

GALLATIN GRUBBER

March 2017

April 3 Meeting

Michelle Flenniken, Assistant Professor in the Plant Science and Plant Pathology Department at MSU, will discuss her work on bees and problems facing them at our April 3 meeting. She is an expert on viruses and other pathogens of bees and has a very active research program on their role in bee health.

Refreshments: Mary Ann Byerly and Cathy Rechlin.

Tomato Plant Fund Raiser

As part of our club's fund raising, Don Mathre will be growing tomatoes for sale at the Plant and Tool Sale as well as for sale to individual club members for use in their own gardens. If you would like to order plants, they are \$1 each for plants in 4 inch pots. They will be available about June 1. Varieties available include: Goliath, Big Beef, Whopper, Celebrity, Early Girl, New Girl, Taxi (yellow), Black Krim, Sungold, Sweet 100, and Juliet. If you would like seedlings of other varieties, contact Don by April 15, provide him with seed and let him know how many of each you would like. Contact Don at mathre@q.com.

March 6 Meeting:

Cathy Cripps on Mushrooms

Dr. Cathy Cripps, Associate Professor of Mycology at MSU, will speak at our next monthly meeting Monday, March 6, 7 p.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church on South 19th Ave.



Dr. Cripps, in the field

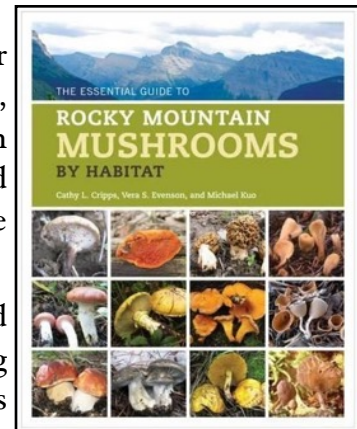
As well as teaching, Dr. Cripps conducts research on fungi in the Rocky Mountains. Currently she is working on using special mushrooms in the restoration of whitebark pine trees, and she is also surveying the tiny mushrooms above treeline in the alpine zone.

She is author of numerous papers and the new book “The Essential Guide to Rocky Mountain Mushrooms by Habitat”, a book that includes many Montana mushrooms.

Cathy loves to share her enthusiasm for wild mushrooms, and has given talks to mushroom clubs, native plant societies, and other interested groups across the country.

This talk will cover the wild mushrooms of Montana including those found under cottonwoods along rivers, in conifer forests, on burns, and in the alpine tundra. Choice edibles and poisonous species will be covered.

Refreshments: Maggie Spinelli, Paul Vischer and Susie Mathre.



Jack Heaton

Club member John R. "Jack" Heaton passed away on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017, in Bozeman. He was born on June 30, 1923, in Macon, Missouri, and grew up on his family's farm near Ethel,



Missouri. Jack enjoyed an interesting and adventurous life. He served in the US Navy on a light cruiser in the Pacific during WWII. He was trained as a wildlife biologist and worked for several state and federal wildlife agencies, as a naturalist for the National Park Service, and as a professor at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point.

After retiring in 1988, Jack and his wife Helen moved to Bozeman where he volunteered at the Museum of the Rockies and Habitat for Humanity. At MOR he was instrumental in the creating and maintaining the heirloom gardens at the Tinsley House living history farm. He was also a member of the Gallatin Garden Club for many years, sharing his love and extensive knowledge of gardening. He commented that he got much of the inspiration for the Tinsley Garden from his family's own farm, as the pioneer Tinsleys also hailed from Missouri before settling in Montana.

A celebration of Jack's life will be held Saturday, July 29, 2017, 3 to 7 p.m at the Living History Farm (Tinsley House) at the Museum of the Rockies.

Market Garden Update

We got our garden season off to a great start with our annual onion planting party on Feb. 11 with 31 folks showing up to help, a record turnout. It was great fun for all and we



Our onions, just 2 weeks after sowing!

even had time to enjoy each other's company with refreshments in the PGC atrium. The next event will be a planting party to get the broccoli, cabbage, etc planted. It will be on Saturday, April 15 at 9 am in the Plant Growth Center. More details will be forthcoming via e-mail. On Saturday, April 29 we will be having a tomato transplanting party to get our tomatoes for the club greenhouse going. It will also be at 9 am in the Plant Growth Center.

Depending on the weather, we will have our first work party for the main garden in late April or early May to put up the deer fence and pea fences as well as getting all the rows staked out. Again, stay tuned for the exact date and time.

Sacajawea Orchid Society's
ORCHID SHOW & SALE

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Gallatin Valley Mall
April 21-23

Enter your blooming orchids & orchid art Friday, 21st, 10-1PM & 5-7PM

Non-Member entries Welcome.

Guest Lectures

Saturday 2PM
Basic to Advanced Orchid Care

Sunday 2PM
Repotting Orchids

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