

GALLATIN GRUBBER

October 2018

Oct. 1 Meeting

Our next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 1 at the Hope Lutheran Church on South 19th Ave. beginning at 7 p.m. The program will be presented by each of us, as this meeting is the highlight of our gardening year when we all come to tell “what worked and what didn’t work” in our gardens in 2018. There is much to talk about the 2018 gardening season with some of the best crops ever, but as always a few problems like frost in June and July. Come with examples of the highlights of each of your gardens, as well as the problems you encountered and how you dealt with them. If you have plant samples to illustrate things, bring them along. Specific variety names are also most appreciated if you know them. Since last year's program went past 9 pm, we are asking that each of you who want to present something to limit it to 2-3 min. This will give everyone who has something to say a chance to say it without folks checking their watches. Many thanks for your cooperation in this.

Refreshments: Julie Geyer, Cara Priem and Pat Donovan.

Another Stupendous Year!

We finished up the season on Sept. 11 at the Bogert Farmers' Market. Overall, it was an excellent garden season for our club with a record income of over \$16,000, likely even more once all the remaining produce is sold. Thanks to everyone who helped plant, weed, water and harvest the garden and staff the farmers market booth. Special thanks to:

- MSU and the Dean of Agriculture for providing the land, water, and electricity for our garden at the Hort Farm.
- Dave Baumbauer, manager of the Plant Growth Center and the Hort Farm, for all his support and his co-workers who keep the farm looking so nice.
- Mac Burgess and his crew who help with garden clean up in the fall and rototilling in the spring.

It was a great effort that paid off well, both in terms of the produce grown and sold and the wonderful friendships created among participants.

Nov. 5 Meeting

The Monday, Nov. 5 meeting program will be given by Johni Nelson of Sage Gardeners, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for aging gardeners in Montana. Their mission is to reconnect seniors to their gardening roots by building them accessible garden beds. Our club supports this program financially so it will be fun to hear details about how they operate.

Refreshments: Carol Flaherty, Mary Hektner and Susan Foster.

Christmas Party Dec. 3

Our annual Christmas dinner will be Monday, Dec. 3, at the classic Story Mansion where the dinner has been held the past two years. Details will be forthcoming.