

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:

The Mystery Collection presents: An Evening of Intimate Mystery & Illusion with Master Magician Paul Noffsinger and Special Guest, Pepper Darling at Birdie's Cabaret Theater and Lounge in North Little Rock on Friday, June 5th starting at 8pm

Birdie's Birthday Marvelous Misfits Variety Show also at Birdies on Friday, June 26th starting at 8pm. Hosted by Hey Ghoul's GAGE with comedy by Ashley Ihler, magic of Paul Prater, comedy of JJ Molinaro, a burlesque performance by Doris Night, and sideshow juggling with Blayk Puckett.

The Magic of Jonathan Erlandson will be playing at The Malco in Hot Springs on Tuesday through Sunday most weeks in June.

Perplexed! With Sean-Paul & Juliana Fay will be at the Intrigue Theater in Eureka Springs most nights through June.

Meeting Information

June 6th at 1pm
First Community Bank
Community Room
17820 Chenal Parkway
Little Rock

*"The average man is not hard
to mystify."*

Howard Thurston



President's Report

Marty Haughn

May started our second adventure with an auction. This time was for the Jon Bucher estate. In attendance were several Ring 29 members along side of a few from Ring 75.

There was so much in the estate that it was decided to

Combine Ring 29 and 308 auctions. Although we did not get through everything we had some highly sought after items that went pretty high in bidding. For that I certainly do appreciate those that battled it out. Then there was Mike Curtis, one of our more "curious" bidders, and his \$12. You had to be there.

When the dust settled and buyers were running out of money both Rings will split over \$2000 in bids.

There was a prize awarded to the one who spent the most and Cedric is now the proud owner of a 3D printed closeup mat storage tube.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend and to those who bid.

As for the remaining items still in boxes, we are looking at a final auction in July or August. Stay tuned and save your money as this one will be big, good and rapid fire.

See you all at the Officer Installation.

Secretary's Report

Mark Mulkerin

On May 2, 2026, Little Rock Magic Ring 29 held their annual public show. This year it was held at the Veterans Event Community Center in Cabot, Arkansas.

We had a great crowd who enjoyed the fun and laughter our three performers provided.

On stage first for some housekeeping was Ring 29 President, Marty Haughn, who provided facility information and one unusual greeting. Marty called on the stage Territorial Vice President Larry Bean who is also the President of Ring 75 of Ft. Smith, AR, Joey Williams President of Ring 403 of Springdale, AR, and Blayk Puckett President of Ring 308 of Searcy, AR.

What is unusual about it was it is rare to have all four Ring Presidents to get in one place. They shared their very odd way of meeting by shaking hands while at one time saying "Mr. President". The audience loved it.

For a warm up magician Cedric Morley came on stage and demonstrated his skills with a magic wand and made it dance.

Larry bean started next and had the audience laughing and amazed at the same time. He pulled money mouth coils, cut rope that never seemed to be able to align the ends and a wild coloring prediction that ended with an initial failure until he pointed to a box which held a head that matched all his predictions.

Mark Mulkerin wowed the audience with a unique multiplying bottles routine. Each bottle was labeled with some sort of juice that went well with his story. He also had fun with a young volunteer working the Topsy Turvy.

Closing the show was Cedric Morley showing polished coin manipulation, a mind blowing mentalism routine and a wonderful cup and ball routine which baffled everyone in the audience. You could hear the "What the..." and "How did he do that" comments run through the audience.

All in all, we appreciate the work each magician did to make this show a success.

I would be remiss in my duties not to mention our gracious emcee Joey Williams who kept the audience entertained in between magicians. Joey is an accomplished magician and it shows.

Finally, none of this would not have been possible without the hard work of our sound manager of the night, Dan Hecke. He brought in a fantastic sound system and kept things hopping with music. Thanks Dan.

Marty Haughn

Blast from the Past

Bob Bullock

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Referencing: May 2011

Ring 29 Officers (May 2011)

- President: Jon Bucher
- Vice-President: Tyler Vodehnal
- Secretary: Aaron Acosta
- Treasurer: James Kinsey
- Historian: Mike Curtis
- Sergeant-at-Arms: Bob White

May 2011: Ring 29 Elects New Officers and Welcomes Local Magic Royalty

May 2011 was a landmark month for Ring 29 as the club gathered at the Shuffield Auditorium to chart its course for the upcoming year with our annual officer elections. The leadership reins were officially handed over to Jon **Bucher**, who stepped up as President, with **Tyler Vodehnal** elected as Vice-President. Rounding out the dedicated leadership team were Aaron Acosta as Secretary, James Kinsey managing the treasury, Mike Curtis preserving our records as Historian, and Bob White keeping order as Sergeant-at-Arms.

The meeting was far more than just administrative business, however. The club was honored with a very special visit from International Brotherhood of Magicians (IBM) past International President and living magic legend, **Bill Pitts**. Bill treated the membership to a fascinating walk down memory lane, sharing incredible historical highlights and stories from his decades of service at the highest levels of the IBM. It was a poignant reminder of the deep roots and national respect our local Little Rock Ring commands.

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Following the historical presentation, the club shifted into performance mode. While the evening featured a broad range of magic, a true standout of the night was **Dennis Schick**. Dennis completely wowed the room by demonstrating his masterful handling of the classic Card in the Wallet routine. It was a masterclass in timing and misdirection that left even the seasoned pros in the audience shaking their heads.

