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Little Rock Magic Ring 29 *Newsletter*

September 2022

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SUZANNE LECTURE

September 6, 2022 meeting



Next Lecture: TOM BURGOON
February 2023



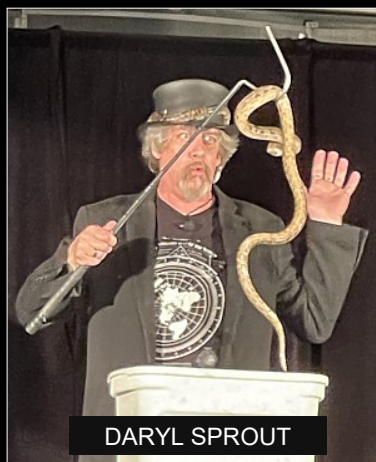
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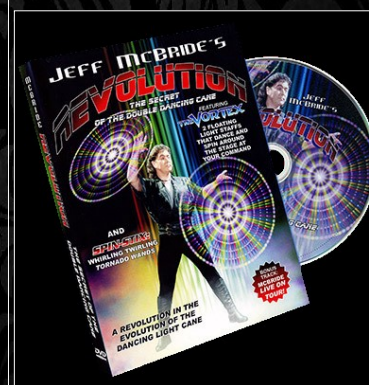
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DARYL SPROUT

WANTED TO BUY

Contact Ring Secretary via email
or text if you have one to sell.



Meeting Information

Monthly Meeting
October 6, 2022 @ 6:45
Location: TBD

Upcoming Events

November Picnic - TBD
December Christmas Party -
December 1, 2022 Stagecoach
Village Clubhouse
January Show 2023 -
January 14, 2023
Jacksonville Community Center

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Current/Past Events

October Meeting Info

We were originally scheduled to have Tom Burgoon this month but he has a scheduling conflict and will not be lecture until February 2023. More information will be available when we have it.

Newsletter Archives

The newsletter archives has been a long and arduous process and is continually being added to. Recently, a small mix of years have been added. We are still missing an issue here and there but hope to find a copy somewhere.

Estate Sale!!!

ESTATE SALE!!!

Jim Henson is at it again. He has eleven estates to sell off and wants to start in September. Dates and times have not been established yet but will be soon. There is something for everyone and you won't be able to beat the prices. EVERYTHING is priced to sell and sell immediately.

Folks, having done most of the inventory of these estates I know for a fact there are some great items to be had and there are even some hidden gems, that is, if you look hard enough for them.

Save your dimes and nickels and bring them all to this huge estate sale, you won't regret your decision. If you require more information please contact Jim Henson and he should be able to answer anything you might have.

GOT NEWS?

Doing a show? Been to a good show? Met any well known magicians? Write about it and send to: mjhaughn@gmail.com to be published here.

TAOM 2022 Report

TAOM 2022 was only my second ever convention, both at a TAOM. This year I had the privilege to travel to Ft. Worth, Texas with Al Henager. We left early on the Thursday before the convention, arrived at the Fossil Creek Radisson, checked in then began a relaxing evening in preparation for the following day's events.

We spent the day wondering around people watching. I had the pleasure of meeting up with new friends I had met last year, Joe "Disney" Fox from Orlando, Brooks, Russell Turner and Steve along with meeting some new friends.

As with last year we were provided free breakfast every morning prior to the first lecture. The lecture began at noon with Kent Cummins entertaining everyone with a Juggling 101 lecture. Silks were handed out to the audience to participate in the lessons. If you have not tried to juggle, I recommend starting with silks, they fall a lot slower than balls.

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Cavalcade of Magic 2023

Am I too early in mentioning next year's Cavalcade of Magic? I might be but now is a great time to start looking at your calendars and get to planning. Normally, the Cavalcade is held during the last weekend of March, beginning on Thursday night and ending Saturday night.

In the coming months I know Ring 75 will be having meetings to plan the annual event. Emails will be sent out detailing the event. Prior to that email though will be a request for magicians to perform, be it close up or stage. Look for info in this newsletter and our website when details become available. You don't want to miss it!

JUST IN!



"Lucy Darling" (aka, Carisa Hendrix) will be performing at Robinson Center, November 17, 2022 at 7:30 pm.

This is a CAN'T miss show! Jim Henson and Marty Haughn saw her show at TAOM 2021. One entertaining show! Get tickets early.

President's Corner

Dane Dover

"Art is never finished, only abandoned."

-Leonardo da Vinci-

In almost every magic kit that is sold today you will find one of the following items.

Cups and Balls, Linking Rings

I find it curious that something that is a throw away item is something that Professional Magicians make a career out of. If you have ever seen Pop Haydn do his ring routine then you will know that the Linking Rings can be an entertaining and thought provoking piece of Magic. If you have ever seen Gazzo do the Cups and balls, or Suzanne as was demonstrated at the last lecture you can quickly see that this can be a piece of art. If you missed Suzanne's lecture, you missed a good one. I've been inspired to work on the Cups and Balls again. (Yes I had abandoned them, in pursuit of other things).

