

GALLATIN GRUBBER

June/July 2021

Market & Garden Update

Garden: Most of the garden has been planted and is looking very good in spite of withering heat, freezing cold, deep snow and torrential rains over the past several weeks. The transplanted crops such as onions, broccoli and sunflowers are looking great and the peppers and tomatoes in the hoop house are also doing quite well. We staked the tomatoes last Friday. The next task is the very necessary job of weeding to keep the quack grass, thistle, mallow, and red root pigweed under control. They, too, are all growing very well. Stay tuned to your e-mail for the dates and times of work sessions in the garden.

Market: The first Farmers' Market of the season will be Saturday, June 19 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. Markets will continue each Saturday through Sept. 11. (The July 17 market will be at the Gallatin Valley Garden Center.) We will need volunteers to help set up and sell at each of the markets. If interested, email Don Mathre at donmathre2@gmail.com.

Pints for Purpose

Bridger Brewing is again sponsoring the Gallatin Gardeners Club on Monday, July 12. Between 5 and 8 p.m. \$1 from every beer sold will be donated to the club. This is an easy way to contribute \$\$\$ to the club.

Pollinator Conservation Video

Our last virtual program for this season is a very interesting video entitled "Pollinator Conservation for Gardeners" by Abiya (Abi) Saeed, Extension Horticulture Specialist at Montana State University. Ms. Saeed is an entomologist specializing in pollinators, horticulture, integrated pest management (IPM), pesticides, insect identification, and plant pathology. The video reveals fascinating insights about pollinator species and offers suggestions for ways home gardeners can provide and protect their habitat. We've posted it on YouTube



Abi Saeed

at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pb8pO67aExc>

Annual Potluck Picnic July 19

We are pleased to announce the return of our annual potluck picnic on Monday, July 19, at the lovely home and gardens of Don and Diane Heyden. The social hour will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

What to Bring: Assignments for the potluck dinner are as follows: If your last name begins with A-H, please bring a main dish; if your last name begins with J-M, bring a dessert; and if your last name begins with N-Z, bring a salad or side dish. Also, bring your own eating utensils and BYOB if you so desire. We will provide tables and chairs, but bring folding lawn chairs if you'd like. This is always a fun occasion and a chance to socialize with many club members. Spouses, significant others, or any other guests you might like to bring are welcome! We will hold this event come rain or shine since the Heydens have the capacity to host us in their double car garage if it rains.

Directions: Heydens live at 4510 Conestoga Circle. To get there go south on either Sourdough Road or South 3rd Ave. until you get to Goldenstein Lane. Turn onto Goldenstein and go to Hitching Post Road and turn south. Eventually you will come to Trail Boss Road which heads east. Take it one block until you come to Conestoga Circle and turn north and look for their home on the east side of the road.