

Seldovia Village Tribe

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2006 Annual Health Fair

The 2006 Annual Health Fair will be Saturday May 20, 2006. This event will take place in the Commons area at the Susan B. English School from 8am to 1pm. Many activities will be offered for everyone.

Blood Chemistry \$35, Thyroid (TSH) \$30, Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA)-If you are interested in getting your blood drawn one must fast for 12 hours prior to blood draw. Fasting means NO FOOD or Drink, just water. Also available is Osteocare Bone Density Testing \$45.00, no fasting required for this test.

Other Booths will include: Blood Sugar Screenings, Blood Pressure, Vision, Height & Weight, Immunizations, Tobacco Prevention, Heart Monitoring, and much more.

If you have any questions feel free to contact SVT Admin @ (907) 234 7898.

SVT Starts Recycling Program



Tribal Member Priscilla Botero, participating in new recycling program.

The Environmental Office will be putting helpful suggestions and helpful hints for people to help them with their recycling in the quarterly newsletter. We would also like to hear from the Tribal Members if you have any suggestions we could use to put in the newsletter. You can contact Michael at mopheim@svt.org with any suggestions and helpful hints.

Alix Chartier gave this suggestion to us.

"When you get your soda cans in the six-pack with the plastic rings don't just throw those in the garbage or leave them lying around. To keep animals from getting entangled in them cut them up so there are no holes left then discard of them properly."

Seldovia Village Tribe Open Enrollment 2006

Enrollment for 2006 will open July 1, 2006 through September 1, 2006.

What is Open Enrollment?

Seldovia Village Tribe Welcomes all descendants of Original SVT Tribal members to apply for membership. Once a year for three months SVT takes applications for descendants to become members.

Also if you know of family members that have not been notified or do not receive the newsletter please pass on this information. Call Trinket Gallien @ (907) 234-7898 ext. 223 if you have questions, concerns or want an application.



View of Elephant Rock from the Seldovia Tribal Conference Center, Seldovia Alaska

SVT Health Center



Seldovia Village Tribe Health Center offers health care at a reduced cost to all who qualify based on income and family size. Our program is open to both Alaska Native and Non-Native people.

The sliding scale services are offered through a federal grant program sponsored by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Compassionate care for all Income levels

- *Annual exams and pap smears for women
- *Chronic disease management
- *Complimentary insurance processing
- *EKG's *Family Planning *Flexible payments
- *Immunizations including flu shots
- *Laboratory services *Low cost specialty clinics *Minor outpatient surgical procedures
- *Newborn, infant, pediatric and adult care
- *Pharmacy *Nutrition counseling *Treatment of illness for all ages *Referrals for specialty

*evaluation *Screening for chronic diseases *Sports physicals *STD including HIV testing *Travel immunizations and medicine *Well child checks *Wellness and prevention programs.*

A Non-Profit Community Health Center Providing Primary and Preventative Care

- *Native and Non-Native Clients*
- *All Ages*
- *Discounts (based on family income and size)*
- *Medicare and Medicaid Accepted*
- *Private Insurance Accepted*

Hours of operation:

Monday 9am-7pm ~ Tues-Fri 9am-5pm

Phone: (907) 226-2228

Fax: (907) 226-2230

**880 East End Road
Homer, Alaska 99603**

To Book the Seldovia Tribal Conference Center ~ Contact Seldovia's Economic Enterprise at (907) 234-7898 ext. 231, Email: SEE@svt.org. We looking forward to serving you.

Seldovia Tribal Conference Center



Booking with the Seldovia Tribal Conference Center is booking the true "Meeting in a Box." Our dedicated staff will make sure you have a worry free conference experience by handling your meals, lodging, and transportation.

- 2,400 sq. ft. Main conference room includes kitchenette
- Multiple seating arrangements available
- Maximum occupancy- 150
- Internet and printer accessible, copier available in building, teleconference capable
- One 450 sq. ft. breakout room
- Catering available
- Climate control
- Handicap accessible
- Center of town
- Walking distance from restaurants, hotels, etc
- Gorgeous ocean view

SVT Program Up-Dates



SVT Scholarship Deadline is May 1, 2006



The Seldovia Village Tribe Scholarship deadline is approaching fast. The Achievement Scholarship of \$1500.00 or Student Exchange Program Scholarship of \$1,000.00 applications are available to enrolled Tribal Members. Applications are due May 1, 2006, must be received in our offices via mail, fax or email no later than 5 PM.

For a scholarship application please contact Trinket Gallien @ 234-7898 ext. 223 or visit our website, www.svt.org for an electronic application.