Houdini has been quoted as saying, "I consider no man to be a magician unless he can perform the cups and balls."

It has been said that "No one should consider himself a magician if he cannot work the cups and balls", which is not strictly true; the converse, however, does hold well – "Anyone who can perform the cups and balls skillfully is a good magician." - *Jean Hugard in Hugard's Magic Manual c.1939.*

Some have even said that the Cups and Balls encapsulate most of Magic's greatest moments. Appearance of an object from nothing, vanishing an object, Transportation from one place to another, some comedy, timing, and surprise.

So, grab a set of cups and balls and get to work. Penn and Teller used clear plastic cups and balled up aluminum foil. I've seen routines with Kid's sand pails and rubber balls. So, there is no excuse not to start working on the cups and balls. Hope to see routines from some of you in the future.

-Dane

Secretary Report

Marty Haughn

Little Rock Magic Ring 29 assembled at the Stagecoach Village Clubhouse on an off day, September 6, 2022. President Dane Dover conducted short round of business regarding postponement of the Tom Burgoon lecture set for October. It appears Tom will be in Little Rock for our February meeting. Discussion of our January Christmas show was held asking about performers and noting we had secured a date of January 14, 2023 at the Jacksonville Community Center. Seating will be the same as what we had in April of this year. Ticket sales will begin in a few weeks. With the meeting adjourned, President Dane Dover introduced our lecturer, Suzanne.

Let me begin by thanking a couple of members who made this lecture possible. Bob White arranged to have the Stagecoach Village Club House which allowed for a large crowd to be comfortable. Thanks to Joel and Janie Nicholson for providing snack during this lecture along with Mary Ann Campbell. A huge THANK YOU goes out to Mary Ann Campbell for making all the necessary arrangements which allowed Suzanne to be in Little Rock.

From her website: "Audiences all over the country have been falling in love with Suzanne since 1985. She resides in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota and can be seen locally there at Birch's on the Lake, Lord Fletcher's Old Lake Lodge and Rockwood's." "Her engaging style makes the audience an essential participant in her performance. Other respected professional magicians have called her "flawless" and "amazing". She is a favorite at Hollywood's famous Magic Castle and was awarded Close Up Magician of the Year for 2010 by The Academy of Magical Arts. Her specialty is close-up magic for corporate and private events."

Needless to say, Suzanne did not disappoint. She began with asking Janie Nicholson to assist her in a wild Ambitious Card routine, using blank cards. Janie chose a card, "remembered" the card and placed back into the deck. All the while Suzanne not acknowledging the fact the cards were blank. "The chosen card was then brought to the top." After some chuckles Janie was asked to sign the card and there it began. The card kept appearing at the top. Suzanne even "wiped" the ink onto her sleeve showing a now blank card to Janie's surprise. Then, the card was rubbed onto the sleeve again only to have the signature reappear.

Eventually, the blank cards took a turn and shocked us all, they were now a regular deck of cards. As the routine continued, Janie's signed regular card kept appearing inside of Suzanne's pocket and then it happened...the entire deck was removed from the pocket and the remaining card held in Suzanne's hand was, of course, Janie's signed card!

Next was the infamous "Band-Aid" trick. Suzanne tells a story about a mother's love and what she might do for you if you had a boo boo. The letter J was written on the padding of the first Band-Aid and placed on Janie's hand. A second Band-Aid was produced to have a heart drawn on the pad. This was then placed on Suzanne's forehead and some stuck to her brow. As the story progressed Suzanne revealed that on Janie's Band-Aid the letter J had gone and was replaced with the heart. Consequently, the Band-Aid on Suzanne's forehead now had the letter J written on it! Janie's shocked look was priceless.

Not quite finished yet, Suzanne told a story about a woman she saw in a dream. As the woman got closer it was revealed to be her Great-Grandmother. The story occurs around an ingenious cups and balls routine with one killer finish. As one who knows a cups and balls routine, the normal happens but with a few twists. Her "final" loads were a small glass marble and two larger glass balls, each delivered without any "talking". Now that was great in itself but when the last cup revealed its contents, the oohs and ahhs began! When the cup was raised, about 4000 small glass diamonds and 16 red trinket beads fell into a pile. That was some kind of a finale!

As with all lectures some solutions and secrets become available. Although Suzanne was not able to discuss the Band-Aid routine nor the diamonds finale, we were treated to her complete explanation of the blank ambitious card and the techniques used for the cups and balls.

Suzanne presented us with a pleasant and entertaining lecture. She was witty and funny and full of energy although she stated there was a lack of sleep involved. If you have not seen Suzanne perform you are truly missing out on some fun magic. Everything she did tonight came from her Magic Castle Act.

Thank you Suzanne for being a sincere ambassador to magic. You will always be welcome to our home in Little Rock! You are a Little "ROCK" star.

