

The WASHINGTON RARE BOOK GROUP

invites you to join us for a

“RARE-BOOK ROADSHOW”

on Friday, Sept. 26, 2008, at 5:30 p.m.

at the Smithsonian’s Cullman Library
(National Museum of Natural History)

To kick off the new event-year, we have arranged a very special gathering at which the nationally-known bookdealers Allan Stypeck (Second Story Books) and Allen Ahearn (Quill & Brush) will be identifying and, if possible, pricing “odd-ball” books from our members’ collections.

As we have seen at the Collector Night events, our members know a lot about the books in their specialized subjects and a lot about how to research their books. These are NOT what we want to see at this event. Instead, this will be a chance to learn about the odd “clinker” or mystery item that somehow made its way to your shelves, but about which you know nothing. . . . Is it a hidden gem or a dime-a-dozen reprint? Bring it along and see if Allan and Allen can tell you about it! (I know which one I plan to bring already.)

And to top it off, Allan Stypeck will be taping the event for his “Book Guys Radio Show,” to be aired at a later date.

The event will include a reception, which will give us all time to catch up with fellow members over hors d-oeuvres and a glass of wine, while Allan and Allen are doing their expert researches into your books. There will be no charge, but reservations are required for security purposes. Please telephone or e-mail me at (202) 633-1176 or overstreetL@si.edu by Wednesday, Sept.24. (And please remember to include the names of any guests.)

The Smithsonian Institution Libraries has graciously agreed to host the gathering in the Cullman Library, located in the National Museum of Natural History, 10th & Constitution Ave. NW. Specific meeting-place information will be provided when you call or e-mail to reserve a space.

We look forward to seeing you and catching up with everyone!

Leslie K. Overstreet
President, WRBG

P.S. SAVE THE DATE:

[Saturday, Oct.25 – Gunston Hall library & archives](#)

[Thursday eve., Dec.4 – “The well-dressed book: Cloth book binding in the U.S. 1830-1920” exhibition at the Univ. Maryland.](#)