

GALLATIN GRUBBER

April 2019

May 6 Meeting

Kareen Erbe, founder of Broken Ground Permaculture, will speak at our May 6 meeting. According to Kareen, "permaculture is the science of integrating landscape and people in such a way that it provides for their food, shelter and energy needs. It is a philosophy of working with, rather than against nature, and creating diversity, stability and resilience in our agricultural systems."

Refreshments: Carol Flaherty, Joanne Jennings & Mark Burr.

Arbor Day 4/26

On Friday, April 26 at 1 pm we will once again be planting two trees to celebrate Arbor Day. Jerry Cashman is organizing this event which will probably be at one of the newer local elementary schools. Note this date but stay tuned for details via email.

Bags and Sacks

We are still in need of a large number of plastic bags with handles that we use at the Farmers' Market. Make sure they are clean and stuffed into another plastic bag. Also, Don Heyden is always looking for large paper grocery bags with handles that he uses for his iris sales. Bring these to any of our club meetings.

April 1 Meeting: Story Mill Park

At our April 1 meeting, Maddy Pope of the Trust for Public Lands (TPL) will update us on the new Story Mill Park, focusing on the wetlands restoration and the Learning Garden and Food Forest (see illustration below). This should be of particular interest to the club as these are projects we support financially. The meeting will be held at the Hope Lutheran Church, Graf and 19th, starting at 7 p.m. TPL is working to protect and transform 60 acres adjoining the historic Story Mill in Bozeman into a unique city park. "Almost six years in the making, it is thrilling to see the Story Mill Community Park taking shape," said Ms. Pope. A grand opening of the new park is slated for mid-summer.

Refreshments: Beth Sirr and Bonnie Hash.

Visser Greenhouse Tour April 12

Friday, April 12, 1 pm we will be given a special tour of the Visser Greenhouses located west of Bozeman. To get there, drive west from Four Corners on the Norris Road 7.1 miles to Little Holland Road where you will see a sign reading "Visser Greenhouses" on the fence. Turn right and drive down the hill to the greenhouses. (Note: do not turn onto Visser Road which is 5.1 miles from Four Corners!) Be sure to be there on time to catch the front end of this tour!

Market Garden Update

The onions that club members planted in February are now up and doing well and are getting a weekly "haircut" to make them robust for transplanting. Future events include:

- April 13—Cole crop sowing
- April 27—Tomato transplanting

Both will start promptly at 9 am in the MSU Plant Growth Center. Details will be forthcoming via e-mail.

Plant & Tool Sale May 25

Now is a good time to begin thinking about what you might be able to contribute to the club's Plant and Tool Sale Saturday, May 25 at the downtown Owenhouse Ace parking lot south of the bike shop. This could be garden tools that you no longer use, or it could be plants. Annual plants such as tomatoes and flowers sell well, as do perennials and shrubs. We also need lots of boxes that our customers can put their plants into so be saving any of these you might have available. A size of 12" x 18" is about perfect but other sizes can also be used.

Story Mill Park Learning Garden and Food Forest



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Cultivating experience around the Gallatin Valley.

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Poppies and Polka Dots by Adair Peck

July 26, 27, & 28 2019
Friday 4pm to 8pm, Saturday & Sunday 9am to 4pm

More gardens are needed for this year's tour! If you are interested in adding yours, contact Tamara Knappenberger at (406)587-9797 ext. 106, or email events@theEmerson.org for more information.