

GALLATIN GRUBBER

September 2020

Market & Garden Report

We are nearing the end of the season with just one more market to go on Sept. 12. It has been a very successful year. We adapted to the Covid 19 market rules and still sold out at most markets. Leftover produce was gratefully accepted by the Gallatin County Food Bank. To date we've taken in over \$12,000 in sales of produce. The turnout of volunteer workers throughout the summer was wonderful. It was great to see everyone and work together in a safe, outdoor environment. Thanks to all who helped! Most garden crops were abundant, especially the onions and tomatoes. The colored cauliflower grew well and was a hit with our customers. After the last market we will have produce to sell. If any of you would like to purchase bulk quantities of tomatoes for \$3/lb., please contact Don Mathre at donmathre2@gmail.com or 406-599-6312. Once the garden has finished producing, we will need to remove the irrigation lines and pea fences and clean out the greenhouse. Watch your email for the time and place of these final workdays.

Fall (Virtual) Meetings

Concerns for the health our membership and restrictions on use of meeting spaces are requiring us to become creative with our fall meetings. The garden club board has been working very hard on this and hopefully we've found some innovative ways to stay in touch, albeit virtually.

September Meeting: Our September meeting will feature



Dr. Tim Seipel

Dr. Tim Seipel, Professor of Weed Science at MSU who will discuss any and all aspects of weed biology and control in home gardens. Dr. Seipel has agreed to video his presentation and post it on YouTube. On or before our regular meeting date of Sept. 14 we will email each of you a link to the presentation, which you then can then enjoy at your leisure.

October Meeting: The October Meeting is traditionally the popular "What Worked, What Didn't Work" meeting and this year it will have two "virtual" aspects. The first will be a video of club members speaking briefly about their gardens. We've captured the faces and voices of quite a few members this summer, but if you'd like to add your two-cents worth contact Frank Erickson at desertographer@gmail.com. The video will be posted on YouTube in early October. The second part will be a written compilation of club member's comments. If you'd like to submit your experiences in writing, send an email to Don Mathre at donmathre2@gmail.com. Don will also have the written document available in early October.

November Meeting: The November meeting is the club's official annual meeting where the board of directors for the following year will be elected. The format for this meeting has not yet been finalized.

December Christmas Party— Sadly, we will not be able to host our annual Christmas Party this year. The Story Mansion is not available and other venues do not seem wise. We're looking forward to resuming this tradition in 2021!