

GALLATIN GRUBBER

June 2020

First Market June 20

The first Farmers' Market of the season will be Saturday, June 20 at the County Fairgrounds. We are not exactly sure where we will be located, but it will probably be along the east side where we have been in the past. We will be operating under the guidelines of County Health Department which means we will wear masks and gloves and observe social distancing. There may be other restrictions as well. We need volunteers to both set up our booth and then sell the produce. Set up starts at 7 am with the sale running 9 am to noon. It usually takes us most of two hours to get ready to sell. We have some "regular" sellers who work most Saturdays but we need at least one to three additional folks to help each week through the last market on Sept. 12. Working the booth is lots of fun and you meet a wide cross-section of the public. Let Don Mathre know by e-mail (mathre@q.com) if you are interested in helping and on what date or dates.

Garden Up and Growing!

As of this writing, most of the garden has been planted and it is looking very good. The transplanted crops such as onions, broccoli and sunflowers are looking great. Many thanks to all who have come out to help. We also transplanted the peppers and tomatoes into the greenhouse on May 13 and they are doing quite well and just this week we staked the tomato plants. Finally, the raised beds are now all planted with either seed or transplants. We have six beds, one each for garlic, radishes, salad turnips, pak choi, lettuce and swiss chard and baby carrots.

The next and ever-present task will be weeding to keep the quack grass, thistle, mallow, and red root pigweed under control, plus some dandelions. They too are all growing very well. Harvesting will follow later on. Stay tuned to your e-mail for the dates and times of work sessions in the garden.

Plant & Tool Sale nets \$1800

The club's 37th annual Plant and Tool Sale, held Saturday, May 30—a week later than originally planned—was a fine success, replenishing the club coffers with over \$1800. The weather was just right, many members and friends turned out to help sell and provide helpful advice to buyers, and operating under the Covid 19 restrictions did not prove to be too daunting. Also, for the first time, we accepted debit and credit cards.



Almost all the tools sold, and very few plants were left when we packed up at 11 a.m. Thanks for the donations from club members and the Gallatin Valley Garden Center, Kenyon-Noble and Murdoch's and thanks to Ace Hardware for allowing us to host the sale in their parking lot.

The plant sale, the club's first money-making venture, was started in 1984. It grossed \$150 that year. The tool sale was added in 1994.