

April 2009

MNLA & VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATE IN PLANET DAY OF SERVICE

The Montana Nursery & Landscape Association participated in the PLANET Day of Service on Earth Day, April 22nd. We had two crews working in beautiful Bozeman. The first crew of four, led by **Andy Blanchford** of Blanchford Landscaping, did some heavy equipment work for the Gallatin Valley Land Trust at the Drinking Horse Mountain Trail on the Kevin Mundy Memorial Bridge project.

They moved soil, gravel, boulders, and plant materials. Joining Andy were **Zac Caveness** of Land Tech Montana, **Geoff Hammond** of Solstice Landscaping, and **Greg Johnson** of Montana Ponds. Materials were donated by Cashman Nursery, Lawson's Greenhouse, Solstice Landscaping, and Westscape Nursery. **Andra Spurr** of the new Zone 4 publication kept the crew going with snacks and water. The project and the Association received television and print media coverage.

A crew of 11 volunteers, led by **Jennifer Weiss** of Gardening Under the Big Sky, participated in a spring clean-up project at the Bozeman Library, readying the grounds for an active summer. Jennifer's fabulous crew included **Hauni Davis** from Oak Gardens, **Shelly Engler** from Cashman Nursery, **Paulette Epple** from her landscape and maintenance business, **Josh Friendson** of Blanchford Landscape Contractors, **Grace Hammond** from Solstice Landscaping, **Mary Keck** from Garden Creations, **Tiffany Lee** from Sweet Pea Landscaping, **Katie Scherfig** from Wildwood Nursery, **Debb Smith** from 9Bark Design, and **Anna Thomas** from Oak Gardens.

A hearty and heartfelt thank you to the volunteers who graciously offered their time and efforts for these important community projects.