

Sunday October 26, 2008 • 2-4 pm

The Intrepid Collector in Papua New Guinea

Home of Michael & Darcel Hamson 360 Palos Verdes Drive West Palos Verdes Estate, CA 90274

As an Oceanic art dealer and collector, Michael Hamson still actively-field collects in New Guinea, having made 45 trips to the more remote parts of the country since 1994. He flies into remote landing strips and hikes for days to villages that few, if any, non-natives have visited. Because PNG is not the safest place on earth, Michael will entertain us with "stories" of his numerous experiences and occasional misadventures.

As one of the premier international dealers in Oceanic art, he has established a prominent client list, shown internationally, lectured extensively at museums and to collectors groups about his travels, the travails of collecting, and the challenges in finding authentic tribal pieces. Today, we will be given a tour of his home gallery along with a stimulating slide lecture on "Field Collecting in Papua New Guinea."

Refreshments will be served along with a magnificent view of the area. Because space is limited, please RSVP early to guarantee yourself a place.

Directions: Use Mapquest. You will be sent a list of those asttending so that carpooling is a viable option.