SVT Visitor Center/Museum

With the summer visitor season approaching quickly we are inviting Tribal members to be featured in the Museum. If you have old treasures that one would like to share please consider having a display in our facility. Contact the Tribal Administration office in Seldovia at (907) 234-7898. Thank you kindly, Trinket Gallien

SVT Hosts Easter Activities



(Tribal member Skyler Bond dying eggs)

The Seldovia Village Tribe hosted another successful Easter Egg Hunt April 15, 2006. Children of all ages gathered at the school gym for our annual egg hunt. Gold dollars were given to lucky children who found silver eggs, along with other festive goodies.

Egg Decorating isn't just for Kids!



Seldovia Local Marcella Suydam, conducted two Pysanky or Ukrainian egg decorating classes in the month of March for Seldovia and SVT Staff. Many beautiful eggs were created, if anyone is interested in this type of art. SVT has supplies available for use. Contact Sandee Elvsaaas for info 234-7898 ext. 226.

MISSING ADDRESSES FOR THESE TRIBAL MEMBERS!



Attention friends & families, If anyone knows the where abouts of the following people please contact our office with the updated address. These Tribal Members are missing out on important Tribal information and updates. Thank you for your HELP!!!

- Robert Agli
- Donald Blagg
- Coby Brodigan
- Glenda Broyles
- Robert English IV
- Ann Marie Jewell
- Jennifer Markey
- Stephanie McKnight
- Cynthia Ogle
- Sandy Paisley
- Elizabeth Scarlett
- Richalyn Slater
- Sidney Torgramsen
- Jeannie VanHove
- Gina West

SVT Housing Program

Seldovia Village Tribe's Housing Program has 4 housing programs available to low-income Alaska Native/American Indian households residing in the Seldovia area. These programs are funded with an Indian Housing Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Rental Assistance - Provide rental assistance including first month's rent and/or security deposit to permit a family to move into an apartment or home, funding can also be used to provide rental assistance to college students.

Down Payment/Closing Cost Assistance - Provide a portion of the down payment/closing cost to purchase a home.

Emergency Assistance - Provide one-time emergency assistance to families who are in danger of becoming homeless due to foreclosure, eviction and loss of main utilities such as electricity, heating fuel, propane and main telephone. Assistance will be paid directly to vendors.

Modernization/Rehabilitation/Weatherization Program - Provide safe and decent homes for families living in substandard housing with funds for foundation repairs, replace heating, septic, plumbing, structure alterations to accommodate handicapped individuals, and weatherization (window and door replacement, door and window seals and other measures to prevent heat loss).

To apply, contact Marcia Patrick, Housing Coordinator, at 234-7898 x 235



2006 Historical Birthday Calendar

Still available at the Tribal Offices in Seldovia. Our Historical Calendar features photos of Seldovia's greatest land mark St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox church. Share the history of our beautiful town with your family and friends. Calendars are \$10.00 each.



Alaska Tribal Cache Gift Store

With Summer just around the corner ATC Gift Store is gearing up for visitors. Summer hours will be as follows:

Monday-Friday 10am-6pm
Saturdays 10am-5pm
Sundays 12pm-5pm

Remember we are still interested in featuring Tribal Member Artists in our gift store. Anyone interested please contact Kris Burt, ATC Manager at (907) 234-7898 ext. 241.

General Assistance

General Assistance is now available year round. This program is available for Alaska Native/American Indian people who are members of an Indian Tribe in the Seldovia area. This program is a short-term financial assistance program to help people make ends meet while you seek other income or resources.

Qualifications are:

1. Member of an Indian Tribe.
2. Must reside in Seldovia Area.
3. Individuals and families who are not eligible for AFDC, SSI/Interim assistance for Adult Public Assistance.

Burial Assistance:

Is a program available to Alaska Natives/American Indians residing in Seldovia at the event of their passing. The same qualifications are as those for General Assistance.

To apply for General Assistance, an appointment needs to be made with Trinket Gallien at the Tribal Offices. For more information and/or applications call our Office @ (907) 234-7898 ext. 223.

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Employment-TERO SVT- Health Center

Job Title: Director of Finance

Location: Homer, Alaska

Salary: DOE, 35 hours per week

Occupational Summary:

Perform responsible administrative and professional work in managing, supervising and coordinating the cost, budget, audit and general ledger activities for the Seldovia Village Tribe Health Center.

