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2 Cents Worth:

## Which Chainsaw Carving was your favorite and why?



"The Whales - but it's so hard to pick. All of the pieces were perfectly appropriate for Seldovia "

Sunni Hilts



"The Eagles: it had great detail and was very Seldovian "

Tina Tucker



"The Eagles: they had such fine detail"

Shirley Giles



"The Mermaid: what a stunning piece of art created in only 3 days. Amazing, just amazing. "

Tom Glover

## Letters to the Editor

### *To the Seldovia Chamber of Commerce . . .*

I just wanted to thank you for all the hard work and effort that you put into last weekends success. Not only was the event a unique experience for many local residents, it also brought in a lot of business dollars to our community. All the feedback I heard was positive, from the contestants to locals and visitors.

Again, thank you so much for launching and facilitating such an exciting event. As a business that has benefited greatly from the Chambers efforts over the years, it is important for me to express this gratitude. A similar Thank You will be extended to the Seldovia Arts Council, as the Solstice Festival they continue to present has created another Fourth of July in our business year.

Please accept the 27 lunches prepared on Friday, as a donation from The Tide Pool (although it is just a token drop in your expense bucket for this weekend.) We hope to continue to be able to assist the Chamber in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,  
Sara M. Nichols

### *Please stop hunting close to town . . .*

We have been homeowners in Seldovia for 10 years and several evenings ago I witnessed something I never thought I would see hunters shooting a black bear on Lake Irene. Now, I'm not a hunter and I love watching the wildlife on this peaceful lake next to our house, but I'm not against hunting either. What I would like to question, however, is in a town that is depending so strongly on tourist visitors, is it wise to be shooting the wildlife it glowingly describes in our newspaper, real estate ads and brochures so close to town and along the Otterbahn Trail, Outside Beach and areas we are urging them to walk and visit?

For myself, I didn't enjoy hearing and watching as a bear was killed during the late evening peacefulness as I sat on our deck. While some things may be legal, they are not necessarily ethical or done in good judgment.

My opinion is that it would be sensible to hunt a little farther from town and tourist areas, perhaps ask the nearby homeowner if they would mind. OR, at the very least give them some warning!

Jackie Graese



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