwarming experience offering fresh fruit to our Bozeman Meals on Wheels daily. [We deliver] fresh fruit to an average of 99 clients throughout the year. Our clients have enjoyed grapes, apples, pears, oranges, plums, bananas and nectarines. The goal of the Meal-on-Wheels program is to enable older adults to remain in their home for as long as possible. Receiving a hot, healthy and nutritious meal each day goes a long way towards reaching this goal...”

**Gallatin Valley Food Bank**— “Thank you so much for the grant provided to support the Gallatin Valley Food Bank gardens, the Learning Garden Program, and the development of the Learning Garden at Story Mill Community Park. Funds were used to pay for four graduation incentives, volunteer training, seeds and supplies. We leveraged every penny with hundreds of volunteer hours...”