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Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 PM
Bellevue Botanical Garden

Program: Pacific Feast - Where the Wild Things Are Delicious!

By Jennifer Hahn

October 10, 2017-- 7pm Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street, Bellevue, Aaron Education Center.

Learn from forager, wilderness guide, professor and writer, Jennifer Hahn, about sustainably harvesting a cornucopia of delicious, nutritious seaweeds, wild and weedy greens, berries, and tree tips for enhancing health and table in all seasons. Jennifer will also share her favorite native species for a delicious back yard and her "stewardship guidelines for foragers."

With more than 25 years of wilderness travel under her boots and kayak hull—including through-hiking the Pacific Crest Trail from northern California to Canada and kayaking solo from Ketchikan, Alaska, to Washington—writer Jennifer Hahn relies on wild harvesting to keep her pack and kayak light. Currently she is an adjunct professor at Western Washington University's Fairhaven College teaching courses on northwest wild food and works as a naturalist guide in Alaska, Washington and British Columbia's Inside Passage.

Jennifer holds B.S. from Huxley College of Environmental Studies, Western Washington University, and a B.A. in writing and ecology from WWU's Fairhaven College, at which time she studied with Pulitzer-prize author Annie Dillard and worked at Audubon magazine in New York City. She is currently researching seaweed contaminants in the Salish Sea at Huxley College of the Environment.

Her first book "Spirited Waters: Soloing South Through the Inside Passage" won the Barbara Savage "Miles from Nowhere" award for adventure narrative writing in 2001. In 2003, on behalf of the Washington Commission for the Humanities "Inquiring Mind Lecture Series," she traveled across Washington State speaking and serving up wild edibles for her lecture, "Feasting on Flotsam: Eating Between Tides, Fields, and Forest as Cuisine, Culture, and Ecology." Her second book, "Pacific Feast: A Cook's Guide to West Coast Foraging" with the companion work "Pacific Coast Foraging Guide: 40 Wild Foods from Beach, Field and Forest" (a six-fold, laminated guide) debuted in fall 2010. Pacific Feast made the Best-seller's List for NW INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORES.

Program produced by Cheryl Wagner and Jennifer Hahn

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Up and Coming Programs

BBG indicates Bellevue Botanical Garden.

MTR indicates Mountaineers Headquarters.

BBG October 10, 2017 Jennifer Hahn presents *Pacific Feast: Where the Wild Things Are Delicious!* At Aaron Education Center, Bellevue Botanical Garden.

Native Plant Identification Workshop

By Nelson Salisbury, Chapter Botanist
(Offered only at Westside Meetings)

A free plant identification workshop is offered before each Westside Chapter meeting at 6:00 PM. While the workshop is oriented primarily toward beginners, anyone who wants to work on improving keying skills or their familiarity with the northwest flora is welcome. Feel free to bring samples of unknown plants in for identification. We will have plenty of material and tools if you come empty-handed.

Meeting Locations

To be sure you don't miss a meeting, watch the Native Plant Press closely to find out when and where we are meeting each month. In addition, we will have meeting dates and locations listed on our website.

List of 2017 Meeting Locations

Oct 10 Bellevue Botanical Garden

Nov 2 Mountaineers Headquarters

Dec 7 Mountaineers Headquarters

Board Reports

Fall 2017 Native Plant sale

By Yen Flanagan, Plant Sale Chair

The Fall Native Plant Sale event is just around the corner, happening on Saturday, October 7. All members of the Plant Sale Committee are working hard to get ready for the event. *Rick Thompson*, in his nursery manager role, works with volunteers to pot donated plants and keep

them healthy and ready for the sale. And as site coordinator, Rick makes sure the site is cleared of weeds and obstacles to welcome volunteers, guest agencies and customers. *Ann Marten* is working hard at recruiting volunteers for help before, during and after the event. If you have heard about our Plant Sale event via social media and/or red-colored signs on street corners, posters and flyers in public places, we owe it to the hard work of *Jan Bird* in her role as publicity guru, with the assistance of *Rita Moore* who helped design the signs, posters and flyers and put in the orders. Rest assured, you will not get lost getting to our sale event! *Rita*, in her role as signage coordinator, is making sure that the signs giving out directions to the sale are located at opportune locations in the park and clearly visible to customers.

