



## Words from the Secretary

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The newsletter needs you. I need articles and news events written by you. You do not have to be a member of the club to send articles to be published. Send me emails ([accolombel@zipcon.com](mailto:accolombel@zipcon.com)) on what you would like to see in the newsletter and what you like or don't about the newsletter. Visit our Facebook page and post. Come to the meetings and lectures.

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## **Ring of Smoke Report**

No Meeting this Month. Snow and Superbowl

The Ring of Smoke meets the first Sunday of the Month at Shawn O'Donnell's in Everett.

## January's Meeting Report

The January's theme was "'Whudjaget?'" (as in... "whudjaget" for magical gifts over the holidays?)

The secretary (yours truly) was sick and Evan Shuster was kind enough to take some notes of the meeting during the time he was there. Below is what he sent me. Thank Evan.

We started out with a conversation about the lecture series. Evan gave a bit of history on the lecture series; how it was handed down from Lee Asher seven seasons ago, and the origins of developing the current line-up of participating clubs. There was talk about offering the first lecture of the year free to any members who are current in their membership for 2019. We would also use it as a membership drive to encourage other to pay dues at the door to join the lecture for free, as well.

We then watched some videos of Ricky Jay, who recently passed away. We watched one of his appearances on David Letterman, and also watched a 30+ year old clip from the Sally Jesse Raphael show which also featured a very young Max Maven and 25-year-old Jeff McBride.

Our theme for the month was "Whudjaget?" (as in... "what did you get" for magical gifts over the holidays?). Evan Shuster discussed the new Kaufman book on Theodore Deland, and showed "Face Off," which is Mark Setteducati's variation of the principle of concealed distribution. This was a new version produced by Ton Onosaka. Jeff Dialed then showed his version of Peter Samelson's wild card routine, "The Invasion of the Body Snatchers," for which he designed and printed themed cards.

Paul Volkman brought a sheet of the "Art of Magic" stamps for people to see. The group discussed the Magic Live event over the summer where the USPS unveiled the new stamps and associated products. Ralph Huntzinger and Joy showed off a book they purchased on quick changes ("Quick Change Secrets," By Natalia & Eli), and Ralph also brought a copy of William Rauscher's book, "Goebel: The Man with the Magical Mind."

Evan Shuster then demonstrated David Britland's version of ACAAN using a reverse Svengali deck.

Come to a meeting a talk, see magic and show off your magic.

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Remember, to visit the club's website, <http://www.nwringoffire.com> and also visit the clubs Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northwest-Ring-of-Fire/4296167377105973>

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## President's Message

Evan Shuster  
February 2019

Hi everyone!

I'll kick this off with a reminder that dues for 2019 are due. As a special thank you to current members, and a welcome to any new members, we have planned a terrific kick-off event to the New Year, and the new lecture season.

I'm very excited to announce that the upcoming Gregory Wilson lecture (\*Seattle ONLY) will be FREE to all 2018 NW Ring of Fire members who renew their memberships for 2019 prior to, or at the time of the lecture. ***\*This is for 2018 members who renew for 2019***

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### We need you...

Please contribute something (anything) to our monthly newsletter. You don't have to write a 20-page essay (unless you want to). Any length, even a paragraph will do. Review a product or performance, share your philosophy, teach a trick, draw a magic comic, share a magic-themed quote, etc....

### A turn of the page...

A number of terrific new books made their way to my mailbox over the last couple of months. Among them, the incredible Deland book from Richard Kaufman, Stephen Minch's beautiful, lovingly produced book, "Giacomo Bertini's System for Amazement," Dominic Twose's "Impromptu Secrets," and Harapan Ong's "Principia." I also just received "Magic for Young Lovers," which is the second book by Andy of The Jerx blog. Not familiar with The Jerx? Then you haven't been reading my series of articles titled "(Some of) The Best Things in Life are (Virtually) Free." You can read the fourth (final?) installment in this month's newsletter.

