



The Performer

*Little Rock Ring 29 Newsletter
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It's all about the Magic...



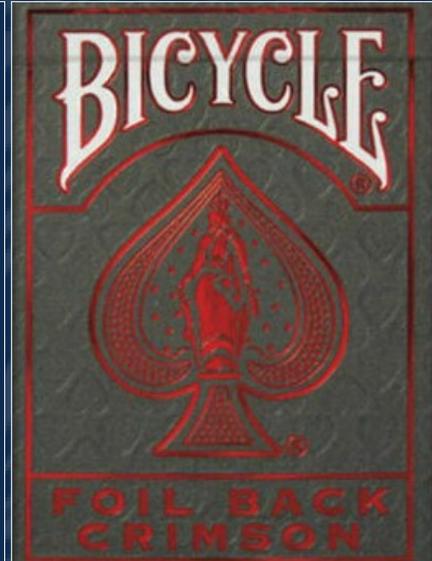
In the box below there is a puzzle. Try to solve the puzzle as quickly as you can. If you are the first person to solve the puzzle and send your answer to mjhaughn@gmail.com, you will be rewarded with a FREE deck of Bicycle Foil Back Crimson cards.

The answer will be located somewhere in this newsletter or on the website (www.littlerockmagic.net or www.littlerockmagic.org).

In order to play you MUST BE a paid member of Ring 29 and NOT one of the current officers (sorry). Membership will be verified before awarding the prize.

Deadline will be at Noon, December 1, 2020

GOOD LUCK!



GARY FAMBOUGH is our November winner with the answer WATERMELON found in the "Blast from the Past" article. CONGRATS GARY!!!

Difficulty: EASY

A man bought a green house.

Inside his green house was a white house.

Inside the white house was a red house.

Inside the red house there were a lot of babies.

What is it?



Meetings

December: Meeting at COOL CAPS, 5624 Commerce Court, Sherwood, Arkansas: 6:30

Upcoming Events

"Mathematical magic combines the beauty of mathematical structure with the entertainment value of a trick."

— Martin Gardner —





President's Corner Marty Haughn



Fellow Magicians,

Once again we find ourselves challenged by the times. I hope everyone is in good health and better spirits.

This month's meeting was again held at Dane Dover's home, thanks for the hospitality Dane. Attendance was sparse but we managed to have a good time. We even had some luck with Zoom this month by seeing Matt Seibert on the computer. Dane, Marty and Shawn were the performers along with Matt. Each performed something they were trying out, and I know in my case, for the first time. Things will improve with more practice.

After many discussions, texts, emails and phone calls between officers, we must sadly report that due to the current guidelines we must follow, the January Christmas Show scheduled for 2021 will not occur. According to the statewide guidelines, every venue we considered fell short of what we could reasonably expect and are unable to provide a suitable setup for our show.

As per discussions, it has been decided to wait until the guidelines loosen or disappear before we attempt a social gathering of our members. When able, the plan we are considering is renting a pavilion, possibly at Burns Park, which would accommodate our members and their immediate families. It has also been suggested that during the same gathering we include a "Magician's Flea Market" open to our members to buy and sell to each other. The latter will not take the place of our auction which should happen later in the year. The months being considered are April or May.

In the meantime I want everyone to take good care of themselves, stay healthy and be safe so that we will possibly see you in April or May.

Finally, we are now privileged to have a temporary meeting place during the pandemic, at least for December. Shawn Miller's boss has authorized us to use their conference room at their new location of Cool Caps.

The address is as follows: **5624 Commerce Court, Sherwood, Arkansas. Meeting will be December 3rd @ 6:30. Please wear a mask. We will have hand sanitizer available.**

Until we meet again, please take good care of each other and stay safe.

V/r

Marty





For the Record

Shawn Miller



Ring 29 members meet on Thursday at 6:30 pm November 5, 2020, at Vice President Dane Dover's home, and virtually via zoom. President Marty Haughn presided over the meeting.

First off a brief discussion on the success of the ring 29 survey. Surveys are a fun way to find out what the ring members interest.

