

GALLATIN GRUBBER

March 2025

Tomato Plants

Once again, the club will be offering a variety of tomato plants for sale at the Plant and Tool Sale. (Due to limited growing space, we are not able to offer special orders for tomatoes this year.)

Spring Events

April 7th Meeting: Market Gardener Joshua Chance, "Challenges of Small-Scale Farming in the Gallatin Valley"

April 19 Planting Party: 9 a.m., MSU Plant Growth Center, cole crops, lettuce, fennel.

April 26 Planting Party: 9 a.m., MSU Plant Growth Center Transplant tomatoes and peppers.

May 5th Meeting: Brent Roeder, "Utilizing wool pellets in the home garden."

May 24 Plant and Tool Sale: Downtown Owenhouse Ace Parking Lot, 8 to 10 a.m.

Dues due!

If you've not yet paid your 2025 dues to the club, it's not too late! A whole year costs only \$10 for individuals, \$15 for families. Mail your check to GGC, % Janne Hayward, 325 Concord, Bozeman, MT 59715.

March 3 Meeting: Toby Day

Toby Day, former Montana State University Extension horticulturist and Montana Master Gardener program coordinator, will be the guest speaker at our next club membership meeting March 3, 7 p.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church, 19th and Graf, Bozeman. Toby is a familiar face among many of our club members who earned their Master Gardener credentials under his tutelage.

In addition to his professional expertise, Toby has a beautiful home garden in Bozeman and is always on the



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lookout for ways to make gardening fun. Back in 2014, Toby hosted a giant pumpkin growing contest, himself growing a 456 pound behemoth in his home garden, the biggest of 10 pumpkins entered. Toby claimed afterward that the trick to growing such a large pumpkin was the right seed (Giant Atlantic), water and Miracle Grow. In 2018, the Montana Nursery and Landscape Association named Toby "Member of the Year" for his excellent service to the industry. Toby was recognized in the award declaration "for consistently offering presentations, grant writing assistance and a wealth of plant knowledge to the organization."

Regarding his presentation to the garden club Toby mused, "I'm thinking of having a little fun and doing something on 'Humor in Horticulture', a few short stories from my past, some horticulture cartoons, anecdotes about horticulture I've learned in the past. I think sometimes we take things too seriously. A sort of, 'if I learned from my gardening mistakes...I'm a gardening genius!' sort of program."

Join us for a presentation that promises to be both educational and fun.