I hope that you will join us at the Kenmore Library on the second Thursday of each month. Next one up is on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Yup... Valentine's Day. Where else would you expect to find a bunch of magicians?



February Theme: "Culture" – Perform or discuss something by a creator from another part of the world.

We meet at 7:00PM, but we usually have the room available by 6:30. I look forward to seeing you there!

Best regards,  
Evan

<http://nwingoffire.com/>

**Haec aut bene aut male cedent**  
**"This may, or may not work."**

### Magic Shops in the Area

Below is a list of the Magic shops in the Area. None have paid for this listing and if anybody knows of others let me know and I will list them.

#### Seattle's Market Magic Shop

Pikes Place Market  
1501 Pike Place #427  
Seattle, WA 98101

[www.marketmagicshop.com](http://www.marketmagicshop.com)

(A store that many know about. In existence for 30 years)

#### Lakewood Costumes

5932 Lake Grove ST SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499

<http://www.clownshop.com>

(Mainly Costumes and Clown items, they have a counter where they sell magic)

#### Dave's Killer Magic Shop

1707 Main Street  
Vancouver, WA 98665  
360-448-9022

#### Brian Cook's

[WWW.MAGICCRAFTER.COM](http://WWW.MAGICCRAFTER.COM)

#### FunkyFun Magic Shop- Is Now

#### Twisted Monkey-Magic Shop

1101 Outlet collection Way  
#1261

Auburn WA 98001

206-859-8363

### Magical happenings

**Magic Monday!** Magic Monday is an hour of magic, conjuring, & prestidigitation which stars magicians from the Northwest region on the second Monday of each month. Location: Ravenna Third Place Books in the Ravenna neighborhood of Seattle. 6504 20<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Seattle, WA. Time: 7-8pm Magic Monday is not only a great place to see local magicians doing what they do best; it is also a great place for YOU to perform. It happens the second Monday of each month. If you are a local magician in the Puget Sound area and would like to perform at the venue, please contact Jim Earnshaw at [jim@earnshawmagic.com](mailto:jim@earnshawmagic.com). You can reserve a spot to perform months in advance and he would be happy to hear from you.

#### "That's Impossible Presents" (Seattle's Best Magicians)

That's Impossible Presents a Night of Magic, Mystery, and Comedy, with your host: Tim Flynn Magic.

2nd Saturday of Every Month. Hosted at Delancey's on 3rd in Renton. Doors open at 7:45, Stage Show begins at 9pm. Food & Drinks are available. Table-side magic before the show from real magicians!

## **(Some of) The Best Things in Life are (Virtually) Free**

### **– Part 4**

By Evan Shuster

This month I bring you a whopping 7 magic-themed websites to explore. The 7<sup>th</sup> is a bonus, given that I cheated, and used our club site twice (which I admit was on purpose), bringing our running total now to a proper 24, which is a whole lotta magic to keep you busy online (aside from your particular forums of choice).

Chances are, you may have missed the first three columns of this series, in the previous newsletters. This is as good a place as any to get started. If you like it, I hope that it inspires you to look for the other three.



#### **1. Cardopolis**

David Britland's magic blog. Here you will find a combination of tricks, reminiscences, historical quotes, and anecdotes. The site began in 2002 and is irregularly updated. In Britland's own words, the site contains "Random thoughts of a magical nature. Notes, trivia, and other fragments."

<http://cardopolis.blogspot.com/>

#### **2. The Learned Pig Project**

This used to be a great website unto itself, created and updated by Panamanian magician Marko. TLPP, as the site was known, provided the reader with a large collection of public domain works. The site ultimately came to an end, but the content was purchased (and thankfully preserved) by Chris Washhuber of Lybrary.com. The formatting of a number of these works is a bit "clumsy," but don't let that discourage you from exploring the large and important collection of material that is available FOR FREE. You will need to register on Lybrary.com in order to access this free area, but you should be registered anyway, since Lybrary.com is a terrific storefront, offering an enormous selection of digitized resources, both new and old.

