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US Ambassador Showcases African American Artists during Black History Month



Photo caption: U.S. Ambassador Teddy Taylor gestures during a conversation with Amanda Adams, owner of Art Stret gallery (left) and two local artists, including Peter Kailap (second from right) and Martin Morububuna (right). The four are standing in front of a work by African-American artist Hubert Jackson titled Matriarch 2.

February 22, 2012, Port Moresby — U.S. Ambassador Teddy Taylor showcased a number of African American artists at his residence February 21 as part of Black History month events. Attending the event were a number of local artists, members of the diplomatic corps, and members of the education and cultural communities.

The U.S. State Department's Art in Embassies program borrows works from well-known artists for display in ambassadorial residences to highlight American culture and art. Ambassador Taylor chose the following three themes for the paintings that were provided to decorate his home: African-American painters, women in positive roles, and families. "I believe that women are key to having strong families," said Ambassador Taylor, "and I think that this message has particular relevance for Papua New Guinean society."

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