

Seldovia Village Tribe

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Tribal Council Election Results

In 2009 Seldovia Village Tribe has a total 468 enrolled Tribal Members, 339 of our members are eligible voters.

Thursday, February 12, 2009 the Tribal Election Committee convened at the SVT Administrative Offices to count ballots. 2009 Election barely made the 30% voter turnout needed to have a quorum. (144 ballots received-9 were invalid). Thanks to all who took the time to return their ballot. This is a very important privilege of being a voting Tribal member. Those elected to Council Seats are as follows:

Three year terms:

John Crawford

Fred H. Elvsaas

Lillian Elvsaas

Officers were elected during SVT's Council meeting certifying the 2009 Election.

President - Crystal Collier

Vice President - Lillian Elvsaas

Secretary - Trinket Gallien



Kachemak Voyager

New Ferry Name

Seldovia Tribal Council received 107 different suggestions for vessel names. Council weeded through the names and finally came to the conclusion of KACHEMAK VOYAGER, submitted by Kim Collier. Kim has graciously donated his winnings of \$500 to the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club.

Election Prizes 2009

Every vote counts.... This year 90 ballots were returned to the Tribal Offices by January 23, 2009. This being the lowest number for the early bird drawing ever. These ballots were then added to the Early Bird Drawing. 10 Lucky Winners were drawn and received a special SVT Calendar made just for the 2009 Election. Congratulations to the following: *Brittany Elvsaas, Carrie Putman, Diane Roach, Frank Saracoff,*

Fred H. Elvsaas, George Gilligan, Kevin Nelsen, Marion Collier, Nicole Ellis, Ryan Bullis.

GRAND PRIZE, \$500

~ Joy Schwarz ~

2nd Prize, ERA Ticket

~ Jovoane Lawrence~

3rd Prize, Tribal Jacket

~ Fred S. Elvsaas Sr.~

4th Prize, \$100

~ Jesse Huck~

5th Prize, Tribal Vest

~ Sharon Bond~

6th Prize, Tribal Vest

~Herman Elvsaas~

7th Prize, \$50.00

~ Antonia Swenson~

8th Prize, \$50

~ Robert Towne~

9th Prize, ATC Gift Pak

~ John Crawford~

10th Prize, \$25

~Joyce Trewyn~

Program Updates:

Seldovia Village Tribe proudly serving our people since 1981

EPA Department "Nurturing Nature"



Seldovia Village Tribe has given Main Street Market and Crab Pot Grocery 250 bags each. The premise is that the bags will be used and returned to the stores so that they can be used again and again.

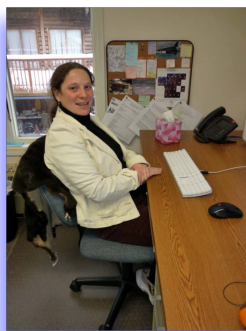
Each store has so far gotten really good feedback on the bags with the exception of the bags being a bit small. This we hope will cut down on the plastic bags blowing around in the trees and the ugly-ing up our environment. Plastic bags do not bio-degrade, they photo degrade and the plastic does not go away. It can enter the food chain as animals mistake it for food. As we all do our part to help by using these bags we are keeping our land, sea, air, and ourselves healthier. I would like to thank both Main Street Market and Crab Pot Grocery for their participation and helping us all "Nurture Nature".

by: Michael Opheim



Above: Pete Wilber, Hiedi Hoffman, & Monty Hingley of Main Street Market. Left: Tata Wheeler of Crabpot Grocery.

Employee Features



Tracie Merrill, EPA
Environmental
Assistant

Greetings, everyone!

I am so pleased to be working for the Seldovia Village Tribe as the new Environmental Assistant! Although originally from New Jersey, I come to you from warm and sunny Fairbanks, Alaska, where I just finished my Master of Science in Marine Biology at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. My project involved examining dietary changes in Pacific walrus around St. Lawrence Island. Prior to my graduate studies, I received my Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology from the University of Maine Machias. I have worn many different hats during, and between, academy (Avian Science Technician, Marine Science Instructor, Naturalist, Fisheries Observer just to name a few). I am very excited about being part of the Seldovia community and I look forward to working with each of you!

Warm regards, Tracie Merrill



Ginger Raby, Prevention Program Activity
Coordinator

Ginger Raby is a new member of the Prevention Program. Ginger recently moved to Seldovia this winter to be closer to her family. Ginger has always thought of Seldovia to be a place where she wants to raise her children, with that being said, Ginger is extremely excited to join the Prevention Program! Ginger loves to work with children of all ages. She enjoys arts, craft, photography, hiking, camping and outdoor activities. She is looking forward to this New Year interacting with the community and promoting healthy substance free living.

Ginger is very involved in youth activities. On Tuesday and Fridays, Open Swim, Open Gym and Teen Nights are largely participated. Ginger is also teaching Art Afternoons which takes place at the Boys & Girls Club after school on Thursdays and is very excited about the class.

You can contact Ginger Raby at 234-7898 ext. 241 if you have any questions or suggestions for an Traditional Art programs or workshops.