Work Performed:

- Prepare and supervise the preparation of financial statements and fiscal reports or summaries reflecting the financial operations and status of Seldovia Village Tribe Health Center.
- The maintenance of disbursement accounts for the SVTHC, invoices, posting, reconciliation and preparation of trial balances and other necessary reports.
- Makes recommendations for revisions in accounting procedures or systems to increase efficiency of work flow, to reduce time and cost of accounting operations and to increase revenues.
- Plan and schedule work of accounting staff ensuring proper distribution of assignments; recommend various personnel actions to include hiring, merit recommendations, promotions, transfers and disciplinary actions.
- Confer with department managers and other SVTHC staff to discuss accounting activities relative to policies, procedures and financial and statistical reports to resolve problems and recommend solutions; assists auditors in annual review of accounting records and resolves problems or

discrepancies encountered.

- Serve on special committees as assigned.
- Other requirements such as experience with Billing software troubleshooting, Microsoft Excel, Medical Billing Supervision, Prepare Grant Budgets, A/P Coding, setting fee schedules, and Maximizing collection of revenues.
- Perform other related duties incidental to the work described herein.

Knowledge & Experience:

1. Equivalent to appropriate four-year college degree program.
2. Three (3) to (5) years' accounting experience plus knowledge of computerized accounting systems, ability to work with detail, and good organizational skills.
3. Medicine Background

MARINE BIOLOGIST:

This position is Seasonal May to September in 2006. Things to do for the 2006 season will include the planning and execution of marine ecological field research and laboratory experiments, statistical study design theory and its application to marine ecology field research, life history of the ecology of inter-tidal/sub-tidal marine organisms. Continue to assess the past and current abundance of clams in Seldovia Bay as well as experiment with cages and sampling methods and continue larval recruitment. This will also include experimenting with recruitment devices. Investigate the age of old clamshells in Seldovia Bay. Also data management and manipulation using computer database, report

writing as per standards for scientific journal papers. The willingness to work long hours in the field with the tides. Job qualifications should include Bachelors degree in marine biology with a marine science emphasis. Some training will be provided for the position. Salary is D.O.E. Position is open until filled.

Conference Center Cook

Purpose of Position:

To plan, organize, coordinate meals as needed for the Seldovia Tribal Conference Center in Seldovia Alaska.

Nature of Work:

Person would be responsible for preparing menu, preparing meals, serving, food supply etc.

Salary range is D.O.E.

For a full job description or to submit resumes and/or complete an application at the Tribal offices, 206 Main Street or contact Trinket Gallien @ (907) 234-7898 ext. 223.

Position Open Until Filled

SVT Spring Activities



Seldovia BeeKeepers held their April meeting in the SVT Admin break room discussing bee purchasing, arrival time and status of beehives that are currently being built. SVT is trying to produce its own wild honey to sell with our Jam & Jelly products. Summer of 2005 was the Tribe's first attempt at this, but our hives were victims of vandals and were destroyed. Wish us luck, and watch for Wild Honey product in the fall. Questions or would like to be involved call Sandee Elvsaas, (907) 234-7898 ext.226.

SVT Spring Activities Continued...

Fruit Tree Grafting



April 14th and 15th Mike O'Brian was here once again to teach tree grafting. Mr. O'Brian brought several varieties of plum, cherry and apple trees which are hardy to our Alaska climate. Friday the 14th SVT hosted a potluck for participants along with a guest speaker Beth Odem, Bee Keeper. Beth keeps bees at Mr. O'Brian's Orchards

in the Nikiski area. She spoke on her experience with Russian Bees and how she liked this particular breed. During this same evening Mr. O'Brian spoke on how to prune your fruit trees.



Saturday April 15th was a day full of hands on tree grafting. Mr. O'Brian has been coming to Seldovia for the past 4 years and has brought over 300 fruit trees to this area. So those of you who have planted trees from his first visit should be seeing some fruit this year.

(Michael Opheim & Sandee Elasaas)



Up Coming Workshops

Worm Composting- *This class has been schedule for Thursday May 11, 2006. A charge of \$15.00 for the class includes the package of worms & composting bin.*

Traditional Aleut Bentwood Hats- *Marcia Patrick will be directing this workshop. Marcia is SVT's tradition bearer and teaches the carving, shaping and steaming of the hats using traditional spruce cut from trees here in Seldovia. Call Marcia Patrick @ 234-7898 ext. 235 for class dates.*

Metal Smithing and Enameling- *June 3rd and 4th Becky S. Morris from Eagle River will give this introductory class on the basic essential tools and materials need to start Metal Smithing and Enameling. Workshop fee: \$200.00 Interested contact Sandee.*

Silk Painting- *Create a beautiful hand painted silk scarf & learn to work with Gutta Resist, silk dyes & added Textures. Mary Hertert of Color Creek Fiber Art, will be in Seldovia mid June.*

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