

GALLATIN GRUBBER

February 2023

Feb. 6 Meeting: MT Gluten Free

Our Feb. 6 monthly meeting will feature Alice Pilgeram, who will speak to us about a unique Belgrade-based enterprise, Montana Gluten Free. The company is, according to their website, "proud to be gluten free from farm to fork." They start with special variety of oats that are grown in carefully monitored fields that have not contained gluten grains for at least four years, then processed in a dedicated facility. They go to great lengths at every step of the process to insure their products remain free of gluten and other allergens. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church in Bozeman. Please join us for what promises to be an interesting presentation.

Planting Party 2/18

Our first garden activity of 2023 will be to plant onions, leeks, and shallots in the MSU Plant Growth Center on Saturday, Feb 18 at 9 a.m. sharp! We will plant approximately 100 four inch pots. Coffee and goodies will be served in the PGC atrium once we finish, which is usually before 10 a.m. Join us if you can!

2023 Proposed Grants

As recommended by its board of directors, the club is proposing to award twelve grants totaling \$18,950 in 2023. Most of the grants are to groups we have supported over the years, but we are pleased to add Haven to help them establish a garden at their domestic violence shelter. Funding for the grants is provided by sales from the club's market garden, the annual plant and tool sale and donations. Since 2008, the club has donated over \$225,000 to community organizations! The membership will vote on this proposal at the February monthly meeting.

MSU Horticulture Scholarships	Two scholarships for horticulture students.	\$4,000
Montana Ag Live	Montana PBS ag and gardening call-in program.	500
Belgrade Senior Center	Upkeep of raised bed gardens.	500
Belgrade Community Library	Continue support of seed library.	500
Bozeman Public Library	Replenish and expand seed library.	750
Bozeman Senior Center	Fresh fruit for meals-on-wheels program.	2,000
Cancer Support Community	Tools, supplies and seeds for Gardens of Hope.	1,000
Eagle Mount	Improve wheel chair accessibility to greenhouse.	2,200
Gallatin Valley Farm-to-School	Support summer camp gardening program.	2,000
Gallatin Valley Food Bank	Continued support of Story Mill Park Learning Garden.	2,000
Haven	Develop a community garden at a domestic violence center.	2,500
Sage Gardeners	Provide accessible gardening spaces for seniors.	1,000
Total		\$18,950