

Huntington –Oyster Bay Audubon
Presents

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF A GIGANTIC KIND
From Montauk to Tonga
With Paul J. Mila

Saturday, September 17, 2011
2:00pm



Megaptera Novaeangliae - 'Giant Winged of New England'
Paul J. Mila photo; Tonga Islands, South Pacific



Today's presentation will feature encounters with humpback whales in Montauk Long Island, the Dominican Republic's Silver Bank, and the South Pacific Kingdom of Tonga. The presentation also includes recent surface encounters with California Gray Whales in the lagoons of Mexico's Baja Peninsula, as well as a brief glimpse into diving onto a reef in Cozumel, where divers were witness to a barracuda attack.

This unique presentation features interaction between whales and humans, mother whales teaching their babies whale social behavior, and conservation impact on whales related to whaling and global warming.

Paul J. Mila traded in his corporate suit for a wetsuit, and now devotes his time to writing, scuba diving around the world, underwater photography, and speaking to groups about ocean conservation.

He has enjoyed the opportunity to photograph and dive with Caribbean reef sharks in the Bahamas, humpback whales in the Dominican Republic and the South Pacific Tonga Islands, gray whales in Mexico's Baja lagoons, diverse sea life in the Cayman Islands, Cozumel, Bonaire, Hawaii, Antigua, and in his home waters off Long Island. Paul's underwater pictures have been featured in magazines and on web sites related to scuba diving. Following the advice of writers who said to write about what you know and like, he has incorporated the ocean and diving as the core of his writing.

FIREWORKS is his third novel. Diving in the same waters as the characters in his books has enabled him to write with realism, and to describe for non-diving readers the beauty and wonder of exploring our undersea world.



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