

GALLATIN GRUBBER

August 2018

Autumn Meetings

Our regular Monday monthly meetings at the Hope Lutheran Church will resume in September.

Sept. 10, 7 p.m.— Casey Delphia will speak to us on "Native bees of Montana." Dr. Delphia is a native bee expert and is leading the Western Sustainable Research and Education program project at CSA farms in the Gallatin Valley.

Oct. 1, 7p.m.— Our traditional "What Worked and What Didn't Work" meeting, presented by all of us discussing our gardening successes and challenges in 2018. This is always one of our most interesting meetings, so plan on attending.



Thanks, Lisa and Susie, for sharing your gardens with us.

Southside Garden Tour

Our second garden tour of the summer will be **Monday, Aug. 20, 5 p.m.**, featuring the gardens of Yvonne Baskin, Bob Donovan, and Tom and Cathy Rechlin.

Directions: The tour will start at Yvonne's place, 76 W. Fieldview Circle. To get there from downtown Bozeman, go south on So. Third Ave. to Graf Street (just before the 3-way intersection), turn left (east) on Graf and stay on Graf down the hill and curving to the south until you reach Fieldview Circle. Turn right (west) and follow the circle to Yvonne's home on the south side of the street. After visiting her garden we will walk or drive to the other two gardens, both nearby on Nash Creek Lane.

Market & Garden Report

Our garden is growing prolifically! The green and yellow beans are doing very well after being replanted following the June 11 frost. Also doing well are the four types of beets: red, gold, chioggia and cylinder beets. We are harvesting the first carrots. We have what promises to be the best prospective tomato crop in quite some time. Cherry tomatoes are ripening now and we expect to begin picking the larger red tomatoes by early August. The gladiolas are beginning to bloom and we should have hundreds to sell soon. The sunflowers have been blossoming now for several weeks and selling very well at the Farmers' Market. One of our best crops has been the white Japanese salad turnips. They grow well in our raised beds and are popular with our customers. The same is true for our Romaine lettuce. The broccoli and peas are now in full production with excellent yields of both. Cabbage is doing very well this year.

Recent market sales at Bogert Park and the Fairgrounds were very successful. Last week's sales at the Bogert Market topped \$700, a record for us at that location.

Our best customer outside the farmers' markets is currently the Community Food Co-op kitchen. We appreciate them buying our peppers, fennel, and cauliflower.