<http://www.lybrary.com/the-learned-pig-project-tlpp-a-21.html>

#### **3. Tenyo Magic Website**

A literal ton of information for the Tenyo aficionado ("*Tenyophile*"). The home page provides 6 "quick link" buttons, and multiple drop-down menus, all leading to an amazing volume of content graciously provided and hosted by John Mazza. Everything from a brief history of the Tenyo company, to creator profiles, a number of patents (which are truly fascinating), sections on performing and collecting, and John's amazing Planet Tenyo, which showcases his collection, and provides quite a bit of info about each item. There is so much to explore on this site, my brief description cannot do it justice.

<http://funstuffonly.com/tenyo/>

#### **4. The Card Corner**

Mike Powers is an established magician, lecturer, and Linking Ring columnist. His three books of card and close-up magic all hold deserved places in my bookcase. The Card Corner section of his site offers a large catalog of video demos of the material he publishes in his Linking Ring column. There is also an area devoted to a variety of tutorials of various card and coin moves. This section is password protected, but easily access using the passwords that are revealed in the columns in which the particular moves appear. You'll find a number of other videos and a few downloadable items (including a free copy of Mike's PM Principle), as well as convention photos and a number of Mike's commercially released items for sale.

<http://www.mallofmagic.com/cardcorner.html>

### 5. **The Magician's Scrapbook**

It began as a Blog run by amateur UK magician Sheridan Moffat, who wanted to digitize and share two scrapbooks full of magic related magazine and newspaper clippings. The original scrapbooks were compiled by an anonymous amateur magician at the turn of the century, who maintained them well into the 1930s. Unfortunately, it appears that the last blog entry was back in 2015, and a number of items listed in the indexes of the notebooks have not yet been posted. Perhaps if the traffic at this site increases Mr. Moffat will be encouraged to continue this project. Either way... there's still plenty of interesting material to draw your attention to this site.

<http://www.magicians-scrapbook.co.uk/>

### 6. **Magic Week**

Each Saturday since July 2000, Duncan Trillo has published an update on all the latest magic news around Great Britain. The site also provides video archives, product reviews, upcoming television listings, and a variety of links to other material, sites and magic dealers.

<http://www.magicweek.co.uk/>

### 7. **I.B.M**

Yeah... I know what you're thinking, but when is the last time you actually checked out this site?

It boasts a full listing of all active rings (including a virtual ring), and access to every issue of The Linking Ring, dating all the way back to 1922's Vol. 1, No. 1. They offer a Card Magic 101 tutorial from *Card College* professor Roberto Giobbi, and the site even has a spot to buy cool I.B.M. merch.

<https://www.magician.org/>

So... there you have it. Twenty-four links that will lead you to hundreds more, and many, many hours of happy magical discoveries. It all starts with a simple click of the mouse.

Enjoy!

*\*This is the fourth (final?) entry of this series.*

*Next month I will provide a compilation of all four parts.*

## The 2019 Can-Am Conjuring Lecture Series

### Gregory Wilson - February 2019



#### "Things I carry and use" — The Tour

From close-up to stand-up, there's something for everyone.

Just like the title reveals, Greg's lecture uses things that fit in his pockets and are found around him, ever-ready for spur-of-the-moment astonishments.

Continuing his impromptu work from "Off the Cuff" and "On the Spot", Greg teaches how to convert everyday objects into devastating weapons of deception. The emphasis here is on ENTERTAINMENT.

Just because it's called a lecture doesn't mean it has to be dry and academic. You will experience a rip-roaring, laugh-out-loud, audience-involving show!

#### Seattle Lecture: February 16<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm

Shawn O'Donnell's (lower level)

122 128th St. SE

Everett, WA 98208



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