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Valerie Morin - The Bridgekeeper

by Tamara Blodgett



A yearning to live many days in paradise...

Valerie and husband Kevin first came to Seldovia in 1999. They were so taken with its beauty and tranquility they knew they had to have their own slice of heaven. They especially enjoyed the Seldovia Slough vicinity and purchased two lots along it where they keep a trailer for summering in the area. When the B&B came up for sale they felt that they could ignore the call to make a more permanent transition. In the end, however, Seldovia was just too much of a draw and they bought the inn and made it their own.

Location was key...

The B&B was irresistible in part because of its prime location, directly across the street from the bridge that crosses the slough. Being friends with the former owners didn't hurt to make the transition a smoother one. Only 'fishing joy' at the bridge breaks the peaceful setting. Morin commented, "You can tell there's fish in the slough by how fast they <passerby's> walk!" There is a ton

Not too far away from "home" and still a family affair...

The Morins' winter residence is in nearby Kenai, where they have lived since 1968. They have been involved in a family business since 1971. Family owned and operated, they work closely with daughter Lori. The family recently reunited to run a funnel cake concession stand for the festivities on Independence Day. The proceeds of which were magnanimously donated to the SBE Wrestling Team (for a new wrestling mat). Many family members made the booth a success and thought nothing of helping out the wrestling cause. Family members that worked hard to make it happen were sister-in-laws, Paula Schildt and Chris Cook along with mother-in-law Phyllis Morin. Running "interference" were daughter Lori, husband Kevin and Britt Cook. Interference comrade-at-arms was the deciding sanity factor in charge of coffee runs and bringing the weary clean bowls for the delectable funnel cakes! Thanks to the Morin family for their combined generosity!

of excitement on the bridge when the king's are running and she and her guests get to enjoy it all. Stepping out onto the second floor balcony, the slough has a wonderful rushing river cadence that is distinctive and soothing, just the perfect peace the Morins' were hoping for when they began their B&B business.



The Bridgekeeper Inn



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