Where do the native plants on sale come from? You might ask. Some of them are donated to us by WNPS members and some are purchased from native plant nurseries around the Puget Sound. We are proud to say that we carry over 200 species of plants native to the Northwest and we owe it to the hard work of many members in our committee: *Shanna Hobbs* who coordinates donated plants, *Tom Johnson* who is in charge of the sourcing and sale of bulbs, *Brenda Clifton* who is in charge of the sourcing and sale of seeds, and *Ann Stevens* who is in charge of the purchase and sales of potted plants.

We always try to find ways to say thanks to our volunteers. *Melinda Bronson* has her own way by making sure that fresh coffee and other refreshments are ready to greet volunteers on Friday (setup day) and Saturday (event day).

Spring and Fall Plant Sale events provide the main source of CPS revenues. On behalf of CPS, I want to thank each member of the plant sale committee and the volunteers who have been working hard behind the scenes to make the sale event happen this Saturday October 7th at Magnuson nursery. It is not too late to contact Ann Marten at annmarten@comcast.net if you have the time and energy to pitch in.

Thank you!

Message from the Chair

By Chrys Bertolotto

On September 16, the CPS Chapter Board met for their annual retreat to plan for the year ahead. It's a chance to look beyond the tasks that each board member is tasked with, to consider big goals, chances for collaboration, gaps to fill, and perhaps even some socializing. For the

year ahead, the board has identified four major goals – a few are adaptations from 2016, where more work is needed.

1. **Diversify our funding sources.** Our chapter continues to depend heavily on the plant sale for our income, some of which is shared with the state organization for staff time and office expenses. We desperately need a Fundraising Chair to explore new avenues for revenue generation, and we even have a few committee members identified if we can find a leader. We're also contemplating hosting Study Weekend in 2019, but we need to recruit a committee to help with this.
2. **Better tell the story of the CPS Chapter.** We can do better in sharing the impact of our work locally. With the launch of a new statewide website later this year and wider sharing of all or some of our chapter annual report, we hope to make some strides forward. We'd love to find a volunteer to do desktop publishing to create a brochure or handout that highlights our chapters work.
3. **Develop a chapter purpose statement.** While we all agree that the WNPS mission statement still reflects our work, we'd like to focus in a bit more to drive our collective work. Stay tuned on that!
4. **Increase / deepen member and partner engagement.** We are doing a ton of work here already and we want to continue the momentum in reaching out to university communities and sustaining east and west side program offerings. We do need to find a field trip chair to offer more field trips to members and also set up teams of volunteers to work locally on educational outreach activities, perhaps in the South King County and South Snohomish County portions of our chapter.

This is what we we'll be focusing on, along with all the other routine things we do! Please get in touch with me if you'd like to help out in any of the areas I've highlighted above.

Exploring Study Weekend 2019 – Shall we Host?

What is the significance of the dates May 21 through May 23 back in 2010? These are the last dates the WNPS Central Puget Sound Chapter hosted Study Weekend, which was held at Camp Waskowitz, in North Bend, WA. The CPS board of directors is considering hosting this annual event again in 2019, and we are looking for chapter members who can form a committee, a special person to lead the committee to help plan this important weekend of botanizing, learning and networking.

Each year, chapters have contributed their thoughts and experiences to create a 'guide' for planning the event. We will have access to that document and be able to talk to others who have planned their own weekends. We think it might be our turn to host, and we know we cannot do this without new members stepping forward to make it happen. If you are interested, please contact Chrys at sitka.periwinkle@gmail.com.

Facebook™ Users Can Help Publicize the Fall Plant Sale

In order to get the word out about our plant sale, the Plant Sale Committee would appreciate it if you are a Facebook user to share the plant sale event on your Facebook page. Just go to our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/wnps.centralpugetsound/>.

Go to the **Events**, near the top, click on the **Plant Sale** and hit Share on the right. That's all there is to it and you are an honorary member of the Plant Sale Committee! Also, if you are a user of Nextdoor, you can create an event for the plant sale. In the left column, click on **Event**. At the top right there is a green Add Event button. Click there and you can create an event. You can cut and paste the event information from our Facebook page. You could add a native plant photo you have taken. Or you can right click on any of the photos on the WNPS page, save to your computer and then upload it to Nextdoor. Thanks for helping our chapter!

