

# Seldovia Village Tribe

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**SVT Health & Wellness**  
A Community Health Center Providing Primary, Preventative Care, and Naturopathic Healing.

**Going Green**  
Here is a simple way to Go Green, submit your email address to SVT to receive our Quarterly Newsletter electronically to reduce paper usage.  
email: [tgallien@svt.org](mailto:tgallien@svt.org)

**Seldovia Conference Center**  
Planning a conference or a wedding?  
(907) 234-7898



**SVT's Housing Program**  
SVT's Housing Office is still offering 4 programs for low income Ak Native families living in the Seldovia area.

**SVT Community Services**  
Check out the exciting events planned for Summer.  
Please Visti: [www.SeldoviaCalendar.com](http://www.SeldoviaCalendar.com)

## 2013 Open Enrollment

Enrollment for 2013 opens July 1, 2013 and will remain open through September 1, 2013.

**Why should your family members be enrolled?**

Being enrolled with Seldovia Village Tribe has many benefits for programs available to Alaskan Natives. Being enrolled in your Tribe can help with housing needs, low income energy assistance heating program, scholarships, and much more. Below is the definition of eligible membership from SVT's Tribal Enrollment Ordinance.

*Section 6 ~ SVT Enrollment Ordinance: Any blood descendent of any person who was originally enrolled to the Native Village of Seldovia -under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.*

Questions call Trinket Gallien @ (907) 435-3248 if you have questions, concerns or want an application. Application can be downloaded at [http://www.svt.org/SVT\\_members.html](http://www.svt.org/SVT_members.html).

## Health Reform Makes Tribal Enrollment Essential!

Under the Affordable Care Act every American must demonstrate health care coverage in the coming year. This means if you do not already have coverage (e.g., Medicaid, Medicare, Denali KidCare or private insurance) you will be required to purchase health insurance or face a penalty when filing your taxes. The tax penalty could be as much as \$695 per adult and \$347.50 per child.

Alaska Native and American Indian people are exempt from the requirement to purchase insurance if they can show evidence of being enrolled in a federally recognized tribe.

Even with this exemption, Alaska Native and American Indian people may choose to purchase insurance. Alaskans will have a new option of purchasing health insurance through the federal marketplace as early as October 2013 for plan coverage effective January 1, 2014. Some Alaskans will

qualify for premium subsidies based on income. For instance, an individual earning up to \$57,400 or a family of four earning up to \$117,760 may receive financial assistance when purchasing insurance.

## SVT's New CFO



Seldovia Village Tribe welcomes **Mark Crosby** as our Chief Financial Officer. Mark began work on May 20th, and his wife Michelle and two of their five children will be relocating to Seldovia from Wasilla. They moved to Alaska a year ago from Georgia. Mark is very familiar with IHS services, grants accounting and

**CFO continued**

administration, supervision, AR, audit process, cash flow, coding and billing, and more. He has experience working with Federal Housing and in hospital settings and behavioral health facilities.

We're happy to have him as part of the SVT team, and welcome his family to Seldovia.

**Seldovia Bay Ferry 2013**



Captain **Janel Harris** takes the helm of the Seldovia Bay Ferry for the 2013 season, bringing her extensive experience to the waters of Kachemak Bay. Janel arrived from the San Diego area in May, and is enjoying the natural beauty of the area. She has many years experience with various size water craft and previously worked out of Ninilchik, AK.

We're happy to have Janel as part of the SVT team, and welcome her and daughter Lily to Seldovia.

**July 4, 2013 Seldovia AK**



*(Crystal Collier SVT President/CEO, Senator Lisa Murkowski and Capt. Janel Harris aboard m/v Kachemak Voyager)*



*(Sea Otter Dancers win 1st place \$50 walking prize in Parade)*



*(Sea Otter Dancers Helena Waterbury, Noah Giossi, Connor Cameron, Nevaeh Morrison present Lisa Murkowski the '2013 Old Crab' flowers)*

**2013 Marine Science Workshop**

The fourth annual Tribal Marine Science Workshop was held at the NOAA/UAF Kasitsna Bay Laboratory. The 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 program incorporated classroom lectures and numerous field trips to the highly productive and diverse habitats of Kachemak Bay, and included 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 that may be important for monitoring the marine environment affecting Alaska's coastal communities.



