



## Co-op Developments

*A short 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!*

Beautiful Port Townsend, WA was the scene for the second annual gathering of all 5 Washington Homecare Cooperative managers. NWCDC provided the group with training in Human Resource Management and facilitated discussions on recruiting and collaborative marketing. While homecare co-op managers, **Kippi Waters** of Peninsula Homecare Co-op, **Kathie Rivas** of Heartsong Homecare Co-op and **Kris Buettner** of Circle of Life all participated in last year's annual gathering, this was a first for new co-op managers **Alicia Champion** from Ridgeline Homecare Co-op and **Hayley Hall** of Capital Homecare Co-op. The group shared stories from their co-ops and gave support and encouragement for some of the struggles they all face. As one homecare co-op manager put it, "learning together and learning from each other makes us all stronger!" A special thanks to **Peninsula Homecare and Kippi Waters** for hosting our event again this year and, I think we have a consensus that we will be back in Port Townsend for next year's Homecare Co-op Manager retreat!