The WNPS Native Plant Nursery

By Rick Thompson

The WNPS Central Puget Sound Chapter, Native Plant Nursery, is located near the WNPS office at Magnuson Park. The nursery maintains an inventory of plants that are offered for sale at either of the annual plant sales and or donated to restoration projects. A regular monthly work party is scheduled on the first Monday of the month from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Additional work parties are scheduled on a as need basis to support related plant needs. Nursery volunteer events are announced on the chapter web page and via the nursery volunteer email list. If you are interested in volunteering at the nursery please contact me at q.garryana@gmail.com.

A good number of plants in the nursery inventory have been donated by chapter members. Your plant donations are always welcome, as are all donations. In addition to plants, the nursery needs your unused 3 to 6" square plant pots, propagation containers and rectangular and square flats. You can bring your unused pots, and flats to a chapter meeting or drop them off at the nursery where they will be put to good use. Look for information on the chapter web site regarding a seed propagation work shop that will be offered to chapter members later this fall. The workshop will include everything you need to grow plants from seed, including hands on instruction, seed, propagation soil, and flats. You will have the opportunity to take propagation flats home with you for the winter, and grow your favorite native species, some of which will be offered to our loyal customers at a future plant sale.

One Man's Opinion: Let Mother Nature Do Most of the Planting

By Stewart Wechsler, Botanist Fellow

Here at the Washington Native Plant Society we think that native plants are the good ones, so shouldn't we plant more of them? But there may be one problem with this, the "we plant". If a plant is planted by a human, can we call it "wild"? If an area is filled with plants that humans planted can we call it a "natural area"? What is the definition of "natural"? Isn't it something that came to be without being made or altered by humans, at least by those of us of the post-agricultural culture? Wasn't "agriculture" the act of humans clearing the land of species they didn't want, followed by the planting of species they did want and thus, beginning of the end of nature itself, and the beginning of the decline of the diversity of our local communities of native plants?



Consider this case of a rare plant for the Seattle area, [Collomia heterophylla](#) – the Varied Leaf Collomia (which I have dubbed "Fuzzy Little Collomia"). This annual plant hadn't been recorded in the Seattle area for years when I found some growing in West Seattle's Orchard St Ravine in about 2003, after we had removed some Himalayan Blackberries from above the soil where their seeds

were. They were waiting for some unknown number of years for some sun to spur germination. After I found those "Fuzzy Little Collomias", those doing native plantings started covering the ground with wood chips and native trees and shrubs. If I hadn't moved seed from that first generation of *Collomia heterophyllas* to start new local populations in similar microhabitats, there may not have been enough sun over that ground for another generation of those locally rare plants to germinate, flower, and set more seed.

If instead of clearing areas of weedy invasive plants then covering that surface area of ground with native plants species that we can get in a nursery (not to mention covering the surface area with wood chips that discourage most new wild growth), why not focus on clearing weeds away from our least common remaining native plants, in our best remaining natural areas, and both letting those *wild* native plants cover that adjacent surface area, while watching what additional native plants come in that we didn't know might move in or sprout up. We would then be *assisting* Mother Nature with *her* planting, and the plants that came in would be both wild and natural. In addition to this we might move in some seed that was collected from wild sites that were ecologically similar, and physically not very far, but of species that seemed to be missing from a site, and see if Mother Nature would have them germinate, and grow and spread, or if they don't quite do so, potentially teaching us something about problems for growing that material in that site at that time? Other than the addition of moving in seed, that is both physically and ecologically relatively local, from remaining wild populations, this is what the Bradly Sisters taught in their book "[Bringing Back the Bush](#)", about their method of helping the recovery of Australian "bush", which is what they call their natural community.

These opinions are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the Washington Native Plant Society or the Central Puget Sound Chapter.

Eastside Branch News

By Cheryl Wagner

BBG Work Parties

October 13 (10-12) working with Garden Club colleagues planting and weeding at Native Plant Discovery Garden. Oct 20 (10-12) if you can't join us on Oct 13th or are itching to do more weeding, invasive plant removal. Please RSVP to Janka Hobbs at urtica@frontier.com.

