

News Release

25th Anniversary Rocky Mountain Book & Paper Fair

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Celebrating 25 years of amazing books, rare maps and eclectic ephemera the Rocky Mountain Book & Paper Fair will be held at the Denver Merchandise Mart, I-25 at 58th, Friday, July 31st, 5:00 – 9:00 and Saturday, August 1, 10:00 – 5:00. Cake and bubbly will be served from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm on Friday to kick off the celebration.

Special guest for the event, Wes Cowan, owner of Cowan's Auctions in Cincinnati, OH and star of PBS television series History Detectives, will offer his unique perspective on the evolving role of archival institutions and share some of the interesting adventures he's encountered. Cowan's presentation will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, *Adventures of a Real-life History Detective: Today's Archival Institutions and their Importance in Maintaining Historical Records*.

The fair is the premier Colorado event for collectors and brings over 65 dealers from around the country. Centuries old books to modern first editions are just a part of the treasures to be found at the fair. Map collecting has gained popularity through years and the fair will offer old school room pull down maps to hand colored maps showing California as an island. Unique posters, early postcards and signed letters will be part of the collection of ephemera items for sale.

Back by popular demand at 2:00 on Saturday will be Book Collecting 101. This panel discussion led by Doug Clausen, Clausen Books, Colorado Springs, Linda Lebsack, Linda M. Lebsack Books, Denver, and Don Gallagher, Gallagher Books, Denver, will include How do I decide what to collect? What makes a book valuable? How do I know if I have a "first edition?" How do I judge a book's condition? How to handle books safely. Book terms I should know.

And while you are enjoying the fair don't forget to sign up for a chance to win a \$200.00 gift certificate, good at the next book fair or from RMABA dealers.

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