

THE GREAT TIDEPOOL

A 30 MINUTE DOCUMENTARY ABOUT ED RICKETTS' SCIENTIFIC SYSTEM

Brown Bag Lunch Screening

Thursday June 29, 2017

12:00 – 1:00 PM

BY STEVEN AND MARY ALBERT

What

Screening of 30 minute documentary film *The Great Tidepool* followed by Q&A with filmmakers.

Purpose

In light of Pacific Grove's new Great Tidepool Coastal Trail, the filmmakers aim to inform Pacific Grove citizens of the significance to the world of the Great Tidepool and its relation to marine biologist Ed Ricketts' groundbreaking science.

The Film

Filmed entirely in the Great Tidepool and based on their research centered on the Ricketts' collection at Stanford University Library, Steven and Mary Albert's 30 minute documentary *The Great Tidepool* uncovers Ed Ricketts' pioneering scientific system. It explains for the first time the scientific basis of Ed Ricketts' popular guidebook *Between Pacific Tides* and brings to light the significance of the Great Tidepool to the history of ecology.

Ed Ricketts, one of the greatest observers of the natural world, was a scientist who attempted nothing less than to understand intertidal life and all its interconnections along the entire Pacific Coast. This ambition was very much centered on Pacific Groves' unique historical natural history treasure *The Great Tidepool*, located along the shore just West of the lighthouse.

The Filmmakers

Drs. Steven and Mary Albert live and work in Pacific Grove. Their films are driven by deep research and seek to portray the drama of science. Their efforts, on subjects including Blue Banded Hermit Crabs, The Sanderlings of Avila Beach, the Geology of California's Central Coast, Big Sur Fog and Ed Ricketts, have won awards at international festivals and are shown at natural history museums and scientific institutions like Sitka Alaska's Natural History Museum and The Smithsonian Natural History Museum in Washington D.C.