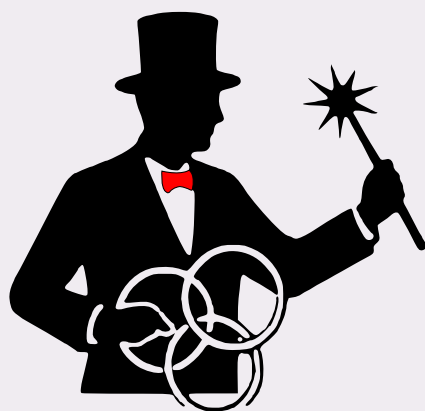


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Little Rock Magic Ring 29



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IN THIS ISSUE...

Welcome to the debut issue of Magic in the Rock!

There is a fresh wave of energy sweeping through Little Rock Magic Ring 29, and we are absolutely thrilled to kick off this new chapter with you. Last month, we proudly elected our new leadership team: Mark Mulkerin (President), Marty Haughn (Vice President), Bob Bullock (Secretary), James Kinsey (Treasurer), and Shawn Miller (Sergeant at Arms). Together, we are dedicated to revitalizing our club and expanding the magic community across the Natural State.

As your new Secretary, I've given this newsletter a colorful, highly readable makeover. You can expect it in your inbox no later than the 24th of each month (sooner for this issue). Our vision for Magic in the Rock goes beyond Ring 29 news—we want to showcase the entire Arkansas magic scene! To do that, we need your help. Please submit your articles, show bookings, promotional materials, and performance photos. Let's celebrate your successes and keep everyone informed.

Simultaneously, President Mark and I have been working hard to update our website to match our vibrant new theme, making it a seamless, user-friendly hub for members and visitors alike. It is finally up and running so check out the new LittleRockMagic.net.

Our ultimate goal this year is to build a powerful, statewide magic community by sharing resources and innovative ideas to grow our art. Whether you are a seasoned pro, an amateur, or simply someone with a passion for the art, we invite you to join in our vision for Ring 29 and Magic in Arkansas.

If you have any Questions, Problems, or Praise...
We will Answer, Listen, or Bask as appropriate.

Let's make this year extraordinary—send us your ideas and let's create some magic together!



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IN THE NEWS

A lot of interesting Magical items in the news for July.

- Dr. Mary Ann Campbell returned from a Magical tour of England (see next page).
- Paul Carlon headlined a show (below) at Ozarka College to benefit Beautifully Broken of Arkansas.
- Derrick Rose performed at the Little Rock Photo Expo on the 17th.
- Plus we have an upcoming lecture by Jamie Williams on August 31st.



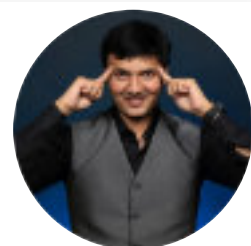
If you have any news for future newsletters, email them to Magicbobj@gmail.com.

Next Meeting Information

August 31
Meeting/Jamie Williams Lecture
(Details TBA)

Magic is not about tricking the eyes;
it's about tricking the mind."

- Amit Kalantri -





IN THE NEWS - (continued)

A Magical Time in England Dr. Mary Ann Campbell

I was in London last month for the International Women's Forum Global Conference (750 women leaders from 37 countries.) I decided to go early and was grateful for the very welcoming reception from the magic community.

I visited Martin MacMillan at his International Magic Shop. It's the last brick and mortar shop left standing in London. His father ran it and now he is running the shop.

The Magic Circle Museum tour was delightful. King Charles likes magic and is a supporter of the magic community. When he was prince of Wales, he auditioned to be a member of the Magic Circle doing Cups and Balls. They have encased a tribute to him in their museum.

My tour guides were Ian Rowland and Stuart Scott. Stuart is an artist and his book will soon be published. It's cartoon about the Magic Circle. Ian invited me to their monthly meeting that was happening the next evening. I met Magical Katrina in person. A couple years ago, I viewed her live lecture when she performed on the New Magic Academy program.

The evening of their monthly meeting, I met several female magicians. The blonde on the end won Best Family Entertainer at the Blackpool Convention this year. The woman seated is Fay Presto who performed for Queen Elizabeth 6 times. She also entertained Sting, Madonna, J.K. Rowling, Elton John, Rod Stewart, etc. The tall woman with the cap on is a magician and a make up artist. George Lucas commissioned her and she created Chewbacca for Star Wars.

To top off my fellowship with some of the magic community of London, Magical Katrina and I had High Tea at the Ritz.

Thanks,
Mary Ann





PRESIDENT'S CORNER

With my first official meeting as President behind me, I'm grateful for the wit, wisdom, and guidance of Marty, Bob, and everyone else as I step into this role.

