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NEWS, NOTES and INTERESTING ITEMS

BOUNTY-PITCAIRN CONFERENCE 2012

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There have been exciting developments in plans for the Conference, set for Sunday 19th to Tuesday 21st August, 2012 at the Pitcairn Islands Study Center in California's beautiful Napa Valley.

Rare Native Cloth

Several pieces of rare, decorated, laboriously hand-crafted, Polynesian-style tapa cloth, produced by Pitcairn Islander Meralda Warren and Pitcairn children, will be displayed and offered for sale at the Conference. Meralda, one of seven winners of Commonwealth Connections International Arts Residencies in 2011, rediscovered the ancient art of tapa making on Pitcairn. A technique originally brought to the island by the Tahitians who accompanied the *Bounty* mutineers, was lost by the middle of the twentieth century. Through trial and error, Ms. Warren was able to exactly reconstruct the methods used for making tapa cloth on the island in ancient times.

The Pitcairn Log DVD

A DVD containing digital copies of the entire run of the *Pitcairn Log*, the journal of the Pitcairn Islands Study Group, since its September 1973 inception, will be offered for sale for the first time at the Conference. The DVD, which will include search software as well as some of the Group's out-of-print monographs, is expected to hold over 3,000 pages.

Documentary Film Premiere

The first-time-ever public showing of the documentary film, *Dem Tul Pitcairn*, is scheduled for the Conference. It is anticipated that this will be the most complete telling of the *Bounty*-Pitcairn story ever filmed. Its producers have travelled thousands of miles to numerous locations to bring accuracy and great interest to the story.

Video Talks with Pitcairn

Two live question-and-answer video chat periods will be conducted with Pitcairn Island via the Internet at the Conference on both August 20 and 21. Attendees in Angwin will

have their questions answered during these sessions face-to-face.

Pitcairn Crafts Market

Items offered for sale will have been crafted on Pitcairn. Attractive bargains are to be had among the many crafts and curios.

Study Center Tours

Small group tours of the extensive resources available at the Pitcairn Islands Study Center will be offered

several times during the Conference. Attendees will have an opportunity to peruse the Center's 1,500-book library. Additionally, models of the *Bounty* and Pitcairn may be viewed in the Center, along with Pitcairn handicrafts, small relics from the *Bounty*, Pitcairn and Norfolk philately, thousands of pages of information about The *Bounty* Saga, *Bounty* and Pitcairn paintings, and many videos and DVDs relating to The *Bounty* Saga.

Talk with Pitcairners

Highlighting the Conference will be the presence of two people who currently live on Pitcairn, two who grew up on the island, and a former Pitcairn commissioner. Commitments to speak have been received from 13 individuals.

Accommodation

Please check the Conference website for availability of rooms at the Pacific Union College. Attendees will also find accommodation in nearby communities between 8 and 40 miles away from the Conference location. ■



◀ *The Conference will be held on the beautiful campus of Pacific Union College in California's wine-rich Napa Valley, about 70 miles from San Francisco.*



◀ *Niau's Hideout, a 16 x 26.5-inch tapa cloth crafted by Pitcairn Islander Meralda Warren, is one of the works of art which will be displayed and offered for sale at the Conference.*