

GALLATIN GRUBBER

November 2019

Annual Meeting Nov. 4

The Nov. 4 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 2020:

- President: Cathy Rechlin
- Vice-president: Susie Mathre
- Secretary: Frank Erickson
- Treasurer: Janne Hayward
- Directors: Yvonne Baskin, Kim Kotur and Maggie Spinelli

(Per club bylaws, Pat Flaherty will move into the past president post and Don Mathre has agreed to continue as market and garden manager.)

Following the election will be the premiere of "A Year in Our Garden", a video featuring the club garden and starring all of you! Frank Erickson shot and produced this video which in just over 20 minutes follows the garden from planning through sowing, weeding, harvesting, selling at the market and fall clean-up. Bring your own popcorn and sit back and enjoy the movie! The meeting will be held at the Hope Lutheran Church on 19th and Graf, starting at 7 p.m.

Refreshments: Bonnie Solid, Tom Hash and Frank Erickson.

Christmas Dinner Dec. 2

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be celebrated on Dec. 2 at the historic Story Mansion in Bozeman. To keep costs down, we'll have the main course—Chicken Marsala and Pork with Flathead Cherry Sauce—catered by the Fork and Spoon Restaurant. The club will provide plates, eating utensils and drinking glasses. The rest of the meal—side dishes, salads and desserts—will be provided potluck style by club members, with assignments by last name. The cost will be \$15 per person. Ice water and decaf coffee will be provided. BYOB or other drinks. The social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. To reserve your place at the dinner, please fill in the attached form and bring it, with payment, to the Nov. 4 meeting or mail it to Janne Hayward, club treasurer, at 325 Concord, Bozeman, MT 59715 by Nov. 26. The mansion is located on Willson between College and Harrison. Also, dues for 2020—\$10 for individuals or \$15 for families—can be mailed in with the dinner form or paid at the Nov. 4 meeting.

2020 Club Grants

The club board recently contacted all 2019 grant recipients for progress reports and reminded them of the January 15, 2020 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. Due to this year's difficult growing season, the club's market revenues were down significantly, meaning that we will have less money to award than in 2019 and other recent years. Thus we will need to cut the amount we award to nearly all grant recipients. We recognize that some of the organizations we support rely heavily on our grants to provide vital community services. A reminder: Concerned club members are welcome to make taxdeductible donations to the club earmarked for specific grantees to help with the shortfall.