



BOUNTY-PITCAIRN CONFERENCE 2012

The Bounty-Pitcairn Conference 2012, co-sponsored by the Pitcairn Islands Study Group and the FRIENDS of Pitcairn Yahoo! Group, will be held from Sunday, 19th August to Tuesday, 21st August 2012 at the Pitcairn Islands Study Center at Pacific Union College in Angwin, California. Angwin is situated near California's famed Napa Valley wine-producing region. The 2012 program will follow the same basic format as the successful Bounty-Pitcairn Conference held in St. Petersburg, Florida in 2005. Approximately 100 participants are anticipated to attend.

In addition to a number of interesting presentations, the conference will feature a Pitcairn handicrafts market and online question and answer sessions with various Pitcairn islanders via the internet, with the video image projected onto an overhead viewing screen. Attendees will also be afforded ample opportunity to peruse the extensive resources available at the Pitcairn Islands Study Center, which contains one of the world's largest collections of materials relating to the mutiny on the Bounty, Captain William Bligh, HMAV Bounty, and both Pitcairn and Norfolk Islands. Included in the Center's collection are more than 1.000 books and numerous journal articles and non-print items.

Up to 28 Pacific Union College dormitory rooms with shared shower and toilet are expected to be made available for up to three nights (in 19th, out 22nd August)

at a cost of about US\$80 per double or single. These rooms will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis to those paying the conference registration fee. Attendees with a rental car will also find hotel or

This partial interior view of the Pitcairn Islands Study Center shows some of the library and a few of the Pitcairn artefacts which are on display.

bed and breakfast accommodation in St. Helena, Calistoga, Yountville, Napa and Santa Rosa, California. These communities are between 8 and 40 miles away from the conference location.

The conference will dovetail with the American Philatelic Society's StampShow, the largest annual postage stamp exhibition in the US. StampShow will be staged Thursday, 16th August to Sunday, 19th August 2012 in Sacramento, some 80 miles away from Angwin.

A call for papers has been issued. Individuals interested in speaking for up to 30 minutes on a *Bounty*- or Pitcairn-related topic are requested to contact the conference organizers via e-mail at **2012bpc@gmail.com** or via post to Herb Ford, Pitcairn Islands Study Center, Nelson Memorial Library, Pacific Union College, 1 Angwin Avenue, Angwin, CA 94508-9713. Further details about the conference are available online at www.2012BPC.com.