Eastside Activity Report

A Big Thanks to Ray Izumi who led a field trip at Snoqualmie Pass on the Pacific Crest Trail for about ten participants on August 19, 2017.

A highlight plant of the trip, according to Franja Bryant our field trip reporter, was the Hooded ladies'-tresses orchid (*Spiranthes romanzoffiana*). It's an orchid with many small white blossoms on a spike about 5" tall.

Other plants of note were Sticky asphodel (*Tofieldia asphidosa*) and several clusters of the little, carnivorous, Sundews (*Drosera anglica*) found on a fairly dry hillside which was a surprise because they generally live in boggy areas.

Others noted in full bloom, all over:

Cornus unalaschensis (bunchberry)

Hypericum anagalloides (Bog St. John's-wort)

Micranthes ferruginea (Rusty saxifrage)

Trillium ovatum (White trillium)

Vaccinium ovalifolium (Oval-leafed huckleberry)

Solidago canadensis or *lepida* (Western Canada goldenrod).

One of the newest things for the group were the biocrusts that Ray pointed out all along the way. These are communities of biological organisms that form in arid and semi-arid conditions. They fill important ecological roles like nitrogen fixation and soil stabilization and also affect seed germination and water retention.

If there are others on the Eastside doing stewardship projects or community classes on native plant topics, please email details to me so they can be included in future editions. In addition, if you have any questions about the Eastside Branch and its activities and opportunities, contact Cheryl Wagner at javadog8@yahoo.com

Plant Donations

By Shanna Hobbs

Please consider donating native plants to the WNPS—every donation, no matter how small, makes a difference! Donations of all types are accepted, including potted or unpotted plants. We have willing volunteers who will come salvage plants from your garden if you do not have time yourself. Your donation is incredibly valuable to the WNPS, and helps

keep the mission to promote the appreciation and conservation of Washington's native plants alive.

If you would like to donate, please contact Shanna Hobbs at sraehobbs@gmail.com, or at 559-731-4426. For plant donations, it is helpful to have the name and number of plants you plan to donate. If you plan to drop off plant donations at the nursery, please contact Rick Thompson at 296-715-9540.

Volunteers

Ethnobotanical Garden at Seattle University

You Are Invited To Take Part in Our First Work Party at the SU Ethnobotany Garden

Wed. Oct 11 from 10 am to 1pm. If you would like to take part, contact Sharon Baker (sabaker41@gmail.com or 206-464-1068). I will send you detailed instructions, including tools, parking and public transportation. Seattle U is close to lots of great restaurants. If there is interest, we could weed, wash our hands and then adjourn to a nearby eatery for lunch.

In May of this year a number of us took part in a field trip on the Seattle University campus lead by Rob Efird and Janice Murphy. We visited the 11,500 square foot taqwsheblu Vi Hilbert Ethnobotanical Garden. Those who took part in the trip may recall we were reluctant to leave and stood around talking about this amazing garden for some time. The garden is organized in four biomes, representing the major ecological areas of the Pacific Northwest including alpine, lowland forest, wetland and prairie. The garden is designed to help visitors learn more about how the First People of the Puget Sound co-existed with their environment, using the plants for food, medicine, and materials for building, carving, weaving, fishing and ritual activities.

As the plaque at the entrance to the garden says: "Where Seattle University stands, once a forest stood. In and around this forest people and plants lived closely together for many centuries before the city of Seattle was established. This garden invites you to learn more about this intimate, sustainable relationship and encourages you to cultivate your own relationship with our native plants."

One of things that came out of that visit was the idea of developing a cooperative relationship with Seattle University, much like our cooperative relationship with Bellevue Botanical Garden. In early discussions, we agreed to start with a work party in the Garden, involving CPS members and friends, helping with native plant maintenance. Other

potential activities include involving SU and Indian College students in service learning, working with the Indigenous Peoples Institute and the Chief Seattle Club (sharing native plant knowledge) and making use of SU space for CPS events such as meetings, stewardship training, and involving SU faculty and other affiliated people in CPS programs. We would also like to involve more SU students in CPS activities.

Bulb Packaging for the Fall Plant Sale!

