

GALLATIN GRUBBER

April 2022

Help Needed 4/9 and 4/23

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 9— Sow cole crop (cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, kale and kohlrabi) seeds into 6-packs.

April 23— 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 4/29

As we have done many years in the past, we are planning on participating in Arbor Day on Friday, April 29. 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.



*Onions planted 2/24
growing great!*

April 4 Meeting: Michelle Flenniken on Viruses

Our April 4 meeting will venture beyond the garden to a topic of much concern to society world-wide over the past several years.



Dr. Flenniken

Dr. Michelle Flenniken, a virologist at MSU who primarily investigates virus/host interactions in honey bees and plants, will speak to us about viruses in general and SARS-CoV-2, including initial testing efforts and ongoing research at MSU. Michelle is a familiar, if sometimes veiled, face to many of us as she is often seen in the apiary just east of the club garden at the horticulture farm, and has spoken to us about honey bee research at

meetings in the past. Michelle teaches virology at MSU, so please bring your questions!

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church, located at 19th and Graf in Bozeman. The church is currently not requiring face masks, but we encourage meeting participants to take precautions they feel necessary.

Plant & Tool Sale May 28

We will hold our annual Plant and Tool Sale Saturday, May 28 at the downtown Owenhouse Ace parking lot. In preparation, club

members should search 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, Whopper, Early Girl, New Girl, Black Krim, Sungold, Sweet 100, Super Sauce and Juliet.

Place orders with Don Mathre (donmathre2@gmail.com) by April 15. (Don can grow other varieties by request. Just let him know and get the seed to him by April 15.) Plants will be ready for distribution by Memorial Day weekend.



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