

# Seldovia Village Tribe

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## Winter Ice Cleats

Watch your step be  
safe on the ice.

## SVT Environmental Office

If you don't love  
something, let it go.

## SVT Food Distribution Program

for all low income  
households residing in  
the Seldovia area.

## Housing Dept.

Weatherization program  
still available through  
the state of Alaska.

## Tribal Marine Science Workshop

April 4-8, 2011  
Contact Michael  
Opheim

## Bingo

Every other Saturday at  
Seldovia Conference  
Center. Watch for signs.

## 2011 Tribal Council Election Candidates

**Crystal Collier**  
**Suzanne Collier**  
**Brittany Elvsaas**  
**Robert Towne**

Seldovia Tribal Council Election Ballots were sent out to 368 eligible voting members of the Seldovia Village Tribe on January 7, 2011.

## Tribal Council Election Results

Seldovia Village Tribe has a total of 497 Enrolled Tribal Members, 369 of these Members are eligible Voters.

Thursday, February 10, 2011 the Tribal Election Committee convened at the SVT Administrative Offices to count ballots. Another year of just under 50% voter turnout was received. (158 ballots received-11 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:

Crystal Collier  
Suzanne Collier  
Brittany Elvsaas

Officers were elected during SVT's regular February Council meeting certifying the 2011 Election.

**President - Crystal Collier,**  
**Vice President - Lillian Elvsaas**  
**Secretary - Trinket Gallien**

## Election Prizes

The Early Bird Prizes for 2011 are **NEW BERRY PRODUCTS**. Ballots that were returned by January 24, 2011 were entered in this drawing.

Winners of Early Bird Drawing are as follows: John Crawford, Margaret Gauthier, Mae Bergstrom, Robert Meehan Sr., Kevin Nelsen, Angel Oliveira, Fred H. Elvsaas, Charles Patton Jr., Ryan Bullis, and Michael Kashevaroff.

**\$\$\$Grand Prize\$\$\$**  
**WINNERS!**

**\$500.00 Seth Suydam**

**\$\$2ND Prize\$\$**

**1 round trip ticket Anch/Hom  
or Cash**

**David Huffman Jr.**

**3rd Prize Tribal Jacket**  
**Pauline Melton**

**4th Prize \$100.00**  
**Dana Jacobson**

**5th Prize Tribal Vest**  
**Vicky Wise**

**6th Prize Tribal Vest**  
**Kevin Nelson**

**7th Prize \$50.00**  
**Marion Collier**

**8th Prize \$50.00**  
**Priscilla Botero**

**9th Prize Alaska Pure Berry**  
**Products Helen Josefsen**

**10th Prize \$25.00**  
**Robert Meehan Sr.**

## Missing Address

Ashley Baird  
Henry Barnett III  
Donald Blagg  
Mark Blagg  
Michael Blagg  
Thomas Bowdon  
Beau Brady  
Anna Darwin  
Michael Daimond  
Deane Eads  
John C. Eads  
Susan Gibson  
Charles Gilligan  
Terry Gilligan

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# Program Updates:

*Seldovia Village Tribe proudly serving our people since 1981*

## Winter Ice Cleats



SVT's Injury Prevention department has 4 types of Ice Cleats for sale. Velcro Toe Stabilizers \$40, Sports Jogger Stabilizers \$30, Stabilizers Lite \$18 and Stabilizers Overshoes \$70. Extra replacement cleats are available by the bag. To purchase contact Alix Chartier IP/EMS at 435-3250.

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## If you don't love something, let it go

Lots of charities welcome your donations. Groups like the Salvation Army exist to help you get rid of useful objects that you just don't want to make use of. If you're in a Craigslist city, make use of the "free stuff" section. Give away clothes that don't fit, the boxes you used in your last house move, or scented soaps that don't appeal to your sensibilities. Make it a rule in your house that nothing useable goes in the trash until you've given the community a fair shot at it.

## SVT Food Distribution Program

The Food Distribution Program is a federal program that provides commodity foods to low income households residing on or around an Alaska Native Tribal Village.

Eligible households are certified based on income and resource standards set by the federal government and must be re-certified at least every 12 months.

### What Foods Does the Program Offer?

Each month participating households receive a food package to help them maintain a nutritionally balanced diet. Participants may select from over 70 products including: Canned meats, poultry, and fish Canned fruits and vegetables, Canned soups, spaghetti sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, pastas, cereals, rice, and other grains Cheese, egg mix, nonfat dry or evaporated milk, Flour, cornmeal, bakery mix, reduced sodium crackers, Low-Fat refried beans, dried beans, instant potatoe Canned juices and dried fruit Peanuts, Peanut butter, and much more.

### How do I Apply?

Applications for the SVT Food Distribution Program are available from Debbie Cameron, set an appointment by calling 435-3255 Monday-Friday.

