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MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29
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Meets 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center



No regular meeting this month; Convention is Oct. 19-20.

Magic in the Natural State!

The **BIG NEWS** for October is Ring 29's **FIRST Magic Convention, Oct. 19-20**. Because many of our members will be focusing on it, there will be **NO** regular meeting this month! Don't show up next Thursday. You'll be alone.

Most of the rest of this page is devoted to the convention, so please read everything carefully for many of the details. On the back of this page is the updated schedule for the convention. Here are some **THINGS TO DO**:

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(1) **VOLUNTEER**: Call Jim Henson at Mr. Magic and see how YOU might help in any way to make our first convention a big success. We still need volunteers, and you won't miss any of the shows or sessions;

(2) **REGISTER for the convention** right now if you haven't already. We do need to make plans and need head counts for seats, refreshments, meals, etc. Please help us to help you.

The Board determined early on that **every person would have to register**, in order to make the finances work out. **Badges will be required** to get into all sessions. There will be someone at each door checking badges.

(3) **AUCTION**: If you want to put one or more items in the great auction which will take place at the end of the convention (Sunday afternoon about 3 or 4), **you must be registered** at the convention to do so, (and to get into the auction); and you must turn in the item(s) with a filled-out form, at Mr. Magic **by 6 pm, Saturday, Oct. 12**. Items turned in after that will be held for the Ring 29 Auction in February.

Once again the auctioneer will be **Gary Bailey**, who did such a great job for our Ring Auction earlier this year.

Pick up auction forms at Mr. Magic

(4) **BANQUET FRIDAY**. The Friday evening banquet is still on. It has a separate \$20 fee. As an added attraction and special incentive, our own **Damon** will perform his popular "**Tales of the Wizard**" show at the banquet. Whether you've seen it or not, don't miss this opportunity to see Damon in action. The banquet will begin at 5:30, and end before the 8 pm public performance that night. Buy your banquet ticket from Mr. Magic.

(5) **COMPETITIONS**: If you want to compete in the Stage and/or the Close-up competitions, **you must call Mr. Magic and register**.

NEXT MEETING:

Friday-Saturday, **Oct. 19-20**
Magic in the Natural State
Hot Springs
Convention Center

3 featured lecturers are tops in the magic field.

The convention committee has lined up three first-class magicians to present lectures at the convention. All of them are worth the price of admission all by themselves. Here they are:

- **Tom Yurisits** is from North Hampton, Pennsylvania. He is an all-around magic generalist, but specializes in kid's magic and close-up.

- "**Diamond Jim**" Tyler is from Dallas and also does all sorts of magic. He, too, specializes in close-up magic.

- **Danny Archer**, is bringing his famous "Working Alone Tour" to Hot Springs. He is from Denver, Colorado. Everything he does in his lecture is explained in his notes (and video). He has lectured all over the world. His lecture is chock full of solid audience-tested magic. Don't miss it!

All three of these lecturers will also put on their "Dealer" hats and sell lots of original and "only here" tricks.

For instance, Danny Archer's marketed effects (*Birthday Banner, Lucky Lotto, Eye Exam, Grandpa's Deck, Balls and Net*, to name a few), have become smash hits world wide.

Come learn from these pros!

SEE YOU AT THE CONVENTION!

BITS & PIECES

● **BILL FULTON** received a Volunteerism in State Government Award for his magic at Arkansas Children's Hospital on September 18, at the Historic Arkansas Museum. Congratulations, Bill.

● **LAST MONTH** 63 people attended the annual Ring Picnic at the Henson House. Kyle Hamsher emceed the evening magic show and 14 magicians performed.

● **BILL FULTON** is presenting a "Fortune Telling Course 101" in Cammack Village, Oct. 9, 16, 23 and 30. Cost is only \$89. If you are interested register at 666-0759 or go online at: www.extendedlearning.org

For more information contact Bill at 413-1614. This course is offered through the Arkansas Extended Learning Center.

● **THE WEEKEND OF MAGIC** at the Museum of Discovery was a great success due to all the performers and **Larry Roberts** and his sound system, which made everyone sound professional. And a special thanks to **Bill Fulton** for ram-rodding this again. It's great exposure for magic, for our club, and for the individual magicians.

● **THE DICK BERRY** lecture Sept. 17th had a small group of 20 people but those who attended said he did a great job and that they came away with lots of good ideas. He demonstrated many of the items which he manufactures. We hope more of you will take advantages of the lecturers we invest in to bring to this area.

● **MAXWELL'S** Theater of Magic in Hot Springs has closed for the season. But he will reopen for Thanksgiving Weekend and also the weekend between Christmas and New Year's Eve. Why not take friends and relatives who are visiting you, to his show while they're in town? It's better than them staying at your house and eating so much out of your refrigerator!

● **THE SEARCY MAGIC** Club will hold its annual "Holiday of Lights" show at the Searcy High School Auditorium on Wednesday, November 20. If you haven't attended one of these before, you have missed some fine magic. They do a super job. Let Jim know if you'd like to go and maybe we can share rides. More next month.

● **DON'T FORGET** to attend the **Renaissance Fair** at Highland United Methodist Church **Saturday, Oct. 12**. **Bill Fulton** will be fortune telling and **Dan Hecke** will perform magic as a wizard. Let's all go out and support them.

See YOU at the convention!

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● **SATURDAY, OCT. 19:**

- 8 am Registration, pick up packets
- 8:15 Lecture: **Tom Yurisits**, North Hampton, Pennsylvania
- 10 am Break
- 10:15 Lecture: **Danny Archer**, Denver, Colorado
"Working Alone Tour."
- 12 **Lunch** (on your own)
- 1 pm **Close-up Show**
- 2:45 Break
- 3 pm Lecture: "**Diamond Jim**" **Tyler**, Dallas, Texas
- 4:45 Break
- 5:30 **Banquet**: Requires separate \$20 ticket.
Featuring **Damon's "Tales of the Wizard."**
- 8 pm **Public Stage Show**

● **SUNDAY, OCT. 20:**

- 8 am **Close-up Competition**: Junior and Senior *
- 10 am **Stage Competition**: Junior and Senior *
- 12 **Lunch** (On your own.)
(NOTE: A **Balloon Forum** will be held during the lunch hour for those interested. Sign up at the registration desk.)
- 1 pm **Awards Show**.
- 3 pm Lecture (to come) or Magic Auction
- 4 pm **Magic Auction** (Only people registered can attend.
Badges will be checked.)
- Close At the end of the auction.

*** To register to compete, call Mr. Magic: 455-6242**

NOTE: Everyone must register for the convention. Badges must be worn to get in ALL sessions, and they will be checked.

● **OTHER SPECIAL FEATURES:**

- **Dealers** will announce the times they will be open.
- **Bill Pitts'** slide presentation will be at a time to be announced.
- Other **performers and surprises** have yet to be confirmed.

That's a **TON of magic for a modest cost**. And that cost is for your **whole family!** Please arrange your schedule to **support and attend** this first Ring 29 Convention.