We had a discussion on the ins and outs, the dos and don'ts of 3D printing for magicians. A few of our members are 3D printing enthusiasts. Additionally, we discussed future Ring meeting locations and an event in the near future. Matt Seibert joined via Zoom and had an enlightening demonstration of Christmas light tech, wow.... Matt stacks up the tricks and laughs.

Next up Marty Haughn with a wonderful card trick by Martin Gardner that needed the help of three spectators. With a shuffled deck, Matt took a third of the deck, next Dane took a third, and Shawn had the rest. Then, a card was selected by each person, a number was chosen by each person, and somehow we each ended at the right location of our card, an amazing trick. Nice explanation Marty, we always enjoy learning a new card trick.

Dane was up next with some sweet candy magic, two different tricks by using the same method. First Shawn Miller selected a bag of M&Ms from many then tore off a corner of the package. Dane poured out candy onto the table and presented a card predicting the colors of the candy that came out. Next Dane performed a torn and restored candy bag trick, sweet trick, then we made those M&Ms disappear.

Shawn Miller was up next with a triumphant shuffling card trick. Dane chose a card, and it was put back in the deck. Half the cards were turned over and shuffled, some up, some down with a magic thump, all the cards flipped over except one, Danes card.

Next Matt had a card penetrating a dollar bill wow! He then presented a wonderful display of balance, stacking one thing onto another, he must have skill and balance beyond belief, nice one Matt.

Shawn Miller brought a puzzle box he had made from wooden stir sticks, no one could get inside without the simple solution. Nice puzzle box Shawn.

We closed the meeting and magic with a discussion on magic books and a review of possible locations for upcoming events for 2021. There will be more information coming forward in the near future.

See you at the next meeting. Stay safe and stay magical.

Shawn





Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis



This month's report is from 24 years ago. It is remembering the December, 1996 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was James Kinsey and the Secretary was Bill Fulton. The Ring met monthly at Baptist Medical Center, Room 20.

It has been an exciting year for Ring 29. Several of our Ring members have performed for charitable causes, and many have been employed at commercial events. Jim Henson and Tony Moore have opened a new magic store at 828 S. Pine in Harrison, Arkansas.

Maxwell Blade, an accomplished magician, has converted an old Malco Movie Theater on Central Ave into a performing center in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Blade's "Theater of Magic" is the Spa City's first magic show in recent history, and has become a very popular attraction.

The Ring members have filled our meeting room each month and presented new and some of the classics of magic. The annual state meeting of all the Rings was a most successful gathering that created much fellowship. The annual Ozark Magic Conference in Eureka Springs was well attended, and the conference organizer was able to get Jim Henson to present a lecture and serve as a magic dealer.

We have been most fortunate to have Bill Spooner, Dan Fleshman, and Daryl as lecturers this year. These visiting magicians are some of the best performers and lecturers on the circuit. We are looking forward to a lecture by Jay Sankey on January 3, 1997. Those of us that own some of Sankey's tapes have been letting the other magicians know what a funny and talented guest that we will get to see. What a wonderful way to start the new year.

The Ring 29 annual Christmas Party takes place January 11. Yes, we always hold our Christmas party at a later time so that we can all be there. We hope your year was a magic one.

"That year boasted some interesting magical developments in Arkansas with Maxwell Blade opening his "Theater of Magic", our own Jim Henson opening a magic shop in Harrison with Tony Moore and several outstanding lecturers coming to the Ring. It appears attendance was good that year and several members enjoyed performing for charities and commercial events. Let's hope those "good old days" will soon be back and we can once again gather under "normal circumstances".

Until next time, remember, the past can help only if it is remembered."





