



# GALLATIN GRUBBER

November 2016

## Nov. 7 Meeting

Our November 7 meeting will continue the revival of a long-forgotten club project from 1994, called "Just A Minute for Gardening." Back then, different club projects and member's gardens were featured in a video presentation. While working on the club history in 2012, a single, somewhat deteriorated copy of this old video was discovered. We shared the best remaining parts of it at a couple of club meetings, and it was quite heart-warming to see and hear club members, many of whom have since passed away, showing off and talking about their gardens.

So, in 2013 and 2014, Frank Erickson videoed the gardens of some contemporary club members, and shared those videos at the November meetings. After skipping 2015, Frank is back this year with new videos featuring six more member gardens that will hopefully provide viewers some insights, wisdom and a few laughs! As always, the identity of the featured gardeners will not be revealed until the meeting. So come and see who's in the hot seat this year!

**Refreshments:** Don and Judy Mathre, Chairs; Maggie and Felix Spinelli.

## Christmas Dinner Dec. 5

Our annual Christmas Dinner, one of the club's oldest traditions (see article below), will be celebrated on Dec. 5 at the historic Story Mansion in Bozeman. The social hour will begin at 6 pm, with a buffet dinner served by MSU Catering at 6:30 pm. The cost will be \$27 per person. The dinner will include pork and chicken entrees, potato and rice side dishes, green salad, rolls and dessert. BYOB or other drink. To reserve your place at the dinner, please fill-in the attached form and bring it, with payment, to the November meeting or mail it to Janne Hayward, club treasurer, at 325 Concord, Bozeman, MT 59715 by **Nov. 23**. The mansion is located on Willson between College and Harrison.



*The historic Story Mansion*

This is the first time we've hosted our Christmas Dinner at the Story Mansion, but it looms large in Bozeman's history. The 22-room, 9,000 square foot mansion was built in 1910 by T. Byron Story, a wool-and-wheat magnate and son of Bozeman pioneer Nelson Story. T. Byron built his fortune during WWI, but in 1922, during a period of declining opportunity, he sold the mansion to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) fraternity. For the next eighty years, the SAE made full use of all three floors of the mansion, its carriage house and grounds. The City of Bozeman purchased the property from SAE in 2003 and renovated it for use as a community center and public space.

## 2017 Officers

The club's existing slate of officers have all agreed to serve another year. The following will be presented to the membership for approval at the Nov. 7 meeting:

**President:** Susie Mathre

**Vice-President:** Pat Flaherty

**Secretary:** Frank Erickson

**Treasurer:** Janne Hayward

**Directors:** Maggie Spinelli and Don Heyden

(Yvonne Baskin, club president 2013 through 2015, will continue to serve on the board as past president, per club bylaws.)

## 2017 Grants

The executive board will soon be requesting progress reports from the groups and individuals that received financial support from the club in 2016. In addition, those groups or individuals who would like to receive financial support in 2017 will have the opportunity to do so in early 2017. If you have suggestions of projects that you think we should consider for support, pass your suggestions on to our President Susie Mathre.

## Treasurer's Report

Our treasurer, Janne Hayward, indicates that market garden sales have totaled \$14,912 to date with a few more checks to be deposited, likely totaling \$15,000 when all receipts are in. Our bank balance currently stands at \$17,912.

## 2017 Programs

The executive board is currently considering programs for our 2017 monthly meetings. If you have program suggestions, please share your ideas with one of the board members.

## Christmas Dinner Recollections

The annual Christmas dinner is one of the longest running traditions of the Gallatin Gardeners Club, starting in 1982 and continuing through the present. The first dinners were potlucks staged at the old Bozeman public library. From there we moved to the Elks Club, then the old Hope Lutheran Church, the Bozeman Senior Center, Ferraro's, Beall Park and—this year—to the Story Mansion.

The dinners at the Hope Lutheran Church, from 1989 through 1999, are remembered by long-time club members with particular fondness.

During those years, the dinners were prepared and served by the club members themselves. (Remember, back then we were the Men's Garden Club!) The crew would begin cooking in the church kitchen at 11 a.m. and serve dinner at 6:30 p.m. Don Wolslagel was in charge from 1989 through 1992 and Jack Fellerhoff from 1993 through 1999. Women sometimes helped with the meals, but the men were quite proud of doing most of the work themselves and giving the ladies a day off from cooking. Roast turkey and baked ham were the staples of the meal, plus an array of side dishes including Jack Fellerhoff's jalapeno corn bread stuffing, Murray Klages's special potatoes, Charles Fox's cranberry relish and Jim Sargent's soup. But especially praised were the desserts prepared by Glenn Welch. Glenn began providing his home baked goods in 1989 and continued to do so through 2013.

Thanks to all who have contributed to the success of these dinners over the years!

## Dues Due!

This is the time of year when we collect the annual membership dues. Dues for 2017 will continue at the bargain-basement price of \$10 for individuals and \$15 for couples. A place for adding dues is included on the Christmas dinner registration form. Dues can be paid at the November meeting or mailed in. Also, since we are now a 501(c)3 organization, please consider making a tax-free donation to the club to help support the projects that we fund.

## Congratulations, Susie

Congratulations to Club President Susie Mathre, whose yard and garden were selected to receive a 2016 Bozeman Beautification Award. The award will be presented to her on Nov. 2 at a ceremony in the Baxter Ballroom. Susie built a new art studio on her property that necessitated redoing the landscaping from the ground up.



*Susie in her yard!*