

# Herb Ford named 2012 Bounty Anchor Award winner!

The board of directors of the Pitcairn Islands Study Group has voted unanimously to give the Bounty Anchor Award for 2012 to Herbert Ford. Ford, who is perhaps best known as the founder and long-time director of the Pitcairn Islands Study Center, received his award in a surprise ceremony on August 21, 2012 at the conclusion of the Bounty-Pitcairn Conference 2012 in Angwin, California. Ford served an instrumental role in the planning, organizing and publicizing of the event.

Since 2001 the Bounty Anchor Award has been bestowed on an occasional basis on PISG members who have provided distinguished service to our society and/or to Pitcairn philately. In recent years Bounty Anchor Award winners have received an inscribed crystal block manufactured in Cairo, Egypt. The list of past recipients includes: Bradley W. Brunsell (2001); Anne Hughes (2002); Ralph Badagliacca (2003); Jennifer Toombs (2004); Dr. Everett L. Parker (2006); Cy Kitching (2009); and Bernie Reilander (2011).

Over the last 35 years, Herb has developed the Pitcairn Islands Study Center (PISC) into the closest thing there is to a national repository not only for Pitcairn (and Norfolk) philately -- thanks to donations by Harry Yazell, Maurice Allward and others -- but also for all Pitcairniana (and Norfolkiana) and as a world-class Pitcairn/Norfolk library with more than 1,600 volumes and some 10,000 pages of articles and manuscripts.

Herb Ford was born in San Benito, Texas in 1927. He holds a B.A. in journalism from Pacific Union College (PUC) and an M.A. in mass communications (journalism) from California State University Northridge. Herb has presented a working paper on Pitcairn Islands at the Pacific regional seminar of the United Nations Seminars on Decolonization three times since 2000. He presented in Majuro, Marshall Islands and Nadi, Fiji in 2000 and 2003, respectively; and his last presentation was in Noumea, New

Caledonia in 2010. Mr. Ford was also the keynote speaker at the Bounty-Pitcairn Conference 2005 in St. Petersburg, Florida. He has sailed to Pitcairn Island on two occasions and has flown to Norfolk Island twice.



***PISG President Ted Cookson, left, presented the 2012 Bounty Anchor Award to long-time PISG member Herbert Ford.***

The author of over 100 magazine articles, Herb has also written 11 books, one of which has been translated into five languages. Four of his books deal with Pitcairn-related topics. The second edition of his *Pitcairn Port of Call* (titled *Pitcairn Island as a Port of Call*) is now available. Herb's bibliography includes the following titles:

**1965** *Wind High, Sand Deep*, Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tennessee.

**1966** *Flee the Captor*, Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tennessee.

**1967** *Vlucht Naar De Vrijheid* ("Flee the Captor" [Dutch]), Het Wereldvenster, Baarn, Netherlands.

**1968** *No Guns on Their Shoulders*, Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tennessee.

**1968** *Crimson Coats and Kimonos*, Pacific Press Publishing Association, Mountain View, California.

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**1970** *Rudo The Reckless Russian*, Pacific Press Publishing Association, Mountain View, California.

**1970** *Affair of the Heart*, Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tennessee.

**1971** *For The Love of China*, Pacific Press Publishing Association, Mountain View, California.

**1972** *Pitcairn*, El Camino Press, La Verne, California.

**1972** *Le Passeur* ("Flee the Captor" [French]), Librairie Arthème Fayard, Paris, France.

**1973** Associate editor, *H.M.S. Richards, Man Alive*, Freedom House, Sacramento, California.

**1975** *Flee the Captor* (fourth printing, in paperback), Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tennessee.

**1980** *The "Miscellany" of Pitcairn's Island*, Pacific Press Publishing Company, Mountain View, California.

**1993** *Island of Tears (Pitcairn Island)*, Pacific Press Publishing Association, Mountain View, California.

**1994** *Flee the Captor* (fifth printing, in large paperback form), Review and Herald Publishing Association, Hagerstown, Maryland.

**1996** *Pitcairn Port of Call*, Quebecor, Fairfield, Pennsylvania.

**2001** *Flucht-Wege* ("Flee the Captor" [German]), German Seventh-day Adventist Publishing House, Hamburg, Germany.

**2003** *Flee the Captor* published in the Czech language, Vdyavatelstvi a Nakladatelstvi Advent-Orion., Praha, Czech Republic.

**2008** *Flee the Captor* published in Spanish, Asociacion Casa Editora Sudamericana, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Herb spent six months with the U.S. Merchant Marine Service in the Pacific in 1945 and later served in the U.S. Air Force. An ordained Seventh-day Adventist minister, he had a career in public relations for the General Conference (world headquarters) of Seventh-day Adventists in Washington, D.C. and with the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. A former vice-president for development and alumni relations and professor emeritus of journalism at Pacific Union College, Herb founded the Pitcairn Islands Study Center at PUC in 1977 and has been the director since its inception. Herb is PISG member number 184 and has contributed over 30 articles to the *Pitcairn Log* since his first piece was published in 1988. He is also a charter member of the FRIENDSofPITCAIRN Yahoo! group. Herb is married and has three adult daughters.

A two-page "Q & A" with Herb Ford was published in the January 2010 issue of the *Pitcairn Log*. Other articles about the Pitcairn Islands Study Center have appeared in earlier issues of the *Pitcairn Log*: December 1978, p. 10; December 1984, p. 12; September 1990, pp. 8-9; and January 2003, p. 7.

### Bounty Anchor Award Winners

*In 2001, the Board of Directors of the Pitcairn Islands Study Group (PISG) created an award designed to recognize and applaud outstanding service to the study group. The award is not necessarily made annually. Following is a list of award winners to date.*

**Mr. Bradley W. Brunsell, 2001**

**Mrs. Anne A. Hughes, 2002**

**Mr. Ralph Badagliacca, 2003**

**Miss Jennifer Toombs, 2004**

**Dr. Everett L. Parker, 2006**

**Mr. Cy Kitching, 2009**

**Mr. Bernie Reilander, 2011**

**Mr. Herbert Ford, 2012**

### PITCAIRN TRIVIA ANSWERS

**By Barbara Kuchau**

1. Wheelbarrows were the only wheeled vehicles on Pitcairn until two tractors were introduced in 1964, and in 1967 a Caterpillar grader was added.
2. The lending library was created in 1985.
3. Pitcairn Island is the last British territory in the Pacific.