

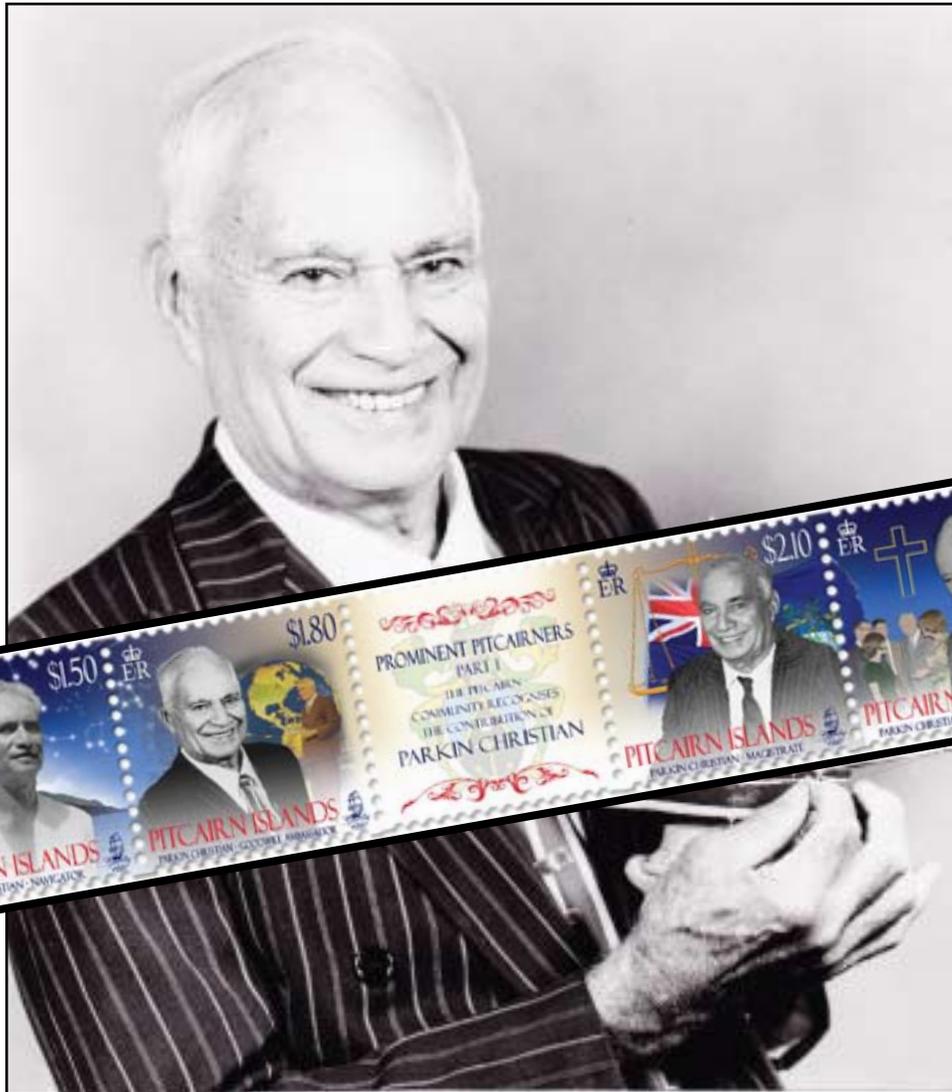
# PITCAIRN ISLANDS STUDY GROUP

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*Parkin Christian honored on first set of  
“Prominent Pitcairners” stamps!  
See page 15.*

# Time to make reservations for Bounty-Pitcairn Conference 2012 in August

There have been exciting developments in plans for the Bounty-Pitcairn Conference 2012, set for Sunday, August 19 through Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at the Pitcairn Islands Study Center on the campus of Pacific Union College 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. Warren, 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, it was lost by the middle of the 20th 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.

## Frank Foxwell

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Frank's monograph was no longer in print and I offered to digitize it. Frank agreed and I scanned, proofed and printed a 2003 edition. Frank advised on a number of corrections and the minor problem of the "£" symbol being absent from my keyboard was overcome. A revised monograph was once again available.

Frank Foxwell has a love for everything Pitcairn. Whenever he speaks of Pitcairn he has a twinkle in his eye. It was a pleasure getting to know this charming, quiet and unassuming man and playing a small part in keeping his monograph available.

The 69 page revised monograph, *Pitcairn Islands: Stamps and Postal History*, is available for \$16.95 plus \$4.00 postage in the U.S. (\$6.00 shipping international), from: Edward Madison, 7004 12th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11228 USA. You may contact me by email at: maded1@verizon.net.

## 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 of interesting and important Pitcairn Island and Bounty Saga stories, maps, illustrated philately, and Pitcairner-written letters.

*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.*



## Documentary Film Premiere

The first-time-ever public showing of the documentary film, "Dem Tul Pitcairn," is scheduled for August 20, 2012. It is anticipated that this will be the most complete telling of the Bounty-Pitcairn story ever filmed. Its producers have traveled 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 on both August 20 and 21. Attendees in Angwin will have their questions answered during these sessions face-to-face.

### Pitcairn Crafts Market

A Pitcairn handicrafts and curios market will also be held at scheduled times during the conference. The items, all of which will be offered for sale, will have been crafted on Pitcairn Island and then shipped to conference organizers within a short period of time before the conference commences. Unusually attractive bargains are to be had among the many crafts and curios that will be found.

### 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 which constitutes one of the world's largest collections relating to the Mutiny on the *Bounty*, Captain William Bligh, HMAV *Bounty*, and both Pitcairn and Norfolk Islands. 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 Island, two who grew up on Pitcairn, and a former commissioner of the island. Commitments to speak have been received by 13 individuals, including: Pitcairn Islanders Jacqui Christian and Kari Boye Young; Marie Christian Thomas, whose birth and early years were on Pitcairn; former Commissioner for the Pitcairn Islands Leslie Jaques; British author Glynn Christian; Australian numismatist Ron Edwards; marine conservation advocate Heather Bradner; philatelist and former PISG President Mark Butterline; author and Pitcairn Islands Study Center Director Dr. Herbert Ford; professor and author Dr. Bob Kirk; communicator and author Donald A. Maxton; author and former *Pitcairn Log* Managing Editor Steve Pendleton; and maritime, *Bounty* and Pitcairn collector Tony Probst.

### Conference Accommodations

As of late October, 18 Pacific Union College dormi-

tory rooms with shared shower and toilet were still available for up to three nights (in August 19, out August 22) at a cost of \$78 per night per double or single. These rooms are being allocated on a first-come, first-served basis to those paying the conference registration fee. Attendees will also find hotel



*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.*

and bed and breakfast accommodation in nearby St. Helena, Calistoga, Yountville, Napa and Santa Rosa, California at considerably higher rates. These communities are between eight and 40 miles away from the conference location.

### Conference Donations

Donations are being sought for this not-for-profit conference event. Please send your check to PISG Treasurer Bradley W. Brunsell, P.O. Box 12, Milton, MA 02186-0002 or donate online at [www.2012BPC.com](http://www.2012BPC.com) where substantial information about the conference is also available. Those without Internet access should contact Dr. Herbert Ford at 1-707-965-6625 or by post at Pitcairn Islands Study Center, 1 Angwin Ave., Angwin, CA 94508-9713.

### Early Bird Conference Registration Fee

A special "early bird" discounted price of \$40 per person applies to conference registration fees received only through January 10, 2012. Beginning on January 11, 2012 the advance registration price will be \$65. Then from August 19, 2012 the "at the door" rate of \$80 per person will apply. Take advantage of the "early bird" special and register for the conference today!