



Spirit - The Official Newsletter of Ring 1

November 2024

Our Next Meeting
D.J. Edwards In-Person Lecture
November 6, 2024 at 7 p.m.



Please join us at 6:30 p.m. for social time. Lecture begins at 7 p.m.
Dielmann Recreation Center 11400 Olde Cabin Road Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Date	Ring 1 Events
November 6	D. J. Edwards Lecture - "The Best of the Best"
December 4	Annual Party and Gift Exchange (Mini-lecture by Columbus Smith)
January 8	Ring 1 meeting: Dielmann Recreation Center
February 5	Ring 1 meeting: Private Magic Archive filming (Tentative)
March 5	Ring 1 meeting: Tim Shegitz Lecture
April 3-5	2025 Gateway Close-up Convention Collinsville, IL 62234

2024 President's Banquet

Photos: Officer's installation, awards, magic entertainment by Tim Shegitz



Ring 1 Report by Sandy Weis et al.

Steve Zuehlke reported on the Ring 1 President's Banquet that was held October 6th, at Rosalita's Cantina. This year we had over fifty fellow magi and guests in attendance, by far one of the largest turnouts we have had in a long time. Michael McClure did an excellent job arranging the room which included a head table for all the past presidents, as well as individual programs printed with each registered magician's name. It was an excellent added touch, leaving everyone with a personalized souvenir of the evening. Michael McClure also set up a nice display in the back of the room of IBM Ring 1 memorabilia he has collected. It is always proper to remember those who came before us. Josh Weidner and Zi Wang entertained the crowd with close-up magic before dinner, and both did an excellent job. After dinner, President Darryl Lenz made some opening remarks regarding our upcoming Fall Show, Magic & Fantasy, to be held at the Florissant Performing Arts Center on Oct. 19th. He then presented Certificates of Appreciation to Steve Corbitt, Barb Zuehlke (and myself), Ben Mohler, the City of Creve Coeur, Brian Paladin and the City of Florissant. For the last two years, Darryl's recognition of those who have been helping our Ring 1 has been a welcome and appreciated change. Next up was Gary Chan, who chaired this year's Magic Competition. With awards in hand, Gary introduced this year's winners, with third place going to Zi Wang, second place going to Josh Weidner, and first place being awarded to Timothy Shegitz. And lastly, President Lenz presented the Theper Achievement Award to Michael and Susan McClure. This honor is NOT often awarded, since it is the highest honor that the I.B.M. Ring 1 can bestow upon a member. The last recipient of the award (which was bestowed in 2007) was Steve Finkelstein, who nominated the McClures (as is required by its strict selection criteria) and the entire Board wholeheartedly agreed. I personally cannot think of a better deserving couple to win this prestigious award. Congratulations to the McClures, and thanks for years of going above and beyond the call of duty! Next up was our member and International Vice President, Douglas Clark, who made the trip from Columbia, Missouri to install our new set of officers for the 2024/2025 year. Our new board consists of: Darryl Lenz, Steve Queen, Sandy Weis, Alan Zibits, Scott Smith, Gary Chan, Steve Finkelstein, Michael McClure and Paul Gregor. Next up was our entertainment for the evening, Timothy Shegitz, who was introduced by his lovely wife, Dee. Tim is a true professional, having performed all over the country, including the famed Magic Castle, and will soon be performing at the Chicago Magic Lounge. It should be noted that Tim has also performed in every room at the Magic Castle... a feat that very few (if any) have done. Tim did an excellent job performing with ropes, cards, and ended with a very touching routine involving the appearance of three half dollars. Tim's patter for this routine makes it a "showpiece" for sure. Congratulations, Tim! As we all know, magic clubs have their highs and lows, but I am happy to report that RING 1 is soaring high right now. New faces, new members, new leadership, new ideas etc., making RING 1 one of the best Rings in the country (IMHO).

Two of our members, Steven Buesking and Steve Zuehlke are busy making preparations for their next Gateway Close-Up Convention, to be held April 3-5 in 2025. Details, featured lecturers, and registration links can be found on their webpage at <https://www.baskervilleproductions.com/gateway2024>.

Our sister society, S.A.M. Assembly 8, is hosting their own magic show on November 2nd in Granite City. Several of the performers are also members of our Ring 1, and we wish them the very best!

Sandy Weis



2025 Gateway Close-up Convention

Here is the tentative line-up:

John Bannon will be on hand for a WORKSHOP ONLY, limited to NO MORE than 15 participants, for an added fee of 50.00 per person. Workshop to take place after the evening show on Saturday

E-mail STLSTEVE2009@YAHOO.COM if you want to sign up.

The price will go up after November 1, 2024, so register early and save 50.00! Also this year, spouses can come for FREE, if registered before November 1st. After that, spouses will be an additional \$100.00.

If paying by PayPal, please pay as friends and family.

If paying by check, make checks payable to Steve Zuehlke and mail to 131 S. 7th St., Wood River, IL 62095.

We are looking forward to those returning.

2025 GATEWAY

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Add laughter & fun to your holiday event with strolling magic, the Magic of Christmas Show, and/or my Murder By Magic Show.

<https://leftoncomedymagician.com/christmas-magician/>

From Christian Meisner:

I have a Joe Lefler Pro Suitcase Table that I'm looking to find a new home for. It's a nice size one and it's in decent condition, apart from needing new casters.

I was wondering if you happen to know anyone who might be interested in it? I'm willing to give it away to the right person, but if someone wants to give me a few bucks for it, that would be great too.

If you know anyone who might be interested, please let me know. I'd really appreciate it!

Thanks so much and have a fantastic day!

Your magical friend,
Christian the Magician
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321.947.0840



Hurricane Relief Benefit Show

Jeff Harping at the Hoogland Theater.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS SHOW ARE BEING DONATED TO HELP THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE RECENT HURRICANES.

Comedy Hypnotist Jeff Harpring returns to the Hoogland Center for the Arts on Friday, November 8th, 2024 at 7:30 pm with his Hilarious Comedy Hypnotic Entertainment Experience! Join us for an Evening of Comedy, Magic, Mind Boggling Mentalism, and Super Fun Hypnotic Entertainment. It's the show where the volunteers from the audience come up on stage to experience the power of the mind, and to become the Stars of the Show!

Here is a link to the Hoogland, where you can purchase your tickets. Hope to see you there!!

<https://www.hcfta.org/tickets>

Friday, November 8th, 2024

at the

Hoogland Center for the Arts

*420 South 6th Street
Springfield, Illinois*

*Comedy
Hypnotist
JEFF HARPRING*

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7:30PM



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\$22



The **St. Louis Magic Roundtable** meets every Saturday at 1:30 pm
 at Dierbergs, 1080 Lindemann Rd, Des Peres, MO 63131.
 Check the following website for the latest information before attending
 each week:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/374210993307299>

Magic Conventions

<https://www.themagicwordpodcast.com/magic-convention-guide>

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