*(Nick Tanape, performs Seal Biosampling)*



**NEW 2013 SCHEDULE**

All trips are 45 minutes one way.  
Please arrive 30 minutes before departure, more if transporting freight.

Depart Seldovia	Depart Homer Ramp 7	Depart Seldovia	Depart Homer Ramp 7
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	4:30 PM	6:30 PM

Thursday through Monday, May 23rd through September 3rd  
Special service on Tues. May 28, Wed. July 3 and Tues. Sept 3



RESERVATIONS NOT NECESSARY.  
Purchase tickets right on the ferry!

**NOW OPEN FOR THE SUMMER SEASON!**



Open Everyday

1:00pm to 4:00pm







**Our Providers:**

**Dr. Downey, MD**  
**Dr. Margit Walker, DO**  
**Melissa Bunker, ANP**  
**Amy Rattenbury, MSOM**  
**Hillery Daily, ND**  
**Windy Russ, LCSW**

~Homer~

**Open Mondays 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesdays- Fridays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

To make an appointment or have questions regarding services please call (907) 226-2228.

~Seldovia~

**Open Mondays - Friday 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.**

If you would like to make an appointment or have questions regarding services please contact Shirley Hughes, (907) 435-3262.

~Homer Dental~

**Dr. Bill Richardson, DMD**

**Open Mondays - Thursdays 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.**

**Fridays 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.**

To make an appointment please call (907) 226-2228.



Amy Rattenbury, L.Ac., MSOM | Robert Downey, MD Board Certified Family Physician | Jenifer Dickson, Certified Nutritional Therapist | Hillery Daily, ND



"Thriving Thursdays" is our exciting series of classes covering all aspects of wellness. Each Thursday from 6 to 8pm, we'll explore a topic focused on better health and happier living.



**August 1 Probiotic Foods: Why They Are Essential for Excellent Health**  
 with Jenifer Dickson, Certified Nutritional Therapist

Learn how adding foods with good bacteria to your diet can boost your digestive system, aid in nutrient absorption and improve your overall wellbeing.



**Upcoming Classes**

**August 8 Food and Mental Balance/Imbalance**  
 with Dr Marc Van Cauwenburghe and the Ionia community

**August 15 Sharing Salmon Recipes and Preservation Methods**  
 with Jenifer Dickson, Certified Nutritional Therapist

**August 22 Behavioral Health - Topic TBD**  
 with Windy Russ, Behavioral Health Specialist

**August 29 Berries: Phytonutrient Superstars!**  
 with Jenifer Dickson, Certified Nutritional Therapist

**September 5th TBD**  
 TBD

**September 12th Healthy Back-to-School Lunches**  
 with Jenifer Dickson, Certified Nutritional Therapist



**In Seldovia? No problem!**

Live simulcast held in the Seldovia Conference Center

Open to the public. Everyone is welcome.

Please call 226-2228 for more information or to suggest topics for future classes.

svthw.org

Instruction held in Homer at the SVT Homer Wellness Wing | 880 E. End Road





## Visitor Center/Museum

SVT's Visitor Center/Museum has welcomed over 2,700 this 2013 Season. Hours are 10 am-5 pm daily and we will be open until September 4th. Seldovia Village Tribe is happy to display a wonderful Alaskan Doll collection we acquired this past year. Cost is free donations are always welcome.

### New Exhibit Opens at Seldovia Museum



There are some new faces in the Seldovia Museum! Twenty-three of them, actually. Although they have been in town since last summer, they are just now starting to be seen. They remained unnoticed because they spent most of their time sealed in boxes in the Museum office. But now they have taken up residence in the Seldovia Museum and Visitor Center lobby, as the Seldovia Museum's newest exhibit.

The faces belong to a collection of Yup'ik, Cup'ik and Inupiaq dolls.