We had a great conversation about some streamlining and modernization Bob has undertaken on the website to make it easier to manage and more accessible across different platforms. We continued our discussion about reaching prospective members through social media and community outreach. While the officers are busy brainstorming such things, we'd more than welcome your thoughts as well. Also, if you're going to be performing out in the community, we'd love to know about it so we can help promote public events.

The magic sharing was lovely especially as we had Christy and Phoebe Vodehnal in town visiting Jim. Later this month, I should get my fill of magic in Saint Louis at IBM National Convention. Not only will this be my first national convention, it will be my first convention ever so if you have any advice for a newbie, let me know. I'll tell you all about it when next we meet on August 31st at the upcoming lecture - and we are still trying to find an appropriate venue so if you have any thoughts, let one of the officers know.

Finally, I know a fair number of the Ring 29 family are facing health and other challenges so let keep each other in our hearts and prayers (but I probably didn't need to say it, because you all already have it covered).

PS In the coming months, I'd love to grab coffee or lunch with whoever wants to get together to better get to know everyone and discuss your ideas for the Ring.

All the best,

Mark



Mark Mulkerin - President



FOR THE RECORD

The Ring 29 business meeting was held on July 11, 2026, led by officers Mark Mulkerin (President), Marty Haughn (Vice President), and Bob Bullock (Secretary). The session focused heavily on modernization, digital outreach, membership growth, and upcoming local events.

Digital Infrastructure and Media Revamp

Secretary Bob Bullock provided updates on standardizing the club's newsletter and revamping the website to improve user experience for both members and the public. The new mobile-responsive website is currently live via a private link, with an official launch scheduled for the end of July. To streamline digital media, Bob created a dedicated Google account and an affiliated YouTube channel, "Little Rock Magic Ring 29" (@LRRing29). A promotional video has already been uploaded, and the club plans to host member performance videos on YouTube to link directly from the website, bypassing local hosting limitations. Additionally, the executive committee noted the need to refine membership criteria language to clarify the distinct requirements for both the national IBM organization and Ring 29.

Membership Growth and Institutional Outreach

Addressing declining participation and an aging membership base, the group proposed several community-focused strategies. A key initiative includes filming short, non-exposure performance clips of members to share on platforms like Facebook and YouTube to increase local visibility. To gain further insights on membership stimulation, President Mark Mulkerin will attend the national IBM convention in St. Louis later this month. Regional collaboration is also on the horizon, with discussions underway to cross-promote activities with other Arkansas Rings.

Simultaneously, the club is pursuing family programming partnerships with local institutions. Mark has reached out to the Central Arkansas Library System (CALS), the North Little Rock Library program, and the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts to establish magician demonstrations and educational classes for youth and adults.

Inter-Ring Activities, Auctions, and Logistics

Christy reported strong cross-attendance and collaboration among the regional Arkansas Rings. To maintain this momentum, the group highlighted magic auctions as an excellent draw for regional interest. Marty Haughn continues to catalog items from multiple member estates (including John Bucher and Mike Jones) the proceeds being divided as requested by the donors.

Looking further ahead, the club is organizing an upcoming lecture scheduled for August 31, potentially at the Stagecoach clubhouse, which offers the space and time flexibility required for a large turnout, potentially utilizing a \$25 fee from proceeds to cover the venue costs.



Bob Bullock - Secretary



FOR THE RECORD - (continued)

Member Well-being

Members extended their thoughts and prayers to Susan Bucher, whose brother Bob is on hospice care in Colorado, and Derrick Rose, who is undergoing knee surgery.

Illusion Showcase & Member Performances

Following the business adjournment, the meeting transitioned into a lively, casual magic showcase featuring diverse performance styles. The evening kicked off with a heartwarming presentation by young guest Phoebe Vodehnal on the elements of flower growth, followed by Christy Vodehnal, who performed a classic "Domino Dots" trick using a pink-dotted prop. In a humorous twist, Christy broke protocol to "reveal" the finger-coverage method, leaving the audience even more delightfully confused.

Dan Hecke brought some mind-reading flair to the room with a book test utilizing a Chuck Yeager biography sourced from an estate sale. Through a multi-step mathematical calculation volunteered by the audience, Dan successfully revealed their chosen word to be "trust". Sean Miller followed with a double feature, first showcasing a heavily modified, custom mechanical/electronic prop called "Pipe Dream". He then performed an engaging gospel routine using two empty buckets to produce a variety of items representing the soul and life's messes.

