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Seldovia welcomes Sandra Bullock to town....!

by Mary Glover



Sandy and son, Jacob

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Sandra Bullock in Seldovia? Yes.

Sandra Bullock is a returning assistant to Scott Hanson, carver in the Craft Invitational Chainsaw Carving Contest. She was here last year for the first Chainsaw Carving Contest. To hear Sandra talk of Seldovia, she sums it up in two words "in paradise." Sandra said, "I couldn't wait to get back to paradise. I want to live here. I'm going to get with Jenny... I love the water and I love the people. It feels like home to me. 'There is no place like home.' ...I think I'll go up for adoption!"

Sandra (Sandy) has a unique beginning. She was born in La Rochelle. France. Her father was a post WWII service man and he met her mother in Bordeaux, France. Her father, Charles Bullock, was a rough and tough cowboy from Montana who

She lived in Anchorage for the next 20 years. Later as life develops Sandra and her two boys moved to Sterling in 1976 where her parents had bought land. Prior to this time, Sandra had been a hydroseeder operator and sub contracted to the State Highway Department for 13 years. (A hydroseeder is the job where the landscape is sprayed and seeded next to the roadside.) When in Sterling, Sandra was a school bus driver and a Pampered Chef hostess. Then she developed her own gift basket business while trying to run a Helping Hand business. Now she is a laser engraver at Uncle Lloyds. She met Scott as Uncle Lloyds moved in next door to Scott's Village named Town of the Living Trees which is located just north of Soldotna. Sandy's older boy, Justin, attends University of Alaska Anchorage and he is studying to be an ophthalmologist. Justin also loves to cook. Jacob is her youngest child and he is a tall 12 year old! This is Jacob's second trip to Seldovia and he is anxious to try to catch a king salmon. Jacob was here last week also with his class for a field trip at Kasitsna Bay Research Center.

found himself in France and married into a fairly well-to-do French family that had vineyards. His own father was a Sheriff in Virginia City, Montana. He married Micheline (Micky) Gros De Vaud and they had two children before leaving France for Montana. One can only imagine the adjustment Sandra's mother, Micky, had to make coming from a polished life to a cowboy town in Montana! When the little family left France, Sandra was only 1 year old. She grew up in Montana, Nevada and California. They stayed in Montana until Sandra was in fourth grade. It was a one-room school house that Sandra first attended. Then Charles Bullock moved the family to Nevada where he tried his hand at gold mining. Later they moved to Bishop, California where Sandra graduated from high school.

Now how did this little family get to Alaska? In 1974 Sandra's father came to Alaska to work on the pipeline. The next year her older brother went into the service and Sandra, her mother and younger brother followed the father to Alaska. Sandra says, "I felt Alaska was God's country—it is so beautiful!"

Sandra has quite a sense of humor. When she tells a customer that Sandra Bullock is on the phone, there usually is a dead silence on the other end of the phone (for a while). Then they say, "Are you really Sandra Bullock?" Sandra says, "yes, I'm the Original, I was the first as I'm the oldest!"

Sandra Bullock is a Christian. Every morning when she gets up she first thanks God for the day and all that is in it and then she says she loves the Lord and tries to live His will. She says each day is exciting to her and she relies on Him to direct and guide her. Sandra has a good testimony in the way she lives, works, raises her two boys, and tries to do the best job at whatever she does. It is a pleasure to have such fine people back in our little city and enjoy their friendship once again.

As Scott's assistant, Sandra will help him with just about whatever he says and gets her to do, whether it be bring him some chainsaw oil or a tool or do a little sanding -- whatever it takes. Sometimes the assistant is running all day long. Our hats are off to all the assistants too!





Scott and Sandra as they were leaving Seldovia last year.

Scott and Sandra pose for first place picture in 2006.

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