



# The Illusion

Dayton Magic Club IBM Ring 5 Newsletter



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Next Meeting will be  
December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM  
January meeting is the 9<sup>th</sup>

## DECEMBER THEME

December Theme is brought to you by Scott Miller. The theme is Holiday Magic. He didn't say *which holiday* magic, so it is up to you to decide on which holiday you want to show some themed magic for.

## JANUARY THEME

As of this news letter there is no one signed up for any months in 2009. Let Jessica or Barb know what months you would like to volunteer for. There's more information to come in next month's newsletter.

## 2008 & 2009 SIGN-UPS

### Trick of the Month

December	Scott Miller
January	TBA
February	TBA

### Refreshments (Snacks/Drinks)

December	Reeds / McMechan's
January	TBA
February	TBA

Member need to signup for 2009 contact Jessica or Barb to sign up

## YOUTH WORKSHOP

The Youth Workshop will now start at 7:30PM. Any youth members who would like to attend the workshop should be at the church by 7:25PM.

## 2009 DUES ARE DUE

Remember that Ring 5 membership dues (\$10 for adults, \$5 for youth) for 2008 were due before or at our January meeting. Paying your dues allow you to remain a member in good standing. If you did not pay your dues then you are not allowed to vote for anything.

## 2009 ELECTIONS

It's almost time for election of new officers so let Jessica or Barb know if you're willing to run for these positions.

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## THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

EVER WONDER WHY IF MAN EVOLVED FROM MONKEYS AND APES, WHY DO WE STILL HAVE MONKEYS AND APES?

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## SANDY SHANER IS SELLING THE SHOP

ABRACADABRA Costume and Magic Shop is for sale. The building and the business. If you need any particulars call her at 222-6275 or 461-6984

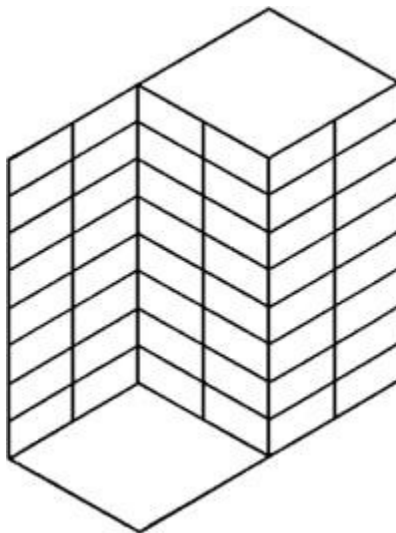
## WHO DID WHAT IN 2008

Month	Trick of the Month	Theme	Refreshments: Snack	Refreshments: Drinks
January	Scott Miller	Book Report	Scott Miller	Bill West
February	Bill West	Openers, Middles, Closers	Millie Witwer	Millie Witwer
March	Mike Herrick	Out Of Your Pocket	John Love	John Love
April	Dave Davis	Soft Magic	Dave Davis	Dave Davis
May	Bill Alexander	Effects from Linking Ring	Bob Pfeifer	Barb Pfeifer
June	Al Tokarsky	Glass	Wally	Oran Dent
July	John Collier		Bill West	John Collier
August	Wally	Kids magic	Wally (Dessert)	Bring Your Own
September	Lecture	N/A	Al Tokarsky to Pick Up and reimbursed?	Al Tokarsky to Pick Up And reimbursed?
October	Jessica Reed	Surprise workshop	Millie Witwer	Matthew D. Stanley
November	(banquet)	(banquet)	(banquet)	(banquet)
December	Scott Miller	Holiday Magic	Reeds	McMechan's

## RING REPORT NOVEMBER 2008

Well there is no official ring report. But the Banquet was fantastic! The Food was excellent and the Life Enrichment Center did an unbelievable job preparing and serving it. Ken Scott's performance was entertaining, funny and I'll never forget Oran as his assistant. If you didn't make it you missed a one outstanding banquet!

## OPTICAL ILLUSION



What do you see?

