



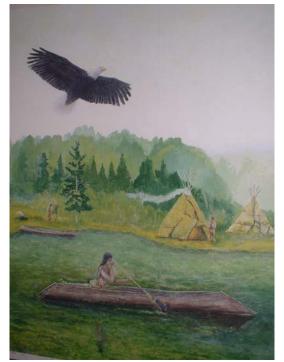
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Springtime is here!!

Throughout the month of February we have been working on reorganizing and revamping our site, as a preparation for the busy summer months ahead. We invite you to come on down and check out the new, and still ongoing, developments!

We would like to send out a special thank you to Microsoft for their generous donation to The Edge.





Jean Bassett, our Network Coordinator, attended the annual PCNA Summit in Vancouver on February 20th. Our Society was recognized by Iain Black, Minister of Labor and Citizens' Services, as a community champion for Broadband Internet. We have included an excerpt from his speech as it pertains to our community.



"We all know that communities with access to the world have more ability to be flexible and agile when responding to global changes. Take Edgewood for example: Jean Bassett of the Edgewood Community Internet Society, a school teacher who 10 years ago saw her students in Edgewood, and the community residents, missing opportunities because of geographical isolation. Jean, like many community champions, had the foresight and the passion to make her adopted community a better place. She learned about connectivity, she collaborated with organizations in nearby communities, and eventually helped to create an integrated network of organizations and infrastructure that now serves the Inonoaklin Valley-Edgewood area. Today, people in that part of the Central Kootenays are computer savvy and high-speed connectivity to homes is enabling ebusiness. Connected communities are in a better position to take advantage of economic and educational opportunities." ~Minister Iain Black

Celebrate World Water Day on March 27th!

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