November Performers





Treasurer's Report

James Kinsey

November 2020



BEGINNING BALANCE-CHECKING:	\$2074.82
DUES COLLECTED:	\$0.00
TOTAL BALANCE CHECKING:	\$2074.82
TOTAL BALANCE SAVINGS:	\$2000.07

EXPENSES

ZOOM:	\$16.41
ENDING BALANCE CHECKING:	\$2058.41
ENDING BALANCE SAVINGS:	\$2000.15

34 Members have paid dues.

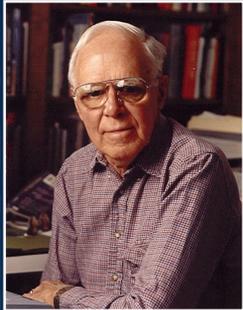
If you are not sure about your membership status, email James at:

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Magical History



Martin Gardner (October 21, 1914 – May 22, 2010) was an American popular mathematics and popular science writer, with interests also encompassing scientific skepticism, micro-magic, philosophy, religion, and literature—especially the writings of Lewis Carroll, L. Frank Baum, and G. K. Chesterton. He was also a leading authority on Lewis Carroll. The *Annotated Alice*, which incorporated the text of Carroll's two Alice books, was his most successful work and sold over a million copies. He had a lifelong interest in magic and illusion and was regarded as one of the most important magicians of the twentieth century. He was considered the doyen of American puzzlers. He was a prolific and versatile author, publishing more than 100 books.

Martin Gardner's father once showed him a magic trick when he was a little boy. Young Martin was fascinated to see physical laws seemingly violated and this led to a lifelong passion for magic and illusion. He wrote for a magic magazine in high school and worked in a department store demonstrating magic tricks while he was at the University of Chicago. The very first thing that Martin Gardner ever published (at the age of fifteen) was a magic trick in *The Sphinx*, the official magazine of the Society of American Magicians. He focused mainly on micro-magic (table or close-up magic) and, from the 1930s on, published a significant number of original contributions to this secretive field. Magician Joe M. Turner said, *The Encyclopedia of Impromptu Magic*, which Gardner wrote in 1985, "is guaranteed to show up in any poll of magicians' favorite magic books." His first magic book for the general public, *Mathematics, Magic and Mystery* (Dover, 1956), is still considered a classic in the field. He was well known for his innovative tapping and spelling effects, with and without playing cards, and was most proud of the effect he called the "Wink Change".

Many of Gardner's lifelong friends were magicians. These included William Simon who introduced Gardner to Charlotte Greenwald, whom he married in 1952, Dai Vernon, Jerry Andrus, statistician Persi Diaconis, and polymath Raymond Smullyan. Gardner considered fellow magician James Randi his closest friend. Diaconis and Smullyan like Gardner straddled the two worlds of mathematics and magic. Mathematics and magic were frequently intertwined in Gardner's work. One of his earliest books, *Mathematics, Magic and Mystery* (1956), was about mathematically based magic tricks. Mathematical magic tricks were often featured in his "Mathematical Games" column—for example, his August 1962 column was titled "A variety of diverting tricks collected at a fictitious convention of magicians." From 1998 to 2002 he wrote a monthly column on magic tricks called "Trick of the Month" in *The Physics Teacher*, a journal published by the American Association of Physics Teachers.

In 1999 *Magic* magazine named Gardner one of the "100 Most Influential Magicians of the Twentieth Century". In 2005 he received a 'Lifetime Achievement Fellowship' from the Academy of Magical Arts. The last work to be published during his lifetime was a magic trick in the May 2010 issue of *Word Ways: The Journal of Recreational Linguistics*.

Source: Wikipedia





Event Calendar

Date	Meeting	Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
July	Zoom	Home	Free for All	N/A	Dane Dover
August	TBA - ZOOM	TBA - HOME	Free for All	N/A	Dane Dover
September	In Person	Henson Home	First Learned Trick	N/A	Jim Henson Marty Haughn
October	In Person	Dover Home	Halloween Magic	N/A	James Kinsey
November	TBA	TBD	Free for All	N/A	Adrian Steelman
December	In-Person/ Zoom	Cool Caps Facility	Free for All	N/A	Shawn Miller
January	TBA	TBD	TBA	N/A	
February	TBA	TBA	TBA	N/A	
March	TBA	TBD	TBA	N/A	
April	TBA	TBA	TBA	N/A	
May	TBA	TBA	TBA	N/A	
June	TBA	TBA	TBA	N/A	

There are a lot of TBAs here on this calendar. Once the State of Arkansas begins to loosen things up a bit changes to this calendar will begin to happen.

EVERYTHING on this calendar is tentative but we need to continue planning the future as if we will be back to some resemblance of normal soon.

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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Membership

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.

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