

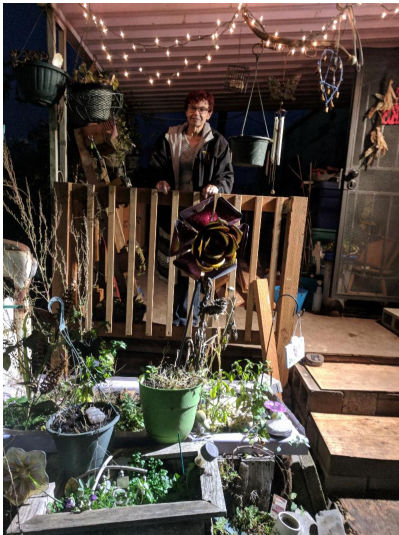


Twenty on the Twenty

A 20-second (or so) monthly update about co-op development in the Pacific Northwest provided to you on or about the 20th of each month. **Please share with your network!**

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Loan Approved for Columbia Court Homeowners Cooperative



Columbia Court Homeowners Cooperative in Longview, WA received notification of loan approval Washington Community Reinvestment Agency and Washington State Housing Finance Commission approve all the financing necessary for the homeowners of Columbia Court to purchase the land under their homes. The board of directors is now in the final push and working on their property management plan and final membership drive. Once they purchase the property, the community will be preserved as affordable housing indefinitely.

(Left, Margaret Vockrot, Secretary of Columbia Ct. Homeowners Co-op with her garden)

NWCDC Receives Enterprise Holdings Foundation Grant



The Enterprise Holdings Foundation has donated \$1,000 to Northwest Cooperative Development Center for program support in furtherance of NWCDC's mission to promote

economic development through the cooperative business model. The Foundation is the philanthropic arm of **Enterprise Holdings**, which, through its integrated global network of independent regional subsidiaries and franchises, operates the **Enterprise Rent-a-Car**, **National Car Rental** and **Alamo Rent A Car** brands. We appreciate the support from Enterprise Holdings Foundation!

Planning for Grays Harbor Co-op Academy Begins

The *NWCDC Co-op Academy* moves from Chemicum, WA in Jefferson County to Aberdeen and Grays Harbor County in 2019. The Academy is a 10-week intensive training session for people interested in starting cooperatives. This year, a special focus will involve succession planning and conversion of existing businesses to worker co-ops. The process begins with information sessions in the late winter with the classes planned for summer.

Co-opatopia 2019 - April 27 in Olympia

Plan now to spend an incredible afternoon in Olympia, Washington. The 2019 installment of [Co-optopia](#) will happen in conjunction with the *Spring Arts Walk* and the *Procession of the Species*.

Co-opatopia focuses on the regions growing co-op economy and providing a space to demonstrate the diversity and resiliency of the cooperative business model.

We hope to have a number of new and forming co-ops this year and highlight the Legacy Project as well. This year's edition also hopes to have a more interactive approach for those seeking information about the co-op model.

Keep up with the planning at its [Facebook Page](#).



Executive Director, Diane Gasaway, thanks board members on behalf of the staff for their support and leadership.

NWCDC Annual Meeting and Updates

Board Members and Staff gathered at Albee's Gardens for the Center's annual meeting and strategic planning session.

The strategic planning session centered around the results of an impact study completed in late 2018 with external stakeholders and clients of NWCDC. The reports focused on the strengths of the current staff, long-term funding plans for the Center, and the growing awareness of the cooperative model.

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