## MAGIC & STUFF COMING UP

Magifest	Columbus, OH	2/5 to 2/7/09
World Magic Seminar	Las Vegas, NV	3/1 to 3/4/09
Abbotts Close-up Convention	Colon, MI	3/13 to 3/14/09
Hank Lee Cape Cod Magic Conclave	Falmouth, MA	4/17 to 4/19/09
International Battle of Magicians	Canton, OH	4/30 to 5/2/09
IBM Convention	Nashville, TN	6/30 to 7/4/09
SAM Convention	Buffalo, NY	7/15 to 7/18/09

## THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

- Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury.
- The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.
- Coca-Cola was originally green.
- It is impossible to lick your elbow.
- Alaska has the highest percentage of people who walk to work

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## BRAIN TEASERS

### November Brain Teasers

1) Rearrange the letters of the following phrase to give the title of a 1975 movie

**EIGHTEEN ACTORS IN**

2) There is a logical pattern to the following series of numbers. What are the next three numbers in the series?

3) What do the following words have in common?

**BEAGLE BROOK STEAL SCOOT STERN**

4) Here are the names of four modern playwrights with vowels, spaces and punctuation removed. Who are they?

**HRLDPNTR NLSMN GNHL JRNTN**

### Answers to November Brain Teasers

1) What do the following words have in common?  
**PIG PONY BOB DOVE SWALLOW COTTON**  
(Each maybe followed by tail to form a new word)

2) A certain number consists of two digits. The number is equal to five times the sum of its digits. If you add 9 to the number, the order of its digits is reversed. What is the number? (45)

3) Rearrange the following letters to give the name of a popular movie:

**IF TUNES DO SO MUCH**  
(*The Sound of Music*)

4) Complete these words by inserting the same three letters in each one.

**ANA\_\_Y CO\_\_NE PRO\_\_UE S\_\_AN.**  
(LOG: *analogy, cologne, prologue, slogan*)



## THIS MONTH IN MAGIC

- ❖ December 6, 1983- The highest price paid for a deck of cards is \$143,352 purchased by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City at Sotheby's in London. The cards, circa 1470-85, are believed to be the oldest known complete hand-painted deck.
- ❖ December 1921 – PT Selbit performs the first ever "Sawing in half", something that is, in present day, synonymous with the art of magic.
- ❖ Tony Andruzzi died December 22, 1991
- ❖ Brother John Hamman died December 5, 2000
- ❖ Criss Angel Born December 19, 1967
- ❖ Walter Brown Gibson died December 5, 1985

## MAGIC IN THE NEWS

### The genuine magician

“He was genuine, he was probably the most genuine person I think I’ve ever known,” said Corvallis filmmaker Robert Neary, while reminiscing about his good friend Jerry Andrus recently. Andrus, a longtime resident of Albany, died in 2007. He was known throughout the world as one of the best and most-influential “close-up magic” performers ever. His brother George, an artist and award-winning photographer, still lives in Albany. “Jerry is not a household name, but most magicians know Jerry’s name because his magic was so unique,” Neary said. “He was such a pioneer and he was so well-loved.” Andrus is equally regarded among scientists, educators and skeptics as a visionary, poet, philosopher, inventor and creator of truly astounding optical illusions. Neary recently finished a feature-length documentary on the life of Andrus which includes extensive interviews from notable thinkers, artists and magicians. The World Premiere screening of “Andrus, the Man, the Mind & the Magic,” will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at the Hollywood Theater, 4122 N.E. Sandy Blvd., Portland. The film screening will be the kickoff attraction to National Magic Week. The documentary unfolds in three acts. “The Man”

chronicles Andrus’ early years and his development as a humanist, independent thinker and as a fanatically honest person. The second act, “The Mind,” looks at the creative genius that he possessed and his unique optical illusions. Finally, the last act, “The Magic,” shows Andrus’ mastery of sleight-of-hand magic. Original poetry and philosophy readings by Andrus are interspersed throughout the film. “The readings are Jerry’s stab at literary works,” Neary said. “And actually of all the things that he wanted to last beyond him, he was most interested that his writings would continue on.” “He has volumes and volumes of things he has written,” Neary said. “His mind was just always, always going. He carried a recorder in his pocket at all times. If anything came to him he would record it before he forgot.” “Those little ideas that popped in his head might come out as poetry, they might come out as an optical illusion, they might come out as a magic trick,” Neary said. As the film illustrates, these little ideas often turned into something mind-blowing for most people, such as a plywood box that baffled the senses with beams that seemed to cross both in front and behind other beams. “To me, it’s more of an insight into what makes a genius,” Neary said. “To me,

