

# GALLATIN GRUBBER

September 2017

## Sept. 11 Meeting

Legendary Bozeman gardener John Austin will speak at our Sept. 11 meeting, 7 pm, at the Hope Lutheran Church. (Note the meeting is a week later than usual due to Labor Day.) John has gardened in the Gallatin Valley since 1982. He was associated with the Tinsley House pioneer and Native American gardens for 14 years, has won numerous ribbons at the Gallatin County Fair for outstanding vegetables, and has searched the world for varieties that suit our challenging climate. This year he is trialing 150 vegetable varieties in his garden, including 35 bean, 18 pea and 18 tomato varieties. He even successfully raises watermelon and promises to bring samples to the meeting! Join us for an informative and fun program.

**Refreshments:** Ivan and Jan Flock and Mary Ann Byerly.

## Oct. 2 Meeting

Our most popular meeting of the year is our October meeting when club members report on "what worked and what didn't work" in their own gardens in 2017. This is always an interesting and educational meeting. Join us Oct. 2 at 7 pm at the Hope Lutheran Church.

## Market and Garden News

**Market Garden Update:** As of September 2, the club has sold produce at a dozen Farmers Markets with one more to go on September 9. We are on tap for another very successful season, with several Saturday markets netting record income of more than \$1,600. We still have tomatoes, beets, carrots, beans, squash, cucumbers, onions, leeks, and greens, and perhaps some broccoli and cabbages to sell. Also, our sales of sunflowers and gladiolas have been way over our expectations, in spite of the loss of many of our glads to an infestation of thrips. Outside sales of produce, including cauliflower, fennel, and peppers to the Community Food Co-op have also added to our fund-raising success. We have arranged to sell all of our shallot harvest to Heeb's and our red onions to Town and Country.

We may have excess produce to sell after the market season ends, so anyone who is interested in discounted bulk quantities of such things as tomatoes, beets, or beans to process, please contact Don Mathre via email ([mathre@q.com](mailto:mathre@q.com)) or phone (406-599-6312). Many thanks to everyone who has helped with harvesting, processing and market sales this summer!

**Fall Garden Cleanup:** Once the garden has stopped producing, we will schedule cleanup sessions to remove the tomato vines and stakes from the greenhouse, dig and process the gladiola corms for winter storage, take down the deer fences, and remove the drip irrigation system. Stay tuned for emails about dates and times, probably in late September.



*Thanks to the Three Hearts Farm for the tour on Aug. 9!*