

GALLATIN GRUBBER

July 2019

Market & Garden Update

The main garden is struggling to recover from repeated bouts with hail, rain and wind this year. We replanted some of the crops as many were severely battered. Hopefully they will regrow although harvest dates may be later than usual. The good news is that the raised beds and hoop house are showing great promise. We harvest Fridays at 1 p.m. and always need help getting the job done. We end the harvest with coffee, juice, and treats (feel free to bring something to share), so it's a nice way to spend Friday afternoon. We usually finish by 3 p.m.

We had our first Farmers' Market sale on Saturday, June 22. Things should pick up as more produce becomes available in the coming weeks. We will also continue to have our Tuesday morning weeding parties starting at 8:30 as long as needed, probably the entire season. Watch your e-mails for details.

For those that help out at the garden, we have a special treat at the end of the season and that is sweet corn for all who want it. The variety that we grow is called Northern Xtra Sweet which is one of the super sweet varieties and very tasty.

Annual Picnic July 8

We will hold our annual potluck picnic on **Monday, July 8, at 6 p.m.** at the lovely home and gardens of Don and Diane Heyden.

Directions: Heydens live at **4510 Conestoga Circle**. To get there go south on either Sourdough Road or South 3rd Ave. until you get to Goldenstein Lane. Turn onto Goldenstein and go to Hitching Post Road and turn south. Eventually you will come to Trail Boss Road which heads east. Take it one block until you come to Conestoga Circle and turn north and look for their home on the east side of the road. It's only about one block.

What to Bring: Assignments for the potluck dinner are as follows: If your last name begins with A-H, please bring a main dish; if your last name begins with J-M, bring a dessert; and if your last name begins with N-Z, bring a salad or side dish. Also, bring your own eating utensils. The club will provide drinks such as water, iced tea, or juice, but BYOB if you so desire. We will provide some tables and chairs, but you might want to bring along a card table and folding chairs if they are easy for you to transport.

This is always a fun occasion and a chance to socialize with many club members. Spouses, significant others, or any other guests you might like to bring are welcome! We will hold this event come rain or shine since the Heydens have the capacity to host us in their double car garage if it rains.

Summer Tours Planned

The club will sponsor two tours this summer. The first will be to see the permaculture gardens of Kareen Erbe, who spoke at our May meeting. This tour will be the week of July 14, exact date and time still to be determined. The second tour will be of the new Story Mill Park. The park is scheduled to open in July and we hope to tour it in August. Details of both of these tours will be forthcoming via email. The tours take the place of the monthly meeting that we discontinue during the summer months.