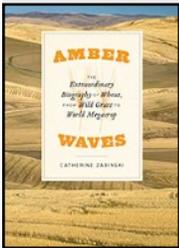


# GALLATIN GRUBBER

March 2021

## April Meeting

In April, MSU Ag professor Cathy Zabinski will tell us



about her new book, *Amber Waves: The Extraordinary Biography of Wheat, from Wild Grass to World Megacrop*.

"At breakfast tables and bakeries, we take for granted a grain that has made human civilization possible. *Amber Waves* tells the story of a group of grass species that first grew in scattered stands in the foothills of the Middle East until our ancestors discovered their value as a source of food."—*from Amazon review*

## Market Garden

Due to Covid 19 restrictions on numbers of people who can work in the Plant Growth Center at one time, we are accomplishing some of our critical early season tasks with just a skeleton crew of volunteers this year. We planted onions Feb. 20. We will plant cole crops in late April and transplant tomatoes into pots in early May. Depending on the weather, we will have our first work party for the main garden in late April or early May to put up the pea fences as well as getting all the rows staked out. This is when we'll be asking for your help. Stay tuned for the exact date and time.

## Seed Starting at Home

Our March virtual meeting will be a seed starting video featuring club members Don Mathre, Frank Erickson and Kim Kotur. Don will explain the basics of seed starting including planning, soil mix, seed sowing and growing the seeds in a growth chamber. Frank and Kim will show alternative methods of starting seeds. You can view the video now on the Gallatin Gardeners Club



YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/toNBd5pNHFA>

## Grants Awarded

Following approval by the club membership, checks for the 2021 grants totaling \$17,500 were sent to nine recipients. Club Treasurer Janne Hayward reports that since 2004 we have awarded over \$180,000 in grants. What a wonderful gift to the community!

## Tomato Plants Available

As part of our club's fundraising, we will once again be selling tomato plants at the annual Plant and Tool Sale on May 31, as well as to individual club members by special order. Plants are \$1.50 per plant in 4 inch pots. Varieties include: Big Beef, Whopper, Early Girl, New Girl, Taxi, Native Sun, Black Krim, Sungold, Sweet 100, Super Sauce and Juliet. Place orders with Don Mathre ([donmathrez@gmail.com](mailto:donmathrez@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 Memorial Day weekend.

## GGCTV

The Gallatin Gardeners Club now has its own YouTube channel. From now on this is where you will find all newly-created club videos plus classics from the past. Check out our entire video library at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCctPR90CSswpkDPdPvhvkbA>