The close-up magic continued with Sid Salmons, who performed a sleek psychological card routine where a thought-of card completely vanished from a packet, leaving behind a blank card as a mental "keepsake" for the volunteer. David Duggie kept the energy high by flawlessly predicting two selected cards (the Three of Hearts and King of Spades) before pivoting to impromptu magic, levitating a borrowed five-dollar bill using what he jokingly blamed on "static electricity".

Closing out the day's magic, President Mark Mulkerin executed a clean prediction finale. Utilizing "circle" and "square" marker coins placed on two separate piles, he successfully matched the underlying cards to reveal the Three of Hearts and the Two of Spades, ending the showcase on a high note.

Your Up-to-the Minute(s) Secretary,

Bob Bullock



Bob Bullock - Secretary



BLAST FROM THE PAST

We're going back this month to July 2011!

Ring 29 Officers (July 2011)

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



A Summer of Leadership, Doc Dixon, and a Look Back at Orlando

July 2011 was a milestone month for the Little Rock Magic Alliance, marked by our first annual installation banquet, an influx of youth performances, and a fantastic lecture from a close-up master.

An Evening at Brown's Country Kitchen: The biggest club news of the month was our Annual Officer Installation Banquet held on Saturday, July 23rd at Brown's Country Kitchen. The 2011–2012 board was elected unanimously across the board, with Tyler Vodehnal returning to lead the club for another term. True to our unique style, the entertainment for the night was provided entirely by our newly installed officers, proving that our leadership can handle a deck of cards or a set of linking rings just as well as club business.

Doc Dixon & Stage Triumphs: Earlier in the month, we were treated to an incredible lecture from close-up and comedy specialist Doc Dixon in Conference Room 22. Doc brought his deep professional expertise, covering everything from high-end corporate gigs to children's entertainment. He even joined forces with our own Scott Davis the following night for a run of shows out in Hot Springs. (Continued)



Bob Bullock - Historian



BLAST FROM THE PAST - (Continued)

The newsletter also celebrated the results of our hard-fought Annual Stage Competition. Col. James Kinsey served as MC while David Duggie wowed us with a flawless torn-and-restored newspaper, and young Tre McDonald took third with a brilliant red feather-and-silk routine. Ultimately, it was Aaron Acosta who swept the evening, capturing both First Place and the Audience Favorite vote with his bookless book test and chair prediction.

Around the Magic World

In the broader magic community of July 2011:

The I.B.M. International Convention was held in Dallas, Texas, where magicians from around the globe gathered for world-class competitions and masterclasses.

The community mourned the loss of the beloved **Neal Talley** from the Memphis club, an extraordinarily generous spirit who spent years handcrafting and gifting custom magic effects to his peers.

As we celebrate our current achievements this July, it's clear that the dedication to mentoring the next generation—much like the UALR youth shows of 2011—remains the true secret to keeping our art alive.

Your Humble Historian,

Bob Bullock



Bob Bullock - Historian



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EVENT CALENDAR - 2026

Date	Time	Meeting Location	Description	Lecturer
Mar 07, 2026	1:00 pm	First Community Bank 17820 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, AR	Meeting	N/A
Apr 11, 2026	1:00 pm	Saint Michael's Episcopal Church 12415 Cantrell Rd, Little Rock, AR	Meeting	N/A
May 02, 2026	7:00 pm	Veterans' Park Event Center 508 North Lincoln Street, Cabot, AR	Club Magic Show	N/A
Jun 06, 2026	1:00 pm	Saint Michael's Episcopal Church 12415 Cantrell Rd, Little Rock, AR	Officer Installation	N/A
Jul 11, 2026	1:00 pm	Saint Michael's Episcopal Church 12415 Cantrell Rd, Little Rock, AR	Meeting	N/A
Aug 31, 2026	—	TBA	Meeting/Lecture	Jamie Williams
Sep 2026	—	NO MEETING	—	N/A
Oct 2026	—	TBA	Meeting	N/A
Nov 02, 2026	1:00 pm	TBA	Meeting/Lecture	Keith Leff
Dec 2026	—	TBA	Ring 29 Christmas Party	N/A
Jan 2027	—	TBA	Meeting	N/A
Feb 2027	—	TBA	Meeting	N/A



For up the most current calendar visit our website LittleRockMagic.net



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Membership

To become a member of Ring 29, you must first be a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.
Contact Mr. Magic (below) or any Ring 29 Officer for information on joining the IBM or Ring 29.

Visit:

LittleRockMagic.net/Information.html

Website

Our website has been filled with a wealth of information to assist our members and potential members.
You can view current and past Newletters, photographs, or the Ring 29 Event Calendar.

LittleRockMagic.net or LittleRockMagic.org

Ring 29 Email Group

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 group, please contact *Vice President **Marty Haughn***.

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We now use GOOGLE GROUPS for our email service.



Mr. Magic (Jim Henson)

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