

GALLATIN GRUBBER

April 2023

Help Needed 4/8 and 4/22

You are invited to participate in two planting events in April, both at the Plant Growth Center on the MSU campus, each starting at 9 a.m. sharp.

April 8– Sow cole crop (cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, kale and kohlrabi) seeds into 6-packs.

April 22– Transplant tomatoes and peppers from flats into 4" pots for the hoop house. After the work is done we gather for coffee, treats and conversation. It's always a good time!

Arbor Day 4/28

As we have done many years in the past, we are planning on participating in Arbor Day on Friday, April 28. Jerry Cashman is organizing this event which will probably be at one of the newer local schools. Note this date but stay tuned for details via email.



April 3 Meeting: Winter Squash Insights

On April 3rd, MSU graduate student Victoria Shield will speak to the garden club about three of the most common Cucurbita species, all of which are collectively known as “winter squash”. She will explain the stages of fruit



Victoria and large squash!

development, what occurs within the winter squash as it is reaching maturity, and how measuring winter squash ripeness differs from most other fruits. She will briefly cover what she has observed during her research of post harvest storage methods, and answer whatever questions people may have as well. Since good-tasting winter squash are often difficult to grow here, her insights should be particularly helpful. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church, located at 19th and Graf in Bozeman. The meeting is open to anyone who is interested.

Plant & Tool Sale May 27

We will hold our annual Plant and Tool Sale Saturday, May 27, 8 to 10 a.m. at the downtown Owenhouse Ace parking lot, located at the corner of Babcock and Black. In preparation, club members should scour their garages and sheds for garden tools that you no longer use, or start plants to sell. Annual plants such as tomatoes and flowers sell well, as do perennials and shrubs. **Tomato Plant Orders:** We will again be selling tomato plants at the Plant and Tool Sale as well as by special order. The price is \$2 per plant in 4 inch pots. Varieties include: Big Beef, Early Goliath, Whopper, New Girl, Early Girl, Fourth of July, Super Sauce, Black Krim, Taxi, Sungold and Sweet 100. Place orders with Don Mathre (donmathre2@gmail.com) by April 15. Plants will be ready for distribution by Memorial Day weekend.