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

This month's report, goes back just 10 years to the September, 2012 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Christy Tyler Vodehnal and the Secretary was Jon Bucher. The Ring met monthly at UAMS Hospital in Little Rock.

"The theme for September 3 was "Grab Bag Night." After a person chose a bag with a magic trick, Christy Henson spent a few moments with each person, teaching them how to perform and the patter applicable for each trick before they went on stage.

MC Jon Bucher proved his jocular manner and truly competent command of the stage again as he explained the rules: 1. You can't look and pick. 2. You can reject your first pick. 3. You must take your second pick and prepare and perform it to-night.

Tré McDonald performed Hippy Hop Rabbits from a set custom-made by his dad Henry. Tré then performed an original new presentation with an iPod, deck of cards, and earphones. Jon Bucher assisted by Janie Nicholson performed the Four Ace Trick and finished with Card Warp. Dan Hecke performed "Hypnotic Choice" with the help of Janie Nicholson.

Susan Bucher, Jon's best asset, all smiles and musically gifted, pulled out a ring and rubber band, threaded the rubber band through the ring, and magically caused it to climb up the rubber band. Christy Kinsey amusingly performed Ball and Vase for the first time.

James Kinsey produced a silk from an empty bag and then made it disappear. Mike Jones did mentalism with the Color Vision box and his wife Jo Jones tricked us with a rabbit's ear and inlaid diamond that disappeared and reappeared a la Hot Rod style.

Joel Nicholson was able to restore Christy Henson's one hundred dollar bill after he changed it into a blank sheet of paper with the aid of the Money Maker. Nicolas Asman changed a regular quarter into a three-inch half dollar. Tim Grant performed Zig Zag Pencil.

With a brass cap and four nickels David Duggie magically changed the nickels into four dimes. Kylan Mann had a red ball which jumped from his right to left hand and back. Bob White did a Zig Zag Rope. Michael Bortowski performed Prayer Vase.

Youth magician Brock Fudoli asked Susan Bucher to assist him in the Color Block Escape. He also performed with a Sven-gali Deck. Brock's mom, Loretta, had the audience involved in helping her with the Magical Coloring Book. Gerry Bailey performed a true classic of magic by making a silk streamer appear out of thin air.

Henry McDonald performed Oddball. Tré McDonald performed again with a sponge ball and Crazy Cube. Mike Martin's patter about a doggie bag that was empty was fine until he produced a rabbit from the bag. Christy Henson told a patter story about her adventures with the fifth and eighth graders she teaches. For her finish she turned her green and yellow pencil box into a green and pink one.

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

Tyler Vodehnal changed a regular quarter into a bent quarter. Jon Bucher performed the Color Changing Scarf and changed it from green and red to yellow and purple. Kylan Mann worked a variation on a card trick he found in Tarbell's Volume 6. We met James Simpson, a deaf magician who volunteered to come to the next meeting and perform fifteen hand shadows for our entertainment."

It was certainly a memorable night filled with laughter and amazement as Ring attendees did impromptu performances from a grab bag (with a little preparation help from Christy Henson). Maybe it's about time to consider trying this again at an upcoming meeting.

Until next time, remember, the past reminds.

September Lecture

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Schedule of Events

2022

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January	---	---	---	---
February	---	---	---	---
March	Henson Home #2	Comedy Magic	N/A	Dane Dover
April	Jacksonville Community Center	Annual Ring Magic Show	N/A	Dane Dover
May	Henson Home #2	I bought it from Jim "Mr. Magic" Henson!	N/A	Mike Curtis
June	Stagecoach Village Club House	Officer Installation	N/A	Marty Haughn Larry Bean
July	Henson Home #2	Evening at the Pops	N/A	Dane Dover
August	Markham Executive Center Conference Rooms 10201 W. Markham	Round Robin Workshop	N/A	Dane Dover
September	Stagecoach Village Club House	Lecture	Suzanne	Dane Dover
October	TBD	Open Mic	N/A	Dane Dover
November	TBD	Possible Picnic/ Spooky Magic	N/A	Marty Haughn
December	TBD	Christmas Potluck	N/A	Dane Dover

* The clubhouse address: 100 Stagecoach Village, Little Rock, Arkansas.

These are our normal meeting gatherings. Any additional activity throughout the month will be listed on the website beginning in August.

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Contact Mr. Magic or any Ring 29 Officer for information on joining the IBM or Ring 29.

Mailing Lists

In addition to this newsletter Members can receive last minute email information on meetings, events, and lectures. If you wish to be added to our email list, please contact *Treasurer Col. James Kinsey*.

www.littlerockmagic.net or www.littlerockmagic.org

Our website has been filled with a wealth of information to assist our members and potential members. New features are being added daily. Check out the Ring 29 Highlights video, the Magicians for Hire page, or the Ring 29 Event Calendar.

Using Ring 29 Email Group

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