

The **PERFORMER**



Little Rock Magic Ring 29 *Newsletter*

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LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

It's all about the Magic...

In the News:

On November 1st, our Annual Show starring the Arkansas' Masters of Illusion will play at the Jacksonville Community Center. Doors open at 6:30pm with the show beginning at 7pm.

The following weekend on November 8th starting at 2pm, we will gather in Russellville with Arkansas' other three IBM Rings. The location and other details are available in the flyer sent out to members.

Finally, if that isn't enough magic, the Intrigue Theater in Eureka Springs has Sean-Paul and Juliana Fay performing their show, Portal, on Saturday evenings at 5:30pm throughout November. It is said to blend grand stage illusion, mind-reading, sleight of hand, and comedy.

If you have any news for future newsletters, email them to markmulkerin@yahoo.com.

Meeting Information

Annual Show

November 1, 2025

Doors Open: 6:30

Show Begins: 7:00

Jacksonville Community Center

Upcoming Events

Ring 29 Christmas Party

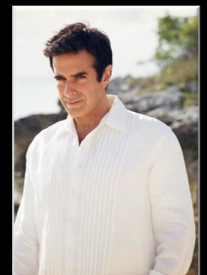
Date: December TBD

1pm

Stagecoach Village Clubhouse

*"Before there can be wonders, there
must be wonder."*

David Copperfield



President's Report

Marty Haughn

October took us to the home of Dane and Sarah Dover for an outstanding picnic. Our gracious hosts cooked up some burgers and dogs and members brought an assortment of sides and desserts to enjoy.

Dan and Jan Hecke brought in a "special" cake that was decorated in a magical fashion. A top hat and wand along with the words Ring 29 were the perfect touch.

Speaking of Dan Hecke, he is our newest Lifetime member. Congratulations Dan.

Jim Henson and Mary Ann Campbell were also given their 50 year certificate of the IBM at the meeting. Congrats to them both.

It was nice to see so many members attend and enjoy the food and magic. I hope to see everyone again at the November 1st show. This will be considered our November meeting.

December will be our annual Christmas party held at the Stagecoach Clubhouse. More details to follow at a later date.

Until then, be safe and stay healthy.

Secretary's Report

Mark Mulkerin

Little Rock Magic Ring 29 met Saturday, October 11, 2025 at Dane Dover's home. President Marty Haughn presided.

The meeting began shortly before 2:30 pm after socializing for some time over a potluck picnic. Marty covered several upcoming events including the estate auction of Jon Bucher to benefit Arkansas Rings, the logistics of gathering of all four Arkansas Rings November 9th in Russellville, and the November 1st magic show featuring the Arkansas Masters of Illusion.

The meeting then segued into honoring several members. Mary Ann Campbell and Jim Henson were recognized for their 50 years of membership to the IBM with an accompanying certificate. Dan Hecke was honored with a Ring 29 Lifetime Membership for his commitment to magic and involvement in the Ring.

With business and ceremony fulfilled, Marty transitioned the meeting to performances. Blayk Puckett performed first with a fun and impressive five ball juggling routine. Dan then offered a Loony Tunes psychic test suitable for audiences of all ages. Next, Dane had us all on the edge of our seats with his spiked block and five paper bags Russian Roulette routine.

Dr. Chris Westfall then offered a silk to fake egg to real egg feat with remembrances of Mark Wilson woven in and Mary Ann ably assisting as he taught her the trick. Marty finished up the performances with an effect in which Mary Ann selected several lettered card and one of several objects presented. The selected object was revealed to be predicted by the word Mary Ann's selected cards spelled out.

Performances complete, several members related stories and thoughts on magic. Dane began with a recent show he'd seen that didn't fit the audience well. Mary Anne described some of her experiences using doves in an act that had been trained by fellow Ring member David Duggie. Jim rounded out the discussions with a remembered meeting with Mark Wilson and a roulette gone wrong.

The meeting finished with more of Jim's generosity as he demonstrated then gave away tricks, books, and DVDs. After a group photo, the meeting wrapped up with some more socializing.

Blast from the Past

Bob Bullock

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October 2010

Fifteen years ago, Ring 29 was bustling with activity as the fall season rolled in. October 2010 featured a special visit from internationally acclaimed magician Jay Scott Berry, who lectured for the club on October 7th. Shortly after, members gathered at Central Baptist Church for the annual Ring 29 picnic, where grilled food, fun, and plenty of magic made the evening memorable.

The officers of Ring 29 in October 2010 were: President Tyler Vodehnal, Vice President Jon Bucher, Secretary Kylan Mann, Treasurer James Kinsey, Sergeant-at-Arms Pam Medrez, Historian Mike Curtis, and Webmaster Bob Bullock.

That month's theme centered on "becoming a wizard." Members explored costuming, routining, and building magical personas. Jon Bucher, who regularly performed as a wizard at renaissance fairs, demonstrated his walkaround props. Dan Hecke, in full costume as "Ravenswood," captivated the audience with crystal balls, wands, and a Lota Bowl, delivered in a booming English accent. Bill Fulton, performing as "Amethyst," discussed character development and shared ideas on accessories like staffs, canes, and jewelry. Even Bob Bullock performed a heartfelt ring-and-string routine, framed as a story about his grandfather, showing how personal narrative can enrich performance.

Beyond the lecture hall, Ring 29 was extending its magic into the community. Members organized shows for the Little Rock Zoo's "Boo at the Zoo," drawing large audiences and giving local magicians valuable exposure. Plans were also underway to bring close-up magic to Dickey-Stephens Park and the Arkansas Museum of Discovery, continuing a proud tradition of community engagement.

Nationally, our own Dennis Schick was profiled in The Linking Ring magazine and announced as the editor of IBM's online portal, overseeing a team of contributors. Meanwhile, Branson audiences were treated to the Hamner-Barber Show's moving new "Military Salute Illusion," honoring veterans with standing ovations nightly.

Looking back, October 2010 reminds us how Ring 29 blended learning, performance, and community to keep the spirit of magic thriving. It's a legacy well worth celebrating today.

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Schedule of Events

2025

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
TBD	Location to be announced	Arkansas Masters of Illusion	N/A	Marty Haughn
February	First Community Bank	Open Magic	N/A	
March	First Community Bank		N/A	
April	First Community Bank		N/A	
May	First Community Bank		N/A	
June	Stagecoach Clubhouse	Officer Installation	N/A	Larry Bean
July	1:00 p.m. Stagecoach Clubhouse	Ring 29 Auction	N/A	
August	First Community Bank	Storytelling Magic	N/A	
September	First Community Bank	Trevor Duffy Lecture	Trevor Duffy	
October 11	Dane Dover's Home 8500 Woodruff, Sherwood	Haunted Magic	N/A	
November 1	Jacksonville Community Center	Annual Show - Finally	N/A	
December	TBD	Ring Christmas Party	N/A	

- The clubhouse address: 100 Stagecoach Village, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- First Community Bank Address: 17820 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, Arkansas

These are our normal meeting gatherings. Any additional activity throughout the year will be listed.

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All members of Ring 29 must first be a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. I.B.M. Applications can be obtained from http://www.magician.org/membership_application.pdf.

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

To be added to our email group, contact James Kinsey or Marty Haughn

We now use GOOGLE GROUPS for our email service.

Ring 29 is proud to endorse and support Little Rock's world class Magic Vendor, "Mr. Magic"
Mr. Magic is owned and operated by retired Fire Chief Jim Henson and is a primary contact for Ring 29.

Mr. Magic (Jim Henson)

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