

GALLATIN GRUBBER

May 2017

May 1 Meeting: Honeybee Health

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 1, at the Hope Lutheran Church on South 19th Ave. beginning at 7 pm.



Prof. Flenniken

Michelle Flenniken, the "bee lady" from MSU, will speak on "honeybee health". Michelle is an MSU microbiologist and co-director

of MSU's Pollinator Health Center. Honey bees are the primary insect pollinators of U.S. crops valued at approximately \$17 billion annually. Unfortunately, for the past 10 years annual honey bee colony losses have averaged 33 percent. Michelle will discuss what's affecting honey bee colony health and the importance of basic and applied science to addressing this important global challenge. Funds from our club help support her research. Michelle is a dynamic speaker, plan on an interesting and exciting presentation.

Refreshments: Larissa Jackiw, Frank Erickson, and Mark Burr.

Plant & Tool Sale May 27

The club will hold its annual Plant and Tool Sale at the Ace Owenhouse parking lot, corner of Black and Babcock Streets in Bozeman, **Saturday, May 27, 8 to 11 a.m.** Bring your unneeded garden tools of any kind, along with any extra plants you might have—vegetables, annuals or perennials—to donate to the sale. We also need boxes for customers to carry their purchased plants in, especially the type of boxes that you get at a nursery. Pricing and labeling begin at 7 a.m. with sales to begin when we are ready, usually between 7:30 and 8 a.m. We can use lots of help in all aspects of the sale, but especially to interact with our customers who will come with many questions. It's always a fun time and you don't need to commit to the entire morning -- just stay as long as your schedule and interest allow. If the weather is too bad, we will postpone the sale until the following Saturday, June 3.



Annual Plant & Tool Sale

Saturday, May 27
8 to 11 a.m.
Owenhouse Ace Parking Lot
(corner of Babcock and Black Streets)

**A variety of outdoor and
indoor plants,
used tools & garden miscellany
will be offered for sale**

All proceeds support horticulture and gardening
projects in Gallatin County.

A sign-up sheet for posting the sale flyer will be available at our May meeting.

More Groups Thank Us

Several more of the groups we supported financially this year have written to thank us:

Gallatin Valley Food Bank: "Thanks to our donors the Gallatin Valley Food Bank is able to provide of 14,940 emergency food boxes annually... Thank you for being part of the [GVFB] family and helping to end hunger in our community. Our work is truly a collaborative" effort and we couldn't do it without you!"

Market Garden Update

The onions we planted several months ago have received their final haircut and are ready to be transplanted into the garden, probably about mid-May. The broccoli, cabbage, etc are also doing well in the MSU Plant Growth Center and will be ready for transplanting about the same time as the onions. The tomatoes and peppers for our club hoophouse are well underway and will be transplanted into the hoophouse about May 15 or whenever the threat of a really hard frost is past.

Helping with the work in our garden is a great chance to be of service to the club and to have a great time interacting with other members of our club. Most work sessions take between 1-2 hours. Come when you can. Stay tuned to your e-mail for announcements about the work sessions since sometimes there is a short interval for us to work due to changes in the weather. One big session will be to put up the deer fence and the pea fences just as soon as the garden gets rototilled.

The first Farmers' Market will be on Saturday, June 17 at the County Fairgrounds. A sign up sheet will be passed around at our May meeting for persons to help with the Saturday morning markets all summer long. We set up at 7 am, with sales beginning at 9 am and finishing at noon.

Irving School: "Thank you from all of us Irving School Gardens. You have brought us half-way to our goal of \$6,000 for 2017. We are so grateful!"

Gallatin Rest Home: "Thank you very much for the donation again this year for our sensory garden. Everyone just loves the garden and spending time out there. We are praying for Spring!"

KUSM TV: "Thank-you so much for the continued support of Montana Ag Live. Our viewership just gets bigger and more supportive every year."

Arbor Day 4/28 at CJMS

Please join us on **Friday, April 28 1 p.m.** for our annual Arbor Day event. This year we will be planting two trees at the Chief Joseph Middle School, located at 4255 Kimberwicke Street. (To get there, drive west on Baxter Lane from North 19th Ave about one mile to the roundabout at Baxter and Ferguson, then north on Ferguson for about 4 blocks.) Bring a shovel and/or spud bar to help dig the holes for the trees. Jerry Cashman and his crew from Cashman Nursery will deliver trees to the site.



Arbor Day, 2011, Hyalite School

Arbor Day is one the club's oldest traditions dating back to 1982, the year the club was founded. That year, Glenn Welch, one of the club's original members, asked the department store where he worked if they would purchase and donate a tree. They donated a spruce that club members planted in the town of Manhattan.

The club has planted Arbor Day trees every year since, an impressive 35 years! Many of the plantings occurred during "challenging weather", including several snow storms. In years past trees were planted at the Bozeman Senior Center, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, the MSU arboretum, Eaglemount, the East Gallatin Recreation Area, Aspen Point, Heart of Valley Animal Shelter and other locations.

In recent years we've planted trees at the newer Bozeman Schools, including the Hyalite and Meadowlark Elementary Schools and Chief Joseph and Sacajawea Middle Schools. Jerry Cashman and Cashman Nursery have faithfully provided trees and planting expertise for many years and we are grateful to them for that.