

GALLATIN GRUBBER

June 2019

First Market: June 22

The first Farmers' Market of the season will be Saturday, June 22 at the County Fairgrounds. We will be in the same space we've occupied in the past including an additional five feet of space so now we have plenty of room for all of our produce, and especially for our gladiolas and sunflowers. We do need to have some volunteers to help set up and then sell the produce. Set up starts at 7 am with the sale beginning at 9 am, ending at noon, and it usually takes us most of two hours to get ready to sell. We have some "regular" sellers who work most Saturdays but we need at least one to three additional folks for each week until the last market on Sept. 14. To this end, we will be passing around a sign up sheet at our June 3 meeting, so be thinking about whether this is something you might like to help out with. It's lots of fun and you meet a wide cross section of the vegetable and flower buying public.

June 3 Meeting: Gardening Q&A Panel

(PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION.

WE **WILL NOT** BE AT THE HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH!)

Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 3, 7 pm at the **MSU Plant Bioscience Building on South 11th Avenue, Room 108**. There is plenty of free parking just to the north of the building. Enter by the north door which will be open from 6:30-7:30. Our program will be something different and will be similar to the popular Montana Ag Live television show. The club's Don Mathre will serve as the moderator and the panel will include Mac Burgess, MSU Small Farm Specialist; Jane Mangold, Extension Invasive Plant Specialist (weeds); Clain Jones, Extension Soil Scientist; and David Wheeler, Extension Plant Pathologist. This will be your chance to ask these folks, all of whom are frequently on the regular Montana Ag Live program, your questions related to gardening in Montana. So write your questions down ahead of time and bring them to the program on June 3. Should be lots of fun. This will be our last monthly program until we start up again in September. During the summer we will have a picnic and several garden tours, the details of which will be forthcoming in the newsletter and emails.

Refreshments: Kim Kotur, Pat Donovan, and Don Heyden.



June panel (left to right): Don Mathre, Mac Burgess, Jane Mangold, Clain Jones and David Wheeler

Market Garden

As of this writing, only some of the garden has been planted due to the late spring. The transplanted crops such as onions, broccoli and sunflowers are looking good in spite of the wind. Many thanks to all who have helped. We also transplanted the peppers and tomatoes into the greenhouse on May 14 and they are doing quite well despite the very cold mornings. Thanks to Susan Hellier and Mike Raymond who have our watering system up and running again in the raised beds and in the hoop house. Finally, the raised beds are now all planted with either seed or transplants. We have six beds, one each for garlic, radishes, salad turnips, pak choi, lettuce and Barese swiss chard. The next work events will be the installation of our drip irrigation system, installation of the stakes to hold up the tomatoes and weeding parties to keep the quack grass, thistle, mallow, and red root pigweed under control, plus some dandelions. They too are all growing very well. Stay tuned to your e-mail for the dates and times of work sessions in the garden.

Club Picnic 7/8

Our annual picnic and will be Monday, July 8, 6 pm at the home of Don and Diane Heyden. Persons whose last name begins with A-H should bring a main dish, J-M a dessert, and N-Z a salad or side dish. The July newsletter will include directions to Heyden's place.

Plant and Tool Sale Earns Club Over \$1200

The club's 36th annual Plant and Tool Sale, held Saturday, May 25, was a fine success, replenishing the club coffers with a tidy \$1275. The weather was just right and many members and friends turned out to help sell and provide helpful advice to buyers. Almost all the tools sold, and very few plants were left when we packed up at 11 a.m. Thanks for the donations from club members and the Gallatin Valley Garden Center, Cashman Nursery, Kenyon-Noble, Murdoch's, and Planet Natural. Thanks to everyone who helped and everyone who came by and made a purchase.

The plant sale was the club's first money-making venture and was started back in 1984. It grossed \$150 that year. The tool sale portion was added in 1994.



Scenes from the 2019 Plant and Tool Sale

Club Logowear Available

If you are interested in a t-shirt, sweat shirt, ball cap, or apron emblazoned with the club logo—designed by our own Susie Mathre—please see the order blank included separately with this email. Bring the completed order blank with payment to the June 3 meeting or mail to the club (PO Box 6623, Bozeman, MT 59715) **by June 10**. We only offer logo wear about once a year, so don't miss this opportunity!