

# GALLATIN GRUBBER

March 2019

## April 1 Meeting

At our April 1 meeting, Maddy Pope of the Trust for Public Lands will update us on the new Story Mill Park, focusing on the wetlands restoration and the Learning Garden and Food Forest. This should be of particular interest to the club as these are projects we support financially

**Refreshments:** Beth Sirr and Bonnie Hash

## Tomato Plants

As part of our club's fundraising, we will be growing tomato plants for sale at the Plant and Tool Sale as well as for sale to individual members of the garden club for use in their own gardens. If you would like to order any of these, they are \$1.50 per plant. They will be grown in 4 inch pots and available for distribution about Memorial Day weekend. Varieties available include: Big Beef, Whopper, Early Girl, New Girl, Taxi and Native Sun (yellow), Black Krim, Sungold, Sweet 100, and Juliet. If you have other varieties you would like to have planted, just let Don Mathre (mathre@q.com) know and get the seed to him by April 15 and let him know how many of each plant you would like.

## March 4 Meeting: Farm-to-School Program

Sam Blomquist with the Gallatin Valley Farm-to-School program will speak at our March 4 meeting, 7 pm at the Hope Lutheran Church. The Farm-to-School Program cultivates healthy kids, vibrant farms and strong



*Sam and daughter*

communities by connecting schools with local agricultural producers. Sam is deeply committed to this program, which brings together many of her passions. She notes that it is "...a preventative health, food system reform and community economic development program, all in one tidy package." Sam is a

registered dietitian nutritionist and holds degrees from both the UM and MSU. Her background includes various forays into small-scale agricultural production, youth service and non-profit organizational development.

**Refreshments:** Cathy Rechlin, Larissa Jackiw, and Ardie Kelm.

## Market Garden Update

Our garden season got off to a great start with our annual onion planting party on Feb. 23. Future events include:

- April 13—Cole crop sowing
- April 27—Tomato transplanting

Both will start promptly at 9 am in the MSU Plant Growth Center. More details will be forthcoming via e-mail.

Depending on the weather, the first work party for the main garden will be in late April or early May to put up the pea fences as well as getting all the rows staked out.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Janne Hayward reports that we awarded over \$19,000 in grants this year and over \$165,000 total since 2004. What a wonderful gift to the community!