

GALLATIN GRUBBER

February 2018

Feb. 5 Program

Our next meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 5 at 7 pm at Hope Lutheran Church on South 19th Ave. Cheryl Moore-Gough, retired Montana Extension Horticulture Specialist and author of many vegetable gardening books and publications, will speak on seed saving. Cheryl is the author of "The Complete Guide to Seed Saving" and this book along with two others will be available for purchase at the meeting. Also, we will be voting on two matters: (1) the proposed grants for 2018, and (2) a change to the bylaws to add two additional members to the club board. (See January Newsletter for details.)

Refreshments: Judy Kohring, Susan Foster, and Cathy Rechlin.

Dylan's Podcast

Those of you who attended our January meeting heard a fascinating talk by Dylan Strike on his experiences running an organic vegetable farm. For more details on his ideas and experiences, check out this podcast: <http://www.farmertofarmerpodcast.com/episodes/strike>.

Proposed 2018 Grants

After carefully reviewing applications, the Club's Board of Directors is pleased to recommend the following grants, totaling \$18,007, be awarded in 2018. This proposal will be presented to the membership for approval at the Feb. 5 monthly meeting. (For details, page 2.)

MSU Horticulture Scholarships	\$4,000	Provide scholarships to two MSU horticulture students.
Montana Ag Live	500	Support a PBS call-in program dealing with ag and gardening issues in Montana.
Towne's Harvest Garden	1,207	Replace windbreak trees.
Bozeman Senior Center	2,000	Fund fresh fruit for Meals on Wheels programs year-round.
Cancer Support Community	1,000	Support "Garden of Hope" herb and vegetable gardens.
Eagle Mount	1,500	Deer fence around garden.
Gallatin Valley Farm-to-School	1,000	Support BOB (Bozone Ozone Bus).
Gallatin Rest Home	100	Flowers for landscaping.
Sage Gardeners	1,000	Fund accessible raised bed vegetable gardens.
Gallatin Valley Food Bank	1,000	Provide seed money for a new garden at Story Mill Park.
Irving Elementary	1,500	Continued support of school garden and food literacy.
Belgrade Senior Center	1,200	Expand raised-bed gardens for seniors.
Whittier School PAC	2,000	Establish a new greenhouse and garden at the school.
Total	\$18,007	

Feb. 17 Planting Party

Our first garden activity of 2018 will involve planting onions, leeks, and shallots in the MSU Plant Growth Center on Saturday, Feb 17 at 9 am. The door is locked, so don't be late arriving! We will plant approximately 100 four inch pots with 30 seeds each, so if you can count to 30 and would like to get your hands dirty, please plan to attend. Coffee and goodies will be served in the PGC atrium once we finish, which is usually before 10 am.

March 5 Meeting

At our March 5 meeting, David Baumbauer will discuss his research on the use of moveable hoop houses to extend the growing season. Many of you may have noticed Dave's greenhouses on the east side of the road leading to our club garden.

Grant Request Details

Horticulture Scholarships and Montana Ag Live. Funding these is part of our agreement with Montana State University for using the land where we grow our market garden.

Towne's Harvest Garden is requesting funds to replace dead and dying trees in the windbreak located on the Horticulture Farm north and across the road from the club's garden. The request is to pay for removing the failing trees and planting eight new trees.

Bozeman Senior Center is requesting funds to purchase fresh fruit to supplement the Meals-on-Wheels program, which provides nearly 100 meals each day to senior citizens, over half of whom are living on fixed incomes. The club has supported this project for several years.

Cancer Support Community is requesting funds for their "Garden of Hope", six raised vegetable and herb beds. The goals of the project are to have a "big, lush bountiful garden" and "educate our cancer community around an organic gardening practice throughout the year."

Eagle Mount is requesting support for their horticulture program, specifically funding for a deer fence around the new garden area.

Gallatin Valley Farm-to-School program is requesting a grant to help fund the operation of the Bozone Ozone Bus (aka BOB), a school bus converted into a greenhouse that serves as a mobile teaching lab, traveling to schools, camps and other community events.

Gallatin Rest Home is requesting a modest contribution for bedding plants to landscape their grounds.

Sage Gardeners is requesting funding to provide accessible vegetable gardens to disadvantaged seniors at senior facilities and private residences. Over 500 seniors benefitted last year.

Gallatin Valley Food Bank is requesting funding to support the development of the Story Mill Learning Garden, a project targeted at engaging young people in the joys and benefits of gardening. The goal is to have four young people working 12-15 hours per week gardening and working on life skills.

Irving School is requesting funding to support their school garden and several food literacy projects.

Belgrade Senior Center is requesting funding to expand the number of raised beds at the center to better contribute fresh, home grown produce to participants' meals.

Whittier School's Parent Advisory Committee is requesting funds to develop a new garden and greenhouse at Whittier School in Bozeman.