

GALLATIN GRUBBER

February 2020

Feb. 3 Program: Barley for Brewing

Our next meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church on South 19th



Dr. Sherman

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Science at MSU and the barley breeder for the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station. She will be telling us about her barley breeding program which has a heavy emphasis on developing malting barleys for use by local breweries.

Also, we will be voting on the 2020 grants. And don't forget to bring your extra seeds for the seed swap!

Refreshments: Yvonne Baskin, Don Heyden and Cathy Rechlin.

Proposed 2020 Grants

After reviewing the requests from thirteen organizations, the Club's Board of Directors is recommending the following grants, totaling \$17,925, be awarded in 2020. Funds available for grants this year—generated by market garden sales, the plant and tool sale and several generous donations—were \$18,000. Grant requests this year were \$19,325. The board's proposal, shown below, will be presented to the membership for an up-or-down vote at the Feb. 3 monthly meeting. (Details of the grants are shown on page 2.)

MSU Horticulture Scholarships	\$4,000
Montana Ag Live	500
Belgrade Senior Center	500
Bozeman Senior Center	2,000
Cancer Support Community	1,000
Eagle Mount	375
Fork and Spoon Restaurant	2,000
Gallatin Rest Home	250
Gallatin Valley Farm-to-School	1,500
Gallatin Valley Food Bank	1,000
Irving Elementary	2,800
Sacajawea Audubon	1,000
Sage Gardeners	1,000
Total	\$17,925

Planting Party Feb. 15

Our first garden activity of 2020 will involve planting onions, leeks, and shallots in the MSU Plant Growth Center on Saturday, Feb 15 at 9 a.m. The door is locked right at 9, so don't be late! We will plant approximately 100 four inch pots with 30 seeds each, so if you can count to 30 and would like to get your hands dirty, please plan to attend. Coffee will be served in the PGC atrium once we are through planting plus any eating goodies you would like to bring. We usually finish by 10 a.m. Other planting dates are tentatively set for April 11 (cole crops) and April 25 (tomato transplant).



2020 Grant Details

Horticulture Scholarships and Montana Ag Live. Funding these is part of our agreement with Montana State University for using the land where we grow our market garden.

Belgrade Senior Center — Provide funding to purchase plants and seeds for 10 raised beds. (In previous years we funded construction of the beds.)

Bozeman Senior Center — Continue funding the purchase of fresh fruit to supplement the Meals-on-Wheels program, which provides nearly 100 meals each day to senior citizens, over half of whom are living on fixed incomes.

Cancer Support Community— Continue funding their “Garden of Hope”, six raised organic herb/vegetable garden beds, aligning with their mission to promote and educate participants and families about healthy lifestyles during and after cancer treatment.

Eagle Mount— Provide funding for sun sails to provide shade for Eagle Mount’s garden workers.

Fork and Spoon Restaurant— Provide funding to partner with area farms and ranches to feature a regular supply of locally-sourced produce on their menu. Our grant will pay for one year of this program.

Gallatin Rest Home— Provide funding for bedding plants to landscape their grounds. We have supported this for a number of years.

Gallatin Valley Farm-to-School— Continue funding the operation of the Bozone Ozone Bus (aka BOB), a school bus converted into a greenhouse that serves as a mobile teaching lab, traveling to schools, camps and other community events.

Gallatin Valley Food Bank— Continue supporting the the Story Mill Learning Garden, a project targeted at engaging young people in the joys and benefits of gardening.

Irving School— Continue funding the school’s participation in the Gallatin Valley Farm-to-School program and construction of expanded raised beds and three new cold frames in the school garden.

Sacajawea Audubon Society— Help fund “Plants for Birds” demonstration garden at Story Mill Park. (100 plants representing 37 species.)

Sage Gardeners— Continue providing funding for accessible vegetable gardens for disadvantaged seniors at senior facilities and at private residences. Over 500 seniors helped annually.



BOB the Bus!