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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERS OF
LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS



Ring 29 meets at 6:45 on the 1st Thursday of the month at Baptist Hospital's Shuffield Auditorium
Call Mr. Magic or a Ring 29 Officer for changes (see back page).

December Theme: Christmas Party!

December 2014

Magic News

Don Baer was released from surgery on Oct. 30th he is doing better.

Holiday Party at Jim's Shop on Dec. 4th starting at 6pm.

Also Barry Mitchell on Jan. 14th 2015 it will be held at Jim's Shop at 7pm Cost \$20 a person.



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Themes for meetings!

- December: Christmas Party
January: Holiday Party (Dec 17th)
February: Creativity Night
March: Close up contest
April: Photo Session/My first magic trick
May: Stage Competition
June: Installation Meeting

Presidents Corner

The end of the year is near and what a great 2014 it has been, first off let me wish everyone a Happy Holiday's. So first up don't forget about the Holiday Party on December 4th at Jim's Shop it will start at 6pm, we are asking if you are going to perform at the holiday party to call the shop and let Jim know so we can have a list ready to go or shoot us a email. We want every body to show up and bring a guest and we want you to perform the more performers the more Magical the night. Coming real shortly is our Annual Christmas Party at the Jacksonville community center it will be on January the 17th starting at 6pm, So make sure you come out and support the Magic this night, we put a lot of time in to this and we would love for everyone to come and bring some guest.

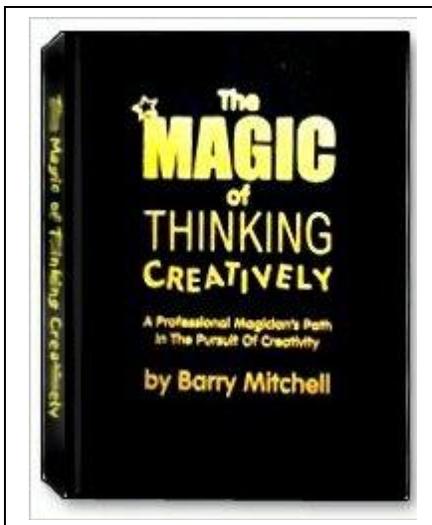
We have another lecture coming on January the 14th it too will be at Jim's Shop and the lecturer will be Barry Mitchell it will be filled with a lot of great Magic he does a lot of children's Magic but also covers a lot of being creative, His last lecture was awesome so come out and support this lecture hope to see you there. The Master of Illusions and another sell out show on November 8th, I wish I could have went but I am sure it was first class like always, Did any of you guys go? If so would you be willing to write a review for the newsletter the rest of us would love to hear about the show. On that note I will leave you with have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. Thanks Aaron Acosta



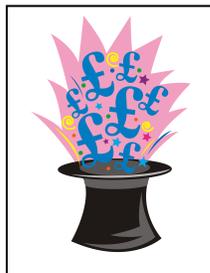
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Other upcoming Lectures!



Barry Mitchell	Jan. 14th
Lee Earl	March 24th
Rich Marotta	March 3rd

Book Review

Gift Magic

Performances that leave people with a Souvenir, Edited by Lawrence Hass

You should get this book if you want to leave a positive impression on your audience. In this book you will find amazing work featuring essays, interviews, and eleven tricks by some of today's top performers and magical thinkers, including Rich Bloch, Eugene Burger, Lawrence Hass, Jeff McBride, Robert E. Neale, and George Parker. These thinkers investigate "gift magic" through a collection of essays, discussions, and routines. The book centers on "gift" magic, tricks that leave the spectator with a souvenir.

In some ways, the book itself is a gift: all of the contributors, including the designers and illustrator, donated their time and material to the project, and all of the profit from Gift Magic will be donated to The Encore Foundation, an organization dedicated to helping magicians in times of need. All of these points make for an interesting and worthwhile project, but ultimately one that will succeed or fail based on the quality of its content. Thankfully the quality is very high.

Gift Magic Contains nine routines with a wide range of techniques and gift items. Of these, a few personal favorites are: George Parker's "Mirror Version" of Gemstone Gift, a cleverly choreographed sequence for the production of a small gemstone or similarly sized object; Lawrence Hass's Lucky Seven, a gambling routine with a great giveaway for the spectator; and Robert Neale's Hypertriptych, an intriguing way to mount a hypercard before giving it away. Eugene Burger also discusses his handling for Cecil Lyle's Paper Hat Tear Trick, but it should be noted that there are no instructions provided to make the hats, so you'll need to buy those. It is also worth mentioning that, with the exception of the hypercard, all of the giveaways in Gift Magic are ordinary objects that can be easily obtained elsewhere by your spectators. Consequently, a large part of the book deals with techniques to make these normal objects take on a special significance to your spectator, so they are normal objects does not take away their effectiveness as gifts.

Gift Magic also features nine essays and discussions about its contributors' theories on magical gifts, and these theoretical sections are where the real value of the book lies.

