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Letters to the Editor

Clarification on funding . . .

Dear Readers,

I appreciate the kind words and the acknowledgment included in the article written by Laurel Hilts about the Randall Williams Guitar Workshop at the Boys and Girls Club. However, lest I get involved with a conflict of interest situation with the Seldovia Arts Council, I need to help make some corrections in your thinking about this event and many others in Seldovia. I think it is necessary in this case, for Seldovians to understand exactly where the funding for many of the arts events in Seldovia is coming from.

1. Randall Williams was brought to Seldovia by CRAZY CROW Productions. His performance at the Seldovia Rowing Club was part of that series. These are NOT Seldovia Arts Council events and are privately sponsored. These concerts are a service to artists and the community and are an out of pocket expense for Susan Mumma owner of the Seldovia Rowing Club. Folks coming to these concerts give gate money directly to the artists. The artistic choices for these events reflect the choices of Susan Mumma, not the Seldovia Arts Council's Board. Travel and housing costs for this concert were paid for by the Seldovia Rowing Club. In this case, it was a birthday bash to which the whole town was invited had they chosen to come. Reservations are made for these events so that the food provided can be adequate, but all events held at CRAZY CROW welcome newcomers and can also include visitors.(Please plan on attending some of these, it will help me from going bankrupt and we have a blast.)

2. The workshop at the Boys and Girls Club, however, was sponsored by the Seldovia Arts Council. A fee was paid to Randall Williams in order to provide this free master capo workshop to guitarists and students in the community. The Seldovia Arts Council Executive Committee approved this funding as an outreach activity.


The Seldovia Arts Council is a non-profit organization which is funded by memberships, grants, donations, ticket sales, product sales and more. It sponsors the Seldovia Summer Solstice Music Festival Winter and Summer Concerts, Visual and Literary Arts

Workshops, dramas, school workshops and outreach to Susan B. English School and much, much more. This non-profit arts organization encourages your participation. A membership package will be sent every Seldovian in the near future. It is our sincere wish that everyone in town will become involved. The existence of this organization requires it and we need your help in the direction it takes in the future.

Every collaboration within the community of non-profit organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club helps our community to grow together not apart, however, collaborations with other non-profit organizations have become rarer and rarer these days. It is my belief that more networking is needed to make our community whole.

I hope this helps clear thing up.

Susan Mumma
 Chairperson Seldovia Arts Council

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