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*Aerial View of Pacific Union College
Home of the Pitcairn Island Study Center*

(See page 2 for details about the upcoming 2012 Bounty-Pitcairn Conference!)

Bounty-Pitcairn Conference 2012 *Planned for California's Napa Valley* BY TED COOKSON



Figure 1 - The Pitcairn Islands Study Center is located in Nelson Memorial Library on the campus of Pacific Union College.

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, August 19 through Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at the Pitcairn Islands Study Center at Pacific Union College in Angwin, California. Angwin is situated near San Francisco among Napa Valley's famed vineyards. The 2012 program will follow the same basic format as the successful *Bounty*-Pitcairn Conference held in St. Petersburg, Florida in 2005. It is anticipated that about 100 people will attend.

Highlighting the conference will be the presence of two Pitcairn Islanders and a former commissioner of the island in addition to Skype video conversations with Pitcairn Island. Many Pitcairn crafts and curios will be offered for sale at the conference.

Commitments to speak have been received from eight individuals so far. Three are Pitcairn Island residents, one is from Great Britain, and the remainder are from the U.S. Pitcairn Travel partner Jacqui Christian, former Commissioner for the Pitcairn Islands Leslie Jaques, OBE, and author Kari Boye Young will all make presentations. British author Glynn Christian will speak; and Pitcairn Islands Study Group President Mark Butterline, Pitcairn

Islands Study Center Director Herbert Ford, author Donald A. Maxton, and *Pitcairn Log* Managing Editor Steve Pendleton will all give talks. Additional speakers are still sought.

In addition to a number of interesting presentations, the conference will feature a Pitcairn handicrafts market and live question and answer sessions with Pitcairn islanders via the Internet, with the video image projected onto an overhead screen.

Attendees will be afforded an 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.

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Figure 2 - This partial interior view of the library shows some of the Pitcairn artifacts which are on display.



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Up to 28 Pacific Union College dormitory rooms with shared shower and toilet will be available for up to three nights (in 19/out 22 August) at a cost of about \$80 per night 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 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.

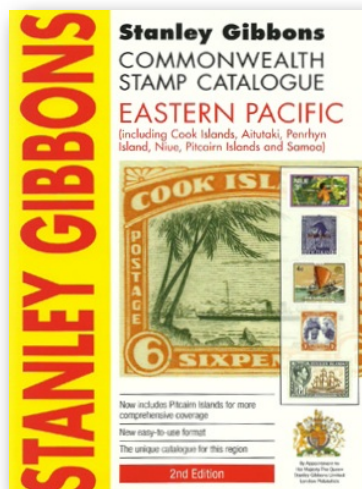
The conference will dovetail with the American Philatelic Society's StampShow, the largest annual postage stamp

exhibition in the U.S. StampShow will be staged Thursday, August 16 through Sunday, August 19, 2012 in Sacramento, some 80 miles away from Angwin.

A call for papers has been issued. Those 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 postal mail to Herbert Ford, Pitcairn Islands Study Center, Nelson Memorial Library, Pacific Union College, 1 Angwin Avenue, Angwin, CA 94508-9713. Additional information about the conference is available online at www.2012BPC.com.

Book Review BY STEVE PENDLETON

STANLEY GIBBONS EASTERN PACIFIC COMMONWEALTH STAMP CATALOGUE



Here it is at last-a Pitcairn Island stamp catalogue from a major publisher at a reasonable price (£16.95 or about US\$25) For the first time Pitcairn appears in the Eastern Pacific volume, along with Cook Islands, Aitutaki, Penrhyn, Niue and Samoa. While you don't get Norfolk in the same book, the stamp listing is more inclusive than Scott's.

The section begins with a listing of 'no stamps available' markings, and then known New Zealand stamps used during the agency period. Stamps start in 1940 and continue to 2010. The latest issue is the ANZAC set. Also listed are the booklets. The illustrations are convenient, and of course in color.

One of the most useful aspects are the listings of varieties and errors. I was a bit amazed at one of the prices. SG 36, the longboat definitive 1/2d. with blue color missing is listed at £700.

This volume is a necessity for collectors who buy Pitcairn stamps in Great Britain and who deal with British dealers. Gibbons listings are quite a bit different from Scott's so there is a variation in numbers.

There are a few drawbacks. You are paying for listings of several other islands. These by and large show that Pitcairn collectors are pretty lucky in the stamp subjects selected for the island, in comparison to some of the wallpaper put out by the Cooks.

This is, on the whole, a very useful guide for specialists-and it's easy on the back as well as the wallet.

*How about a Pitcairn stamp series featuring Hollywood actors that have portrayed Fletcher Christian?
Do you know how many, and whom?*