

Myanmar (Burma): Spiritual People in an Oppressed Land



Burma is the largest country in Southeast Asia and forms a geographic and cultural transition between Indochina and the Indian subcontinent. Little known and politically isolated by the ruling military junta that changed its name to Myanmar, it is a beautiful land comprised of mostly small villages at the foot of the Himalaya mountain range. Based on the lecturer's travels in 2004, this photographic presentation will provide some insights into daily Burmese life, centering on the culture, customs, and living conditions of its people as well as on how the very unique form of Burmese spirituality has co-existed under the military government.

Presenter: *Barry Pell*

Over the past 36 years, Barry Pell has traveled in 140 countries on all continents. Starting with a college trip to London in the late 1960s, he was immediately attracted to the landscapes, history, and culture of foreign places. Balancing his training in photography/photojournalism, his love of travel, and his concern for the environment, Mr. Pell's particular goal is to educate people, through photography and interactive dialogue, about the rich cultures and challenging lifestyles of developing nations. Mr. Pell has presented educational slide shows to dozens of public schools, colleges, universities; Rotary, business, and civic organizations; Travelers Aid Societies; and other social service agencies from 1975 to date. He has been invited as a guest lecturer to many local universities, including Harvard and MIT. Mr. Pell lived in China during 2001 and 2003-04 where he taught at the Beijing Institute of Civil Engineering and Architecture and at the Yunnan Police Officers Academy.

Date & Time: Thursday, April 26, 11:30-1:00 pm

Location: Only one location at Cordage Park, Plymouth, suite 201, Building 3