Worldwide Magic News: May 2011

Beyond Little Rock, the global magic community was marking significant moments of celebration and transition:

- **The 43rd Annual Academy of Magical Arts (AMA) Awards:** The magic community gathered in Hollywood to celebrate the best of the craft. The prestigious awards honored standout performers across close-up, parlor, and stage magic categories, showcasing the top talent performing at the Magic Castle.
- **Celeste Evans Highlighted:** The May 2011 issue of The Linking Ring magazine featured a prominent cover story and tribute to Celeste Evans, one of the true pioneering female magicians who shattered glass ceilings in a male-dominated industry during the mid-20th century.
- **A Magic Legend Passes:** The community mournfully said goodbye to Dorothy Young, who passed away at the incredible age of 103. Dorothy was famously known in magic history as the final surviving stage assistant to the legendary illusionist Harry Houdini, having performed alongside him during his 1925–1926 tour.

As we look back fifteen years to May 2011, it's wonderful to see how the same blend of local camaraderie, respect for magic history, and high-caliber performance continues to drive Ring 29 today!

May Meeting 2026



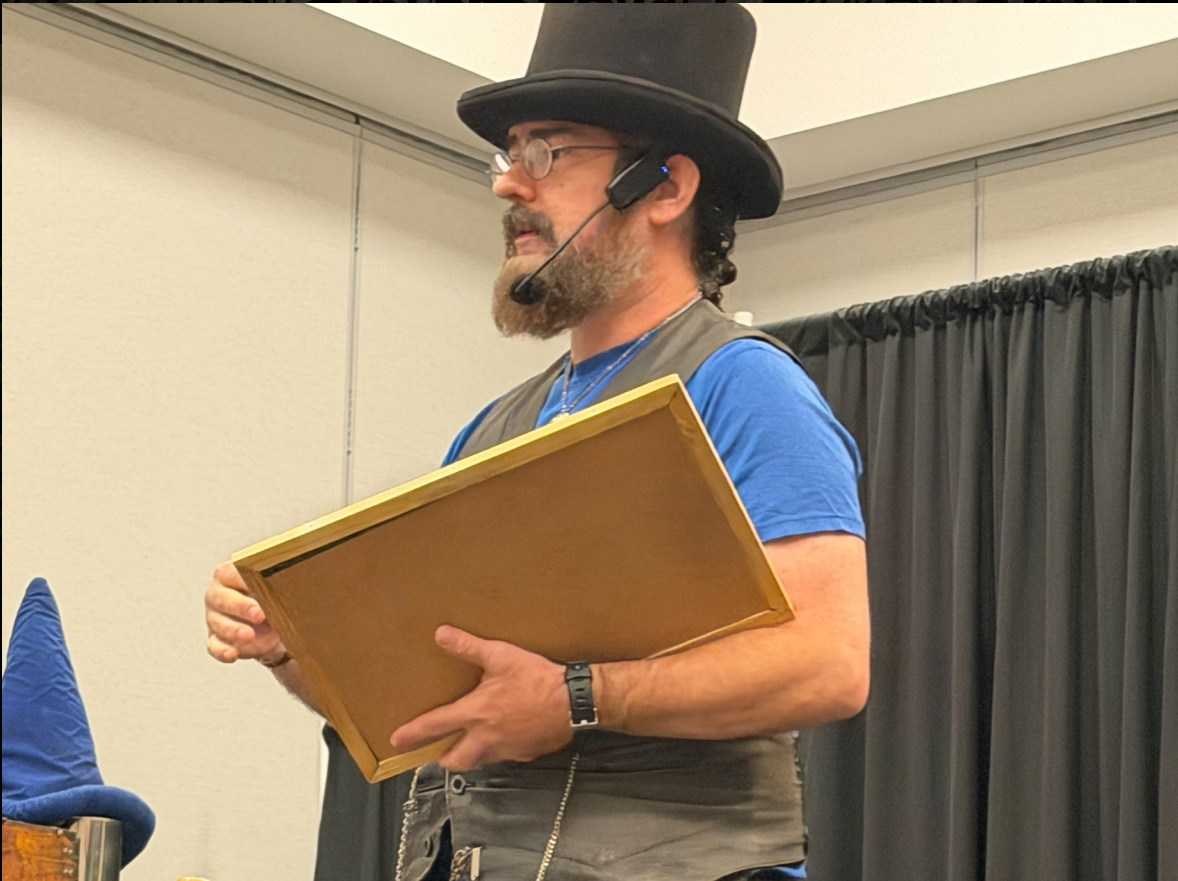
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Schedule of Events

2026

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January 3	1:00 p.m. First Community Bank Community Room 17820 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock		N/A	
February 7	1:00 p.m. First Community Bank Community Room 17820 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock		N/A	
March 7	1:00 p.m. First Community Bank Community Room 17820 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock		N/A	
April 11	1:00pm Saint Michael's Episcopal Church 12415 Cantrell Road, Little Rock		N/A	
May 2	7:00 pm Veterans' Park Event Center 508 North Lincoln Street, Cabot		N/A	
June 6	1:00 pm First Community Bank Community Room 17820 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock	Officer Installation	N/A	
TBD	Location to be announced		N/A	
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- 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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