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### Bobbie Sweatt and Yesterday's

by Charity Winters



You just can't help but feel as you though you stepped back in time when you visit Bobbie Sweatt's quaint little shop, Yesterday's. The warmth of the glowing candles, the sparkle of the lighted stars, and the cozy display of pictures, furniture, dishes and more make it a welcoming place to visit.

This is Bobbie's second year in the business – and the first time she has ever opened a store of her own. When asked why she decided to open her gift shop, she replies, "I like old things, so I thought, 'If I like to have some nice things, other people might like to have them too.'" In the last 10 years, it really began to bother her that she saw this day and age as a "throw-away society". Now she feels as though her business works to preserve things. She also wants to provide a place in Seldovia for people to "hang out", look around and shop, and just give them something to do. Right now, she is still continuing her nursing career as she works at the South Peninsula Hospital in Homer three days a week. But Bobbie says she would like to be able to get out of nursing soon and just focus on her business as full time work. She is hoping to expand her shop in the near future and offer some smaller furniture items and do some refinishing work.

Bobbie has always been interested in antiques. Her most prized possession is an old territorial police sign from Seward headquarters. She found it in the backyard of her old home in Seward. She actually isn't supposed to even have it, since all of the signs were destroyed by the state. The police at one point confiscated her sign from her house. But since they took it while she was away from home, they had to give it back! It is now proudly displayed in Bobbie's living room.

"Old things, new things, and in between thing – collectibles from yesterday and today." Bobbie's slogan tells you exactly what you can expect to find. At the moment she is carrying a beautiful line of Depression era glass and some new lighted stars. Bobbie also carries local artwork from Kathleen George, Dede Higman, Higgy, and Cindy Ann. There will be a lot of new items from now until the holiday season and gift certificates will also be available. For holiday shoppers, Bobbie is offering gift-wrapping with the proceeds going to the Booster Club.



The shop is open Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday from 1-4pm. Starting December 1 st, the shop will be open from 11-5pm. During the holiday season, she will be open daily (except for Wednesday's). There will also be extended evening hours during Christmas

week.



**Christmas is closer than you think!**

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