ICWA Adoption

The Seldovia Village Tribe through its ICWA Coordinator Paula Elvsaa, would like to welcome Rick and Sharon to our extended family as they have adopted three of our beautiful Tribal Member's. Olivia, Elizabeth, and Isabelle.

The adoption was finalized in December 2008 and everyone could not have been happier. The girls have been long awaiting this.

We look forward to a visit from them this summer, we hope that they come and do a little fishing, berry picking and clam digging. Olivia has learned many traditional ways from her biological Grandpa and hope her sister's enjoy Olivia sharing the ways with them during their visit to Seldovia.



Isabelle, Olivia, & Elizabeth summer 2008

Remember you do not need to be related to become a foster parent or an adoptive parent. We are all extended family through our Tribe. The Tribe would love to see more family's open their hearts and homes as Rick & Sharon have. For any further information on becoming a placement for our Tribal Member Children, please feel free to call me. Paula Elvsaa ICWA coordinator (907) 234-7898 ext. 255



Play Group

Above: Tribal members at Play Group Ben Botero, David Botero, and Elijah Bowdon.

Right: Michael Geagel, Tribal members, Faith Waterbury, Kimberly Keef, and Tyra Bowdon



Left: Wanting to going back to being babies, Tribal Members Axcenia Waterbury & Gavin Elvsaa

Playgroup is having a great start to the new year. With our artist worker and Tribal Member, Deidre Cameron back on board we have been painting up a storm and waiting to have a little snow on the ground to venture out side with. We have been making home made playdough, gak and flubber. We learned about waves and white caps and enjoyed watching them splash on the rocks.

We are in need of recycled goods such as juice lids, toilet & paper towel rolls, and clear water bottles for up coming craft projects. So feel free to drop anything off with us at Playgroup. Or call Paula Elvsaa @ 234-7898 ext. 255 I will gladly pick them up.

Left: Tribal Member, Deidre Cameron Play Group Attendee.



Housing Department

A State Certified Appraiser for the State's Weatherization Rebate Program, Pat Moodie, visited Seldovia from January 3rd-6th. Ms. Moodie was able to appraise fourteen homes for the Rebate portion of the Weatherization Program while she was here. Several SVT member homes were in this first group to be appraised.

The State funded program has two distinct parts. The two parts are titled Rebate and Weatherization. Both program parts provide between \$4,000 and \$10,000 for weatherization of a home, DEPENDING ON THE FINDINGS OF THE APPRAISAL!

The Rebate program requires a participant to pay all costs "up front", then following an inspection to verify that the prescribed work was done, the participant receives a refund.

The Rebate program participant plans the work and purchases all materials needed. The participant may do the work him/herself or hire a "carpenter". The participant must own or be purchasing the home. The participant must live in the home.

The Rebate program was designed for persons who do not qualify for the income limits of the Weatherization Program.

The Weatherization portion of the program is a "turn key" operation. No "up front" money is required. (For example: a family of three may have a household gross annual income of \$61,400 after certain adjustments and still qualify for the Weatherization program.) Singles through larger families all have different qualifying income levels. These new, higher levels are the median income levels for the Kenai Borough.

In Seldovia, Cook Inlet Housing Authority will do all the work for the Weatherization Program. This is the organization that operates the Seldovia House, (formerly Lakeside Terrace).

CIHA will inspect/appraise the home, purchase the materials and their crew will do the actual work this summer. The homeowner will not see a bill.

A special feature of the Weatherization Program is that RENTERS may apply for weatherization. Renters must have their landlords written permission to apply for the program

Housing Department Continued...

If you have questions, need more information or would like help with an application, come see us at the SVT Housing Office. We also have information and experience with the Rebate part of the program.

If you do not live in Seldovia, we can provide information and the proper contacts for making your application for either the Rebate or Weatherization program.

Phone me at (907) 234-7898 ext. 235, or e-mail <rhilts@svt.org>.



SVT Scholarships, Applications Available

It's that time of year again already, Scholarship applications are available. To be eligible for a Tribal Scholarship you must be *enrolled* in the Seldovia Village Tribe.

SVT Achievement & Student Exchange Scholarships deadline is Friday, May 1, 2009. To obtain an application visit our website: www.svt.org or contact Trinket Gallien, (907) 234-7898 ext. 223.

Historical Calendars

Due to the lack of sales in the past couple years SVT has decided not to make a Birthday Calendar for 2009. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. Thank those of you for your continued support in past editions. Trinket Gallien, editor

Employment Opportunity

Position Openings

Children's Program Coordinator
Accounting Manager

To submit resume or receive complete job descriptions please contact Shirley Hurley @ (907) 234-7898 x.244, svt@svt.org or visit our website www.svt.org

SVT Health Center ~Seldovia Side~

Providers:

**Donna Fenske,
Sue Christiansen**

**~Mondays & Tuesdays~
~8AM-5PM~**

**To make an appointment contact
Tina Yuth @ 234-7898 Ext. 221.**

We serve both Native and Non Native patients. Discounts (based on income and family size) Located in SVT's Admin Office Building across from the Harbor.

