

IRCF ON THE MOVE

IRCF to Sponsor Team Blue 2006 Winter Session

The IRCF has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Maine Community Foundation. These funds will be used to sponsor the Blue Iguana Recovery Program's Team Blue 2006 winter activities, which represents a critical milestone in the program. Specific projects undertaken by this year's volunteers include assisting with the health screening of animals that are to be released, trail development in the Salina Reserve, mapping, construction and assembly of artificial retreats, placement of those retreats, and release of the next group of head-started Blue Iguanas (*Cyclura lewisi*) in the Salina Reserve. The IRCF expresses its gratitude and sincere appreciation to the donor and the Maine Community Foundation for their continued support of the Blue Iguana Recovery Program.



"Tattoo" Pete Gardiner, auctioneer (left) and Chuck Schaffer, auction facilitator, open the auction with a rare illustration of a Beaded Lizard (*Heloderma horridum*).

IRCF Nets \$18,000 for Guatemalan Beaded Lizard Conservation¹

The IRCF and Zoo Atlanta raised \$18,000 for Project *Heloderma* at this year's National Reptile Breeders Expo benefit auction. The money will be used to help preserve the

endangered Guatemalan Beaded Lizard, *Heloderma horridum charlesbogerti*, by funding conservation research, environmental education, and land acquisition to secure critical habitat in the Motagua Valley, Guatemala.

The IRCF extends its gratitude to all those individuals, organizations, and companies that donated goods and services for the auction. Our heartfelt thanks go also to all of the wonderful people who volunteered in Daytona to help solicit items from Expo vendors and run the auction itself. A special thank you to our incomparable auctioneer, Tattoo Pete and to NRBE promoter Wayne Hill for his continuing support for reptile conservation.



In addition to the main auction, items on one of the many silent auction tables elicited the interest of attendees.



Attendees begin to fill the room to capacity during the opening moments of the auction.

¹ See the complete list of donors and volunteers on p. 191.