genius is the ability to put different things together, to see the overall interconnectedness of things. I think Jerry recognized that early on.” The film is rich in local ties, including footage from da Vinci Days in Corvallis, interviews with members of the Corvallis Secular Society and scenes from the “Castle of Chaos,” Andrus’ former Albany home, which doubled as a workshop for his mind’s creative wanderings over the years. “I helped to clean the house out,” Neary said. He likened it to an archeological dig. A team of family friends, scientists, magicians and psychologists combed through everything he left behind. “It’s amazing the stuff that was in there. It was filled from floor to ceiling with relays and motors and plastic gizmos and magic tricks and metal and just everything. All things that he acquired because at some point he thought that there might be a way to connect this thing and that thing together and make something spectacular,” Neary said. Neary himself has done a beautiful job of piecing together the pieces of Andrus’ life in the film. From the first dramatic opening scene of a small child just days old, the film builds momentum as it explores what it means to be human while delving into Andrus’ character and his effect on those he meets. “A

documentary filmmaker has all sorts of barriers where people don't want to talk to them," Neary said. But, with his stellar reputation among magicians, mentioning Andrus' name had a certain magic of its own. Neary was able to secure interviews with James "Amazing" Randi, Michael Shermer, Ray Hyman, Jami Ian Swiss and many other. More than 50 hours of interviews have been edited down into the film. "With Jerry it was amazing. I contacted the Magic Castle in Hollywood, Calif., and they almost never allow cameras in there," Neary said. "We were given 'carte blanche.'" Early on in the production Andrus had a bout of throat cancer, and that really motivated Neary to rush to work on the project. "I thought, I need to do this. I need to get this guy's essence on film before he's gone," Neary said. "It turned out that it was kind of serendipitous, because just as we were wrapping up the production is when he died of prostate cancer." "I guess the overriding thing that I try to get across in the film is that the man lived in real time, he lived in the real world and he didn't need false beliefs of any sort to sustain him. And he thought that that gave

him a clear vision," Neary said. "Everybody who met him understood that he appreciated every day of life." Neary still lives in awe of his friend, for his humanity, his philosophy and his incredible skills at illusion and sleight-of-hand. "The amazing thing is that while I was filming Jerry, I was getting 24 frames



per second. So, I can actually slow it down to look at it frame by frame and there are sleights that he does that I still don't have any clue how he did it."

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### **Jackman to play Houdini on Broadway**

HE'S the world's sexiest man and his next role will be as the world's greatest escape artist. Hugh Jackman is set to make his return to Broadway playing Harry Houdini in a musical about the escapologist's life. Jackman has already begun work on the show's magic routines, reports Fox News. He is seeking advice from sleight-of-hand expert Ricky

Jay, who appeared in Jackman's movie, *The Prestige*, about two feuding magicians, in 2006. The producers may also consult David Blaine and Cirque du Soleil. Danny Elfman, once the leader of pop group Oingo Boingo and now often a composer of movie scores, is writing the music, while Kurt Andersen, a former magazine editor and radio host in New York, is said to be working on the script. The show, set to hit the stage in 2010, would include Jackman replicating big Houdini tricks on stage. Jackman is riding high at the moment after being named *People* magazine's sexiest man alive. He is currently on the publicity trail for the Baz Luhrmann epic *Australia* and will next be seen in *X-Men Origins: Wolverine*. The movie is due next year and also stars Liev Schreiber, Ryan Reynolds and Dominic Monaghan. In 2004, Jackman won a Tony Award for his Broadway portrayal of Australian songwriter and performer Peter Allen in *The Boy from Oz*.

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