# GALLATIN GRUBBER

#### February 2024

### Feb. 5 Meeting

Our Feb. 5 monthly meeting will feature newly-appointed MSU horticulturist Clair Luby as our speaker. Dr. Luby is a plant scientist with expertise in



genetic diversity analysis and seed systems. Her interests include how agriculture is an intersection of humans and their environment. Her work combines

Clair Luby

scientific and communitybased approaches to solve complex agricultural problems. In addition to her academic work, she has worked to move seed sovereignty and organic agriculture forward. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, 19th and Graf, Bozeman.

#### Dues due!

Club dues for 2024 are now due. If you've not yet paid, please mail cash or a check to Janne Hayward, 325 Concord, Bozeman, MT 59715. Dues remain at the bargain rate of \$10 per individual or \$15 per family.

## 2024 Proposed Grants

As recommended by its board of directors, the club is proposing to award thirteen grants totaling a record \$20,000 in 2024. Funding for the grants is provided by sales from our market garden, annual plant and tool sale and donations. The club membership will vote on this proposal at the February meeting.

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## Looking Ahead to 2024

by Don Mathre, Garden and Market Manager

Our first activities will be to sow onions (February 24), cole crops (early April), and tomatoes (late April) in the MSU Plant Growth Center. Stay tuned for the exact dates, always on Saturday



mornings starting at 9 a.m. Planting is followed by coffee, treats and conversation in the PGC Atrium.

The garden itself is nearly ready to go after getting tilled twice this past fall. One more tillage in late April should have it ready for planting. Our first activity will be to erect the pea fences and stake out the rows, hopefully around May 1, depending on the weather. Early seeded crops will be planted as soon thereafter as the weather permits. In mid-May we will transplants onions, cabbage and related crops plus get our gladiola corms in the ground. Stay tuned to your e-mail for announcements of the date and time for the various activities. We normally work in the garden on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Don Mathre

The garden will look a lot like last year's with the exception of some new varieties. Our colored cauliflower has been a big hit at the Farmers' Market so we will be growing more of them. Hope to also have some new flowers for our bouquets.