

# GALLATIN GRUBBER

May 2020

## Meetings, Events Postponed

The club's May and June meetings of have been cancelled due to the situation with the corona virus and the fact that the Hope Lutheran Church is closed until further notice. The speakers for the April, May and June meetings have all agreed to give their presentations in the fall or next winter. Other summer events, including our annual picnic and garden tours, remain uncertain at this time.

## Plant & Tool Sale

We are proceeding with plans for the annual Plant and Tool Sale on Saturday, May 23. We are growing plants for it and collecting tools that members have donated. It will run 8 to 11 a.m. at the downtown Owenhouse parking lot on Babcock. A final decision will be made in mid-May. Stay tuned.

## Farm Tragedy

Our friends and farmers' market neighbors Matt and Jacy Rothschiller of Gallatin Valley Botanical/Rocky Creek Farm suffered the loss of their historic barn and farm animals in a terrible fire on April 10. The club has joined many others in contributing to a fund to help the Rothschillers. If you'd like to help, go to the GoFundMe page at :<https://www.gofundme.com/f/rocky-creek-farm-barn-amp-animal-fund?sharetype=teams&member=423720>

## Garden, Market News

**GARDEN:** Here's what we know at the current time about our club garden. We have permission from MSU to go ahead and plant our club garden at the Hort Farm. We will be required to follow applicable state, city and university policies, including group size and social distancing requirements. Once the garden is rototilled, which will be fairly soon, we will need to put up the pea fences, stake the rows, and then plant early season crops. I will let you know the dates and times of these events once we know for sure when they can occur. May will be a busy month for



*Our healthy onions!*

us, so stay tuned.

**MARKET:** State government lists farmers markets, farm stands, and any other food businesses as essential business operations, exempt from closure orders as long as they can maintain social distancing measures, so we are hopeful we will be open for business at the fairground this summer.

## Bill Hayward

Long-time club member Bill Hayward, a retired certified public accountant and dedicated volunteer who shared his expertise and energy with many Bozeman community organizations, died April 11th after a lengthy illness. He was 90. Bill was born in Chula Vista, CA, in 1930. Like so many of his generation, his life was influenced by the Great Depression and World War II, events that instilled values of sacrifice, hard work, education, and self-reliance. Bill served in the Navy during the Korean war. After earning degrees from UCLA and Stanford, he worked for many years in the financial industry in California before moving to Bozeman with his wife Janne in 1994. In



*Bill tending one of the raised beds he built at the club garden*

Bozeman, he volunteered for many organizations including the garden club. The club will honor Bill by naming our 2021 horticulture scholarships on his behalf. A memorial service for Bill will be held at a later date.