If you perform - or want to perform - magic involving gifts, Gift Magic is the book for you. If you want to explore ways your audience can be involved in your magic, Gift Magic is the book for you. If you want your thoughts on magic to be pushed in directions they have never been before, Gift Magic is the book for you. In fact, it is hard to think of any serious magician who would not benefit in some way from reading Gift Magic. At a cost of only \$25 it's well worth the money after what I said you think this book is for you, you can pick a copy up at Jim's shop. Thanks Aaron Acosta

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Balloon Bow



1

Inflate one balloon for the wreath portion of the balloon animal and leave about an inch of uninflated end. Inflate a second balloon for the wreath portion leaving about an inch of uninflated end. These two inflated balloons will form the body of the balloon animal “wreath.”



2

Twist the balloons together through their lengths to create a spiral design.



4

Twist the ends together to form the wreath. The balloons wrap around to create the “wreath.”



5

Inflate a third balloon leaving about an inch of uninflated end.



7

Twist one fold twist. This forms part of the “bow.” Note that since we’re creating a bow, this is a large fold twist.



3

Twist the ends of the balloons to lock the full-length twist.



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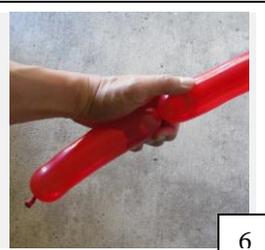
Attach the “bow” to the balloon animal wreath by twisting it onto the ends of the wreath. Adjust the bow. You can also adjust the wreath to make it rounder.



8

Twist a second fold twist. Try to make this match the first fold twist. The remainder of the balloon forms the rest of the “bow.”

Twist one basic balloon twist about three inches in the length.



6

<http://magic.about.com/od/balloontwisting/ss/Christmas-Wreath-Balloon-Animal.htm>

Ring History

This month takes us back only 10 years to the December, 2004 Ring meeting. It was a special beginning to great tradition. The President that year was Don Baer and the Secretary was Dr. Chris Westfall. The Ring met monthly at the Baptist Medical Center, Room 20.

" Ring 29 does not usually have a meeting in December. Nevertheless, Jim Henson, AKA Mister Magic, invited all to the shop for refreshments by Brenda, AKA Mrs. Magic, and an informal get together. A meeting was born!

Don Baer, President, and Christy Henson, Vice President, rapidly organized a meeting par excellence. Sixteen magical junkies attended. There was great food, camaraderie and plenty of entertainment.

MC Jim Henson led off with a very nice flower production. His kind introductions and pleasant humor set the tone for a wonderful evening of magic. Gerry Bailey unveiled his stage presentation of a candle routine which obviously required much time and effort. The apparatus alone must have taken many hours of hard work. At Gerry's request, club members made a few suggestions and I'm sure that a masterpiece is in the offing!

John Crippen's mentalism/card magic was flawlessly executed--as usual. John always does his homework and is a joy to watch. Chris Westfall presented a two Cup and Ball routine--the effort markedly enhanced by the gracious assistance of Lisa Bolen. Mike Curtis' dry wit and skillful card magic left us rolling in the aisles. We don't get to see Mike perform as much as we would like and it was a treat to see him under the spotlight.

Don Baer was in his usual superb form as he performed Presents of Mind, in perfect keeping with a holiday theme. Dr. Jesse McKinney, joining us recently from California in what we hope will be a long association, flawlessly executed a clever Signed Card to Pocket, a tongue in cheek "up the sleeve" explanation, and for the grand finale, Jay Sankey's Paper Clipped. Jesse's sleights are flawless and clearly reflect many, many years of serious effort. We are glad to have him with us.

A great time was had by all...thanks, once again to the hospitality of our magical first family--Jim, Brenda and Christy Henson."

Many can still fondly remember that meeting from those short 10 years ago. It was very filling and satisfying from both excellent entertainment and delicious refreshments. The December Holiday Party at Jim's shop has become a favorite tradition that is genuinely appreciated by the Ring and we hope the Henson family's hospitality continues. Let's look forward to another great meeting at the shop this December!

Until next time, don't forget to brighten this holiday season by bringing forward the joy of your best holiday seasons of the past. Happy Holiday Season and Merry Christmas to all.

Your humble historian, Mike Curtis.



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Upcoming MAGIC



December: Christmas Party @
Mr. Magic and Novelties.

If you know of any upcoming shows
or magic events please contact the
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it will be added to the list.

Magically Delicious Funny



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* Special Note to people not on the yahoo group. Please email Aaron or James to be added. This is the other way the Ring communicates. This way if the newsletter does not go out people can still know what is going on.

December Theme Details

Come and enjoy a festive night of food and fun at Mr. Magic and Novelties!

Membership

All members of Ring 29 must first be a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. I.B.M. Applications can be picked up at Mr. Magic or 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**.

LittleRockMagic.org

Our new 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.



Ring 29 is proud to endorse and support Little Rock's world class magic store Mr. Magic.

Mr. Magic, under the ownership of retired Fire Chief Jim Henson, provides a place for magicians to gather and a collection of magic that is unexcelled. Mr. Magic is also a primary contact for Ring 29.

Mon-Fri 11:00 – 5:30

Sat 10:00 – 5:00

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