

# GALLATIN GRUBBER

April 2020

## Meetings, Events Cancelled

We are cancelling our April 6 meeting due to concerns over the Coronavirus. We are sorry to bring you this news but hope you all will understand that many members of the club are in the high risk category and we don't want to expose anyone to the virus. We are also cancelling our two planting parties in April, the one on April 11 and the one on April 25 since we usually get a good turnout for these get togethers and want to avoid any undue exposure for members. Whether we are able to hold the May and June meeting remains uncertain at this time.

## Arbor Day 4/24

At this point, we are still planning on participating in Arbor Day on April 24. 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.

## Bags and Sacks

We are still in need of a large number of plastic bags with handles that we use at the Farmers' Market. Make sure they are clean and stuffed into another plastic bag.

## Message from Our President

Greetings everyone,  
 Hopefully all of you are healthy and not too bored. Thanks to this nice weather we've been having, I have walked my dogs to exhaustion and even gotten out and worked in my front yard (while carefully avoiding all the deer poop!) Spring is here, the sand hill cranes and red wing black birds are beginning to return. I've seen pussy willows on the trail and even have crocus blooming in my garden! I've cleaned, vacuumed, dusted, done jigsaw puzzles, read books, watched movies and gardening videos more than I've ever done. Thank goodness I bought toilet paper before the chaos struck. All of this social distancing, while keeping us safe, has also kept us from our friends. We will get through this but wow, do I miss everyone! My house (and my hands!) are cleaner than usual, although I won't win any awards from Better Homes & Gardens for the most organized and tidy. There's new meaning to spring cleaning. I'm excited about getting my garden and the club garden growing. I'm even looking forward to picking beans with all of you this summer. Life has certainly changed in the last month. Focus on the positives. The sunshine, our beautiful views in this spectacular valley, signs of spring popping and have patience for a time to come when we can all gather again. I can see it. Stay healthy and wash your hands again!

With affection,  
 Cathy Rechlin  
 Gallatin Garden Club President

## Plant & Tool Sale May 23

We are hopeful we will be able to hold our annual Plant and Tool Sale Saturday, May 23 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. We also need lots of boxes that our customers can put their plants into so be saving any of these you might have available. A size of 12" x 18" is about perfect but other sizes can also be used.

