



**Presentation House Gallery
Presents**

April 6 – May 19, 2002

Dear Mr. Ripley,

TREASURES FROM THE *RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT!*® ARCHIVES

On Saturday, April 6, at 2 pm at PHG:

Ripleymania and the Ticket to Immortality

a slide talk by **Mark Sloan**, curator of the exhibition, followed by a reception.

Mark Sloan, the curator of our *Ripley's Believe It or Not!* exhibition, will be in Vancouver from April 4th to April 8th. Sloan is a scintillating speaker with a long history of giving wonderful presentations on radio and for television. He will be available for interviews while in Vancouver, or for telephone interviews by prior arrangement from his workplace in South Carolina. On **April 6** he will give a talk at PHG titled ***Ripleymania and the Ticket to Immortality*** which will describe the amazing scope of the Ripley phenomenon that swept through America in the 1920s & 30s.

Mark Sloan is an author, curator, and photographer dedicated to the extraordinary doings of ordinary people. He has authored three books on these subjects: *Hoaxes, Humbugs, and Spectacles* (Villard Books, 1990), *Dear Mr. Ripley: A Compendium of Curioddities from the Believe It Or Not! Archives* (Bulfinch Press, 1993), and *Self-Made Worlds: Visionary Folk Art Environments* (Aperture, 1997). He is currently at work on a book entitled *Epic Obsessions*. Sloan is the Director and Senior Curator of the William Halsey Gallery at the College of Charleston School of the Arts in South Carolina.

For more Information about the **Slide Talk** or the **Exhibition**, contact
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Image: **A nearsighted rock cod was caught sporting spectacles** in the waters off Bellingham, Washington. As if that were not enough, the glasses were identified by **IRA D. ERLING**, salesman, as his own. It seems his glasses went overboard while he was out trolling for salmon in the same area where the fish was caught. **(October 30, 1936)**

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