

GALLATIN GRUBBER

January 2020

Jan. 6 Program

Our first meeting of the new year will be on Monday, Jan. 6, 7 p.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church on South 19th Ave. Dr. Eva Grimme and the folks at the MSU's Schutter Diagnostic Lab will give us an overview of what the lab does, how it operates, and answer any questions you might have on how to send in a plant sample for diagnosis. The lab covers plant diseases, insects, and weeds and can provide a diagnosis or identification of any garden problem.

Refreshments: Don Mathre, Susie Mathre, Maggie Spinelli (A sign-up sheet for future meetings will be passed around at the January meeting.)

Seed Swap!

Have seeds you no longer want or need? If so, bring them to the January meeting and deposit them in a basket we'll have at the back of the room. Then, help yourself to any seeds you want others have left. We'll try this each month through the Winter and Spring and see how it goes.

2020 Program Schedule

Here's the proposed schedule for our monthly membership meetings and other club activities in 2020:

- **January 6**— (see notice at left.)
- **February 3**— Jamie Sherman, MSU barley breeder, on barley varieties for microbreweries.
- **March 2**— Clain Jones, MSU Extension soil fertility specialist, on fertilizing gardens.
- **April 6**— Tim Seipel, MSU extension weed specialist, on garden weeds.
- **May 4**— MSU Seed Lab, seed viability and storage.
- **June 1**— Question and Answer Panel.
- **July 13**— Pints for Purpose, Bridger Brewing.
- **August 17**— Annual picnic at Don and Diane Heyden's residence.
- **September 14**— Hemp farming in Montana.
- **October 5**— "What worked and didn't work" meeting.
- **November 2**— Video presentation on our grant program.
- **December 7**— Annual Christmas Dinner, Story Mansion. (We also anticipate scheduling one or two field trips in July and August.)

2020 Grants and Contributions

Proposals for grants from the club are due electronically no later than Jan. 15, 2020. The board will meet Jan. 27 at 1 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church to consider requests and make recommendations that will be voted on by the membership at the February meeting. Any club member interested in participating in this process is welcome to attend the Jan. 27 board meeting. In the November newsletter we reported that this year's "difficult growing season" had cut our Farmer's Market revenues significantly, posing the dilemma of severely reducing our 2020 community grants. Since then, club members have responded generously by donating \$3,200 to our grant fund. We are still \$2,000 short of our 2019 grant funding. However, there's still time for members who are thinking about it to make a tax-deductible contribution. If you're so inclined, make checks to the Gallatin Gardeners Club and mail to Janne Hayward, Treasurer, 325 Concord Drive, Bozeman, MT 59715.