## Missing Address

Dawn Hernandez Robedo  
Christopher Honegger  
Mallory Huntsman  
Ann Marie Jewell  
Fred Josefsen  
Ed Kehl  
Phil Kehl Jr.  
Brittany Landrum  
Jennifer Markey  
Julia Markey  
Jesse Mauer  
Stephanie McKnight  
Alice Moonin  
Barbara Moonin  
Jean Moonin  
Judy Moonin  
Shayna Muffoletto  
Tristen Muffoletto  
Charles Mumchuck  
Hoyt A. Ogle  
Nolan Ogle  
Max Ollestad  
Richard Olssen  
Thaddaeus Peppinger  
Linda Raatz  
Sidra Rednall  
Mary Beth Richison  
Christopher Stevens  
Jason Suydam  
James VanWinkle

Please help. If anyone has any information on the listed Tribal Members please contact the Tribal offices 907-234-7898 or email information to [svt@svt.org](mailto:svt@svt.org)



## Tribal Marine Science Workshop



April 4 - 8, 2011

**Kasitsna Bay Laboratory,  
Kachemak Bay,  
South Central Alaska  
Co-sponsored by the  
Seldovia Village Tribe and  
The Alaska Region  
Subsistence Branch,  
Bureau of  
Indian Affairs**

Please come join us for our second annual **Tribal Marine Science Workshop**, to be held at the NOAA/UAF Kasitsna Bay Laboratory located on the south shore of Kachemak Bay, Alaska. This five-day intensive workshop is designed for natural resource specialists in Alaska Tribes and Native organizations who have an interest in marine sciences, and/or who have responsibilities for managing marine resources adjacent to their communities. The Kasitsna Bay Lab was recently renovated and is now a modern facility, which includes excellent housing, teaching, and research facilities.

**There are NO fees associated with this workshop.**

Once you arrive in Homer, Alaska, all costs for lodging, meals, local transportation to and from Homer to Kasitsna Bay, field excursions, books, and instruction during the course will be covered. (Please note that travel costs to Homer, including any overnight stays en

route to Kasitsna Bay, will be the responsibility of each participant. Please also plan on arriving in Homer by the afternoon of 4/3/11, in time for the 4:30 pm departure of the charter boat that will transport you to the Lab; the boat will then take passengers back to Homer by 9:30 am on the morning of 4/9/11).

Our program will incorporate classroom lectures and many field trips to the highly-productive and diverse habitats of Kachemak Bay. Currently, our agenda tentatively includes presentations on traditional knowledge and uses of marine resources; the ecology of marine plants, invertebrates, fish, and marine mammal species commonly used for subsistence by Alaska Natives, contaminants in subsistence marine resources and concepts of physical oceanography which may be important for monitoring conditions in the marine environment that affect Alaska's coastal communities.

If you are interested in attending the Tribal Marine Science Workshop, please contact:

**Michael Opheim**, Seldovia Village Tribe, PO Drawer L, Seldovia, AK 99663; [mopheim@svt.org](mailto:mopheim@svt.org); telephone # (907)435-3247; FAX 234-7865

Enrollment will be limited to sixteen (16) persons, so if you would like to attend, please let us know as soon as possible.

We look forward to your participation at our 2011 Tribal Marine Science Workshop!

## Elder Dinners Return



SVT's Senior Meal program has been through some great changes. Starting January 18th 2011 Dinner's began on a bi-weekly basis. Please join Cook, Tiffany Haller and Program Director/Assistant Cook Michelle Risner for Dinner. A schedule has been sent out to all participants in the Seldovia Area. Dinner will begin at 5PM Tuesdays and Thursdays unless otherwise stated. Meals will be served at the Seldovia Conference Center. Transportation will be available for those who need a ride. For meal reservations or rides, please call Michelle Risner at 435-3272 and leave a message.

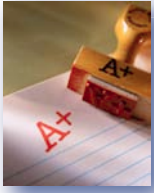


## Fall & Winter Scholarships Awarded

**Katrina Hecks**,  
General Scholarship \$500.00  
Matanuska-Susitna College/UAA,  
Vet Assistant

**David Huffman Jr.**,  
General Scholarship \$500.00  
Art Institute of Salt Lake City

## 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 May 1, 2011. To obtain an application visit our website: [www.svt.org](http://www.svt.org) or contact Trinket Gallien, (907) 435-3248.

## Housing Department



Just a New Year's reminder Tribal Housing can help with HUD sponsored renovations, weatherization, student housing costs, emergency rental expenses and some first time home purchase expenses. These programs are for qualified Native Americans. Income levels, for program qualifications have been rising, so you may want to check. We also have information on housing loans and application procedures. The State of Alaska's generous

weatherization program is funded through 2011. We have applications for that program, or you can go on-line and find them at the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation's site link from the State of Alaska site. Many Seldovians are receiving help from the state's two separate programs; the Rebate Weatherization Program does not have an income limit. Contact Rod Hiltz @ 435-3260.

## Energy Assistance 2011

Seldovia Village Tribe has applications for 2011 Energy Assistance. Those Native households residing in the Seldovia area that are having trouble meeting their heating bills this winter are welcome to apply. For an application contact Debbie Cameron @ 435-3255 or come to the Administrative Offices Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