Collected over many years by Homer's Gert Seekins, the dolls offer a window into life in some of Alaska's most remote communities. The dolls are made largely from natural materials such as fur, bone, ivory, leather and even fish skin, and the skill of the artists is evident in the fine details of faces and clothing. Most styles of Alaska Native dolls are represented in the collection. Often a doll can be traced to a specific village in Alaska simply through the style in which it is made. The variations in traditional clothing and activities in different parts of Alaska are evident in the different clothing styles, materials and appearances of the dolls that come from those areas.



The exhibit title, "When I Remember, I Make a Doll", comes from a statement by Eva Heffle, a well-known doll maker who is generally credited with developing 'activity dolls'. These dolls are shown carrying out the tasks and celebrations of traditional village life. The Eva Heffle doll in the Seldovia Museum is depicted using

her teeth to crimp the leather around a mukluk seam. Ms. Heffle used her doll-making to keep alive the memory of the traditions she learned as a young girl growing up in Kotzebue – traditions she found herself starting to forget when she moved to the more urban lifestyle of Fairbanks.

Although we use the term "dolls" to refer to these figures, they were never intended to be toys. They are works of art and representations of traditional ways of life. Several of the artists whose work is included in this exhibit have had similar pieces included in collections ranging from the Alaska Native Art collection at the Anchorage International Airport to the Smithsonian Institution.



The doll exhibit will be on display throughout the summer. Come by the Museum and see this lovely and educational collection!

By: Jan Yaeger, SVT Museum Curator

## Keeping Electronic Waste Out of Our Landfill



The Seldovia Village Tribe Environmental Department took part in a statewide effort to collect electronic waste (known as e-waste) which can present hazardous conditions when disposed of improperly. SVT collected approximately 600 pounds of waste in Seldovia that would have otherwise wound up in the landfill.

## SVT Health & Wellness Joins State of Alaska Veterans Office

We are proud to offer care for all Veterans at SVT Health & Wellness. Are you a Veteran or know a Veteran that lives in Alaska? SVTH&W outreach department is there for you to apply for services, and to assist you or your loved one with getting the care they need. Question regarding this program can be directed to (907) 226-2228 or Contact Alaska VA Health System directly.



# Culture Camp 2013



**Who:** Kids 10-18 and families  
**What:** SVT Culture Camp!  
**Where:** Sea Otter Cabins  
**When:** Aug. 9-12  
**Why:** Learning, Friends and FUN!  
**How:** Contact Jan Yaeger  
 435-3245  
 jyaeger@svt.org

Join us for Culture Camp 2013! We will go hiking, do skin sewing, learn traditional songs and dances, make hand drums, have campfires, play games, build friendships, and more!



### WE'RE HERE FOR YOU ALASKA VA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM



Did you know that as an Alaska Veteran, health benefits and other services may be available to you?

Some of the Veteran benefits you may be eligible to receive include:

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|-------------------------|---|
| Health Care             | Mental Health Services                            |
| Counseling              | Vision and Dental Treatment                       |
| Disability Compensation | Educational Benefits                              |
| Pension Benefits        | Nursing Home and Community-Based Residential Care |
| Burial Benefits         |   |

To enroll call 1-888-353-7574 or visit [www.alaska.va.gov](http://www.alaska.va.gov)

For benefits call 1-800-827-1000

For burial benefits call 907-384-7075

For Tribal Veterans Representative call Brian Slover, 399-6019

## Check it out!

### MONEY

## Might Be Out there for you!

The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians is holding a total of more than \$100 million for Individual Indian Money account holders who do not have current addresses on file. To see if you have money waiting go to [www.doi.gov/ost/wau](http://www.doi.gov/ost/wau) or call in Alaska 1-800-645-8465 ext 44, out of State 1-800-678-6836.







# Cans for Cones



**Drop off a bag of  
recyclables, and you  
get a coupon for a free kid's  
scoop of ice cream.  
It's that simple!**

Bring about 6 recyclable items  
(aluminum cans, plastic bottles) to  
either Michael Opheim or Tracie  
Merrill at the Alaska Tribal  
Cache building, and  
you'll get a coupon for a  
free kid's scoop of ice cream at  
**Perry's Café!**



### QUESTIONS?

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*This program is funded by Alaskans For Litter Prevention And Recycling (ALPAR) and being run through SVT's Environmental Department.*



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