Bulbs are received and re-packed at the last minute to preserve quality, so the packing party will be Wednesday, October 4 from 6-8 pm. Meet in the upstairs conference room at the Magnuson Park office, 6310 NE 74th St., Seattle. All materials, plus snacks, will be provided. To volunteer or for more information, contact Tom Johnson at tfjohns@u.washington.edu or 206-525-3176.

City of Shoreline Urban Forest Restoration

Join the 2017 Class of WNPS Master Native Plant Stewards and volunteer this fall restoring urban forests across the City of Shoreline! Removal of invasive species is underway, and we need help this fall preparing for and installing native plants in these beautiful and ecologically profound urban parks.

We have six different projects and twenty-four work parties to choose from:

Boeing Creek

Second Saturdays from 10am to 2pm
(October 14, November 11, and December 9)

- 320 NW Innis Arden Way, Shoreline, WA 98177
- Meet at the [north end of the Shoreview Park Off Leash Dog Park](#), just off the Shoreline Community College campus
- Contact JohnGuenther714@gmail.com to RSVP or for further information

Brugger's Bog

Second Sundays 9am to 1pm
(October 8, November 12, and December 10)

- 19553 25th Ave NE
- Meet at the [end of the dirt/gravel path entrance to the park on the bridge](#)
- Contact BruggersBogStewards@gmail.com to RSVP or for further information

Hamlin Park

Third Saturdays from 10am to 1pm

(October 21, November 18, and December 16)

- 16006 15th Ave NE, Shoreline, WA 98155
- Meet at the [far north end of the park, next to the NE 166th Street stairs](#)
- Contact Hamlin.Restoration@gmail.com to RSVP or for further information

Shoreview Park

Third Sundays from 9am to 12pm

(October 15, November 19, and December 17)

- 700 NW Innis Arden Way, Shoreline, WA 98177
- Meet at the [south end of the Shoreview Park Off Leash Dog Park](#), (at the stairs) just off the Shoreline Community College campus
- Contact ShoreviewRestoration@gmail.com to RSVP or for further information

Twin Ponds (North End)

Third Saturdays from 10am to 12pm

(October 21, November 18, and December 16)

- 16501 N 155th St, Shoreline WA 98133
- Meet at the [north end parking lot at N 155th St and First Ave NE](#)
- Contact NorthTwinPondsRestoration@gmail.com to RSVP or for further information

Twin Ponds (South End)

Fourth Saturdays from 10am to 1pm / third Saturdays from 10am to 1pm (October 28) / (November 18 and December 16)

- 16501 N 155th St, Shoreline WA 98133
- Meet at the [south end parking lot along First Ave NE, but north of N 149th St](#)
- Contact TwinPondsSouthHabitat@gmail.com to RSVP or for further information

Lincoln Park Urban forest Restoration

Twice monthly: the first Saturday & third Sunday from 9:00am - 12:00pm 8011 Fautleroy Way SW. Meet near the kiosk in the north parking lot (Fautleroy Way SW and SW Rose St).

Lincoln Park, on the shores of Puget Sound, is a 135-acre park with 80 acres of mature, but invaded forest. The Friends of Lincoln Park have been working, as a part of the Green Seattle Partnership, since 2005 to

restore balance in our forest by removing invasive plants and planting natives. We have made very good progress, but we need your help to continue our work and maintain areas we've already placed in restoration. Lincoln has excellent native plant (and bird) diversity, so it's a great opportunity not only to contribute to the health of our community, but also to improve your plant ID skills. Check out our blog at friendsoflincolnpark.blogspot.com.

Contact: Sharon Baker sabaker41@gmail.com or 206-464-1068.

CPS/WNPS State Office in Seattle - Magnuson Park

Ongoing

WNPS Office at Magnuson Park, 6310 NE 74th Street, Suite 215E,
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The WNPS office in Magnuson Park is always looking for volunteers to provide valuable, "behind-the-scenes" assistance. Tasks range from a one-shot project to a larger, more complex one. You can work solo or with a group, and every task is tailored to your interest and availability. We also try to make it fun and social. As a result new friendships have already begun.

Contact Elizabeth Gage at the WNPS office: info@wnps.org or 206-527-3210

News and Announcements

Cultural Native Plant Interpretive Trail

By Janet Wall



There is a new interpretive trail at Lake Sammamish State Park featuring 12 native plants and the traditional Native American use of the plants. Brad Book, with Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park, worked with representatives of the Snoqualmie Tribe and Washington State Parks over a three-year period to adapt the signs from the Snoqualmie Tribe's Traditional Knowledge Trail to state park standards. New signs were designed for several trees and shrubs that were at the state park but were not on the Knowledge Trail.

This collaborative effort was made possible by contributions from the Snoqualmie Tribe, Washington State Park, Mountains to Sound Greenway, Washington Native Plant Society, and the Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park. The signs were recently installed along the Tibbetts Beach trail leading to the Rotunda, on the northwest portion of the park.

Plant of the Month: Duckweed, *Lemna minor*

By Janka Hobbs



This summer, the little pond in our garden became covered with duckweed. The *Lemnaceae* (now absorbed into *Araceae*, being monophyletic) are among the smallest flowering plants. Genus *Lemna* consist of one or two floating oblong bodies and one root. After that it gets more complicated. In [Flora of the PNW](#), my water lentil keys clearly to *Lemna*

minor. However, modern phylogeny distinguishes between *L. minor* and *L. turionifera*. *Turionifera* forms turions, which are minute vegetative bodies that sink to the bottom of the pond to survive the winter. [Flora of North America](#) says that *turionifera* has red undersides. E-flora BC says the two species are indistinguishable in the field.

Either way, the plants rarely flower. Reproducing vegetatively, they can double in 3-5 days. Spread by clinging to the feet of aquatic birds, duckweeds have a worldwide distribution in slow moving waters.

Googling “duckweed,” I find about an equal number of websites selling aquatic herbicides and selling starts. While duckweed can make it difficult to watch the koi in your pond, it does inhibit the growth of algae, and provides cover and a food source for aquatic organisms – the goldfish are perfectly happy underneath it.

Lemna is sometimes grown as fish, poultry and livestock food, as well as being used as a soil supplement. It is also used in bioremediation, both for organic wastes (sewage and manures) and heavy metals, as long as the contaminants are dilute enough not to kill the plant. Scientists are working on sequencing the *L. minor* genome, in hope of eventually tailoring strains to specific agricultural and phytoremediative uses, and for use in biofuels.

Duckweed is edible and can be purchased as an herbal remedy for both internal and external applications. It is supposed to be effective against lung ailments, and make a soothing poultice for the skin. Because of its ability to absorb toxins, be very careful with your sources.

If you don't want duckweed to cover your pond, you can rake it off the surface, or, for a larger pond, drag a log boom or a rope across the pond. In Landscaping for Wildlife in the PNW, Russell Link suggests letting the duckweed sit on the shore for a few hours to allow the water and aquatic denizens to drain back into the pond. You may have to repeat this procedure a few times a season, but your pond creatures will thank you for not poisoning them.

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Full WNPS Staff Information is available online:
http://www.wnps.org/contact_wnps.htm.

Membership, Dues and Questions

Have you renewed? Please renew by September 30 to make sure your membership stays active, to take advantage of the pre-October 1 prices, and so that your membership is counted in the yearly computation of Chapter rebates.

Membership Rates as of October 1 2017

Individual Membership Old: \$35 New:\$40
Family Membership Old: \$45 New:\$50
Club or Organization Membership Old: \$65, New:\$75
Budget Membership \$20
Student \$20 (name of institution_____)

This is the address members should use for correspondence regarding membership, dues payments, etc.

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Email Lists

The State WNPS List is a state-wide list for announcements, news and discussion relevant to native plants and the WNPS.

To join, go to: https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/WNPS_DiscussionGroup/info and hit the "Join" button, or send an email to wnps_discussiongroup_subscribe@yahoo.com. It only takes a couple of minutes!

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Social Media Resources

Web page: Central Puget Sound Chapter
<http://www.wnps.org/cps/index3.html>

CPS Facebook page: Washington Native Plant Society, Central Puget Sound Chapter
<https://www.facebook.com/wnps.centralpugetsound/>.

For submissions to Facebook page, contact:

Ted Couillard at jtheo25@gmail.com and cc to Jan Bird at birdandcat@aol.com.

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<https://www.meetup.com/